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176	W. M. Strayer	1858	1860	294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883
181	J. E. Maloy	1859	1861	295	J. E. Nicholson	1881	1875
183	S. A. Hoblitzell	1859	1860	297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885
187	J. L. Mills	1860	1862	299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886
194	J. W. Gray	1861	1863	301	E. O. Ewing	1884	Tr.
196	J. B. Jones	1861	1862	302	E. A. Warfield	1884	1886
203	J. D. Kinzer	1863	1865	303	J. W. Norris	1884	1886
205	W. D. Litsinger	1863	1865	308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886
213	R. S. Rowe	1865	1865	309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887
215	J. M. Holmes	1865	1867	310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885
220	A. W. Mather	1866	1868	312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887
222	J. T. Lassell	1866	1866	315	J. F. Wooden	1886	18-9
226	D. L. Greenfield	1868	1870	318	B. P. Truitt	1887	1889
234	J. L. Straughn	1870	1872	320	E. H. VanDyke	1887	1889
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246	A. A. Harryman	1871	1873	324	H. W. D. Johnson	1888	1891
248	I. G. Sullivan	1871	1873	325	J. H. S. Ewell	1889	1891
252	F. T. Little	1872	1873	326	G. R. Hodge	1889	1891
253	S. B. Tredway	1872	1874	328	W. S. Phillips	1889	1892
255	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	330	C. E. McCullough	1889	1891
256	J. M. Yingling	1873	1875	332	H. S. Johnson	1890	1892
257	W. R. Graham	1873	1874	337	R. K. Lewis	1891	1893
259	W. J. D. Lucas	1873	1876	338	L. F. Warner	1891	1893
260	G. F. Farring	1873	1876	339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891
261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	340	Avery Donovan	1891	1892
262	J. A. Weigand	1874	1876	341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.
265	G. O. Bacchus	1874	1877	342	Dorsey Blake	1892	1893
269	C. S. Arnett	1875	1878	343	L. A. Bennett	1892	1892
270	J. M. Sheridan	1875	1877	344	C. M. Cullum	1892	1893
277	T. H. Lewis	1876	1876	345	G. R. Donaldson	1892	1895
278	I. W. Trout	1876	1879	346	E. S. Fooks	1892	1894
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286	F. C. Klein	1879	1881	352	Louis Randall	1892	1894
289	J. L. Elderdice	1880	1883	354	J. A. Wright	1892	1892

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358	W. B. Judefind	1893	1896	405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903
359	E. C. Makosky.....	1893	1895	406	C. R. Strausburg.....	1901	1904
360	C. P. Nowlin	1893	1895	409	P. W. Crosby.....	1903	1904
362	G. L. Wolfe	1893	1895	411	G. J. Hooker.....	1903	1904
363	A. S. Beane.....	1893	1891	412	F. P. Krauss.....	1903	1905
364	G. J. Hill.....	1894	1894	413	Clayborne Phillips.....	1903	1905
365	W. H. Litsinger	1894	1896	415	R. L. Shipley	1903	1905
369	F. S. Cain	1895	1898	416	B. A. Bryan.....	1904	1906
370	H. L. Schlincke	1895	1897	417	G. I. Humphreys.....	1904	1906
371	C. E. Dryden.....	1895	1897	418	J. E. Litsinger	1904	1906
372	H. O. Keen	1895	1898	419	C. E. Redeker	1904	Tr.
373	G. A. Morris	1895	1898	420	W. B. Elliott.....	1904	1907
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376	A. N. Ward	1895	1897	423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907
377	T. H. Wright.....	1895	1898	424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907
378	J. F. Bryan	1896	1897	425	Carroll Maddox	1905	.....
379	N. O. Gibson	1896	1898	426	W. P. Roberts	1905	1907
380	F. A. Holland	1896	1897	428	C. M. Elderdice.....	1906	1907
381	E. D. Stone.....	1896	1898	429	W. L. Hoffman.....	1906	.....
382	G. H. Stocksdale.....	1896	1899	431	J. D. Smith	1906	.....
383	H. F. Wright.....	1896	1897	432	L. B. Smith	1906	1907
387	W. A. Melvin.....	1897	1898	433	J. A. Kittell	1906	Tr.
388	E. T. Read	1897	1899	434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.
389	J. L. Ward.....	1897	1899	436	E. L. Bunce	1907	1907
393	C. M. Zepp.....	1899	1900	437	H. B. Jester.....	1907	.....
394	B. F. Ruley.....	1899	1900	438	P. L. Rice	1907	.....
396	T. R. Woodford	1899	1900	439	F. D. Reynolds.....	1907	Tr.
397	G. E. Brown.....	1899	1904	440	G. A. Ogg	1907	Tr.
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Preparatory Course

- S. J. SMITH—Binney's Theological Compend.
J. T. LASSELL—The New Testament. English Grammar.
W. M. STRAYER—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners. Conference Official Reports.
J. L. MILLS—Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.
J. W. GRAY—Hand-Book of the Methodist Protestant Church.
S. B. SOUTHERLAND—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church.

All persons intending to apply for admission on trial will write to the President of the Conference for official blank, on which the application should be made.

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—Fisher's Manual on Christian Evidences. Theology.
D. L. GREENFIELD—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
A written sermon submitted February 1st.
T. O. CROUSE—English and Elocution "Outlines of Rhetoric" by John F. Genung,
and "Public Speaking and Reading," by E. N. Kirby.
Students will be examined in the theories and rules of Rhetoric
and Elocution, and assisted in their practical application.
J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.
Students—E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice, W. W. Johnson.
Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Proofs of the Existence of God."
to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st, 1908.

Second Year's Class

- H. C. CUSHING—Miley's Theology, Vol. I., complete.
S. B. TREDWAY—Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
J. E. MALOY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.
Students—N. V. Cossaboon, J. E. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith, L. B. Smith.
Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Regeneration," to H. C. Cushing
on or before February 1st, 1908.

Third Year's Class

F. T. BENSON—Miley's *Theology*, Vol. II. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

J. S. BOWERS—*Foster's Supernatural Book*.

A. W. MATHER—*Miller's Christian Ministry*.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated :

J. S. BOWERS—Peck's "The Revival and the Pastor," submitted November 1st.

A. W. MATHER—Buckley's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching," submitted February 1st.

Students—F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, J. T. Bailey, Carroll Maddox.

Seminarrians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, 1908, to F. T. Benson.

Graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall not be examined in any of the studies of this course, except in Hebrew and Greek; but such students shall present each year theses on theological subjects to be appointed by the examiners in Systematic Theology.

All students to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE, in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth, or selections from the Psalms; 2nd year, Malachi, or selections from Isaiah; 3rd year, Jonah, or selection from Job. J. T. LASSELL and S. J. SMITH, Associate, in Greek, Acts, 1st Chapter.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND will deliver a lecture on the Practice and Theory of our Church Government, and 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?"

The Faculty meets on Tuesday, at 10:00 a. m., to examine students, and at 7:30 p. m., for business.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course, or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary*.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President*.

Journal

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3rd., 1907.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in the Seventy-ninth Session this day at nine o'clock a. m., in the Rhode Island Avenue Church. President Little conducted the devotional exercises with the reading of the one hundred and twenty-first Psalm and Acts the twenty-third chapter. He led in prayer, after which the Conference sang hymn 319 of the Methodist Protestant hymnal, "Savior, Thy dying love."

The President then declared the session open for business and called S. B. Southerland to the chair while he read his annual report. (Report A.) The President's character was passed and his report referred to the Committee on President's Report.

The Secretary called the roll of the Conference and the following responded: Ministers—S. B. Southerland, F. C. Cushing, W. M. Strayer, J. E. Maloy, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Mills, J. W. Gray, J. B. Jones, J. D. Kinzer, W. D. Litsinger, R. S. Rowe, J. M. Holmes, A. W. Mather, D. L. Greenfield, A. A. Harriman, F. T. Little, S. B. Tredway, T. O. Crouse, W. R. Graham, G. F. Farring, J. A. Weigand, G. Q. Bacchus, C. S. Arnett, J. M. Sheridan, T. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, F. C. Klein, J. L. Elderdice, G. R. McCreedy, J. S. Bowers, J. W. Balderston, J. E. Nicholson, J. M. Gill, S. F. Cassen, E. O. Ewing, J. W. Norris, B. W. Kindley, J. F. Wooden, B. P. Truitt, G. W. Haddaway, H. W. D. Johnson, J. H. S. Ewell, G. R. Hodge, W. S. Phillips, H. S. Johnson, R. K. Lewis, L. F. Warner, Avery Donovan, L. A. Bennett, C. M. Cullum, G. R. Donaldson, E. S. Fooks, A. H. Green, C. K. McCaslin, Louis Randall, J. A. Wright, G. M. Clayton, George Hines, E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, A. S. Beane, G. J. Hill,

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J. M. Holmes announced the demise of W. J. Neepier during the year whose name was transferred to the Dead Roll. The following changes were made in the roll of Delegates: S. A. Tull, of Trinity; W. H. Budd, of Quantico Circuit; J. D. Bacchus, of Chestertown, and T. W. Beale, of Harper's Ferry, alternates, were given seats in the Conference in the absence of the delegates. The Secretary announced that no credentials had been received from Fairfax and Middleway. The matter of the Harbeson delegate, Frederick Argo, who was elected within ten days of Conference, was referred to the Committee on Credentials. (See Report S).

The President announced the list of the Standing Committees. (See List).

On motion of F. C. Klein, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first five rows of seats in the main auditorium of the church.

T. O. Crouse announced the presence in the Conference of J. D. Cathell, a venerable member of the Congress St. Church, and on motion he was invited to a seat within the bar of the Conference.

An endeavor was made to adjust the afternoon hours of the Conference to accommodate the regular order of business. J. D. Kinzer moved that the Conference resume at 1:30 o'clock, but withdrew the motion. An additional motion prevailed that Dr. Munhall's Bible reading be deferred until four o'clock.

By common consent various papers were referred to the Committee on Church Extension without reading.

The Conference here took a five minute recess, at the expiration of which E. T. Read announced hymn 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" which was sung by the Conference, followed with prayer by E. C. Makosky. Hymn 461, "Jesus, the name high over all," was sung. S. J. Smith, the appointee of the Conference, then preached the Conference sermon from Romans 11:13 "I magnify mine office." Doctor Smith followed with prayer, the Conference sang hymn 315, "O Jesus, I have promised," and F. C. Klein pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon

Conference resumed business at 2 p. m. J. B. Jones, for the Committee on Credentials, submitted the report of the Committee seating C. F. Henderson, from Fairfax, and Frederick Argo, from Harbeson Circuit, and that all other credentials were found correct. Two items were adopted separately, and the report as a whole. (Report S).

The Secretary of the Conference read his annual report, calling attention to the disarrangement of Church Extension report in last year's Conference Minutes, and giving his financial statement. The report was adopted and at the Secretary's request, embodied in the report, the financial statement was referred to the Board of Finance for audit. (Report B).

F. C. Klein offered a resolution that the Secretary telegraph the sympathy of the Conference to J. W. Kirk, J. M. Brown and J. M. Yingling in their illness. S. B. Tredway suggested that the Secretary write the brethren instead of telegraphing, but the original resolution passed as offered. (Resolution 1).

The matter of remuneration for the Secretary arose with a motion by J. D. Kinzer that twenty dollars be appropriated the Secretary for the transcription and copying of the Conference minutes. The amount

was increased to twenty-five dollars by an amendment, and ultimately the motion was referred to a special committee of three.

T. H. Lewis, Conference Commissioner to the Tri-Church Council on Union, suggested that as the Conference would be interested in the latest phase and significance of the Union movement, that a time be set apart for the report. On motion of F. C. Klein, the Conference made 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning the order for this purpose.

The President announced the regular order at 2:30 o'clock for the election of officers, and read the resolution of last year calling attention to the exclusive use of official ballots prepared by the Secretary. T. H. Lewis moved that the roll of the Conference be called for voting, and that each member deposit his ballot with the tellers, stationed on a line with the altar of the Church; the motion was adopted. Tellers were appointed as follows: E. C. Makosky, W. H. Litsinger, C. C. Billingslea and M. A. Davis.

By consent of the Conference, the President was permitted to write the ballot of S. B. Southerland. The ballot for president was then taken as follows: J. M. Sheridan 110, W. R. Graham 86, J. M. Gill 12, S. J. Smith 4, J. M. Holmes 2, D. L. Greenfield 1, J. D. Kinzer 1 and A. W. Mather 1. A total of 217 votes was cast; necessary to a choice 109. The Secretary announced the result, and the President declared J. M. Sheridan elected president. J. E. Nicholson, Louis Randall and G. W. Hines escorted Brother Sheridan to the chair, where he received the gavel of office from the retiring President with appropriate remarks. The President then expressed to the Conference his gratification and appreciation, and called upon H. C. Cushing for prayer. The Conference then feelingly sang, "Blest be the tie that binds."

The election of officers continued. On motion of F. C. Klein, the assistant secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for W. S. Phillips for secretary, who announced as his assistants J. H. S. Ewell, J. H. Straughn and G. I. Humphreys.

On individual motions, the Secretary cast the Conference ballot for the following Stewards, to take office in 1908:

Conference, Clayborne Phillips; Church Extension, R. L. Shipley; Superannuate Fund, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, R. K. Lewis; General Home Missions, C. R. Strausburg; Education, E. P. Perry;

Our Church Home, B. F. Ruley; Bible and Tract, G. E. Brown. H. L. Elderdice offered a motion that a special collector be appointed for the Seminary Jubilee Fund, and that his report be published in the Conference Minutes. The motion prevailed. F. J. Phillips was appointed.

The vote for Standing District Committee was taken, and the tellers were permitted to retire and make the count. New tellers were appointed to take the vote for the Committee on Appeals as follows: F. A. Holland, Louis Randall, C. W. Simpson and J. T. Clarke. They retired to count the ballot.

Daniel Baker offered a paper embodying the following items: That in view of the increased cost of living, F. T. Little, J. D. Kinzer, L. F. Warner, James Roberts, W. G. Baker and T. P. Fisher be a committee to consider the salaries of the ministers, to make a schedule of salaries, and that each Quarterly Conference be requested to rescind their last action and accept the new apportionment; also that the individual members of Conference pledge themselves to the immediate acceptance of the report in their churches. On motion of J. W. Trout, the paper was made the order of the day for Thursday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

The order of the day for 4 o'clock, the Bible reading by Dr. L. W. Munhall, having arrived, the Conference gave way. The subject of the reading was "Sanctification." Conference adjourned at 5 o'clock with prayer by Dr. Munhall.

Evening

The evening session was in the interest of Sabbath Schools and Christian Endeavor, and addressed by G. I. Humphreys and R. L. Shipley on these respective topics.

SECOND DAY—Thursday

Conference began its session at 9:15 o'clock, after the devotional exercises. The roll call was omitted and the minutes were read and approved.

The tellers reported the ballot for the Standing District Committee

as follows: 93 votes cast, necessary to a choice 47. J. D. Kinzer, W. R. Graham, J. L. Straughn elected ministerial, and W. G. Baker and T. P. Fisher, laymen, elected. On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for W. B. Usilton as the third lay member of the Committee, he having received the next highest vote.

J. D. Kinzer offered a motion fixing hours for sessions, that the morning sessions begin at nine o'clock and adjourn at one, with no afternoon session until three for the Bible reading. The motion prevailed.

On motion of J. L. Straughn, the Conference sermon of S. J. Smith was ordered published in the Minutes.

The order for 9:45, being the consideration of the paper offered by Daniel Baker regarding pastor's salaries, was taken from the table and read. T. H. Lewis moved that that part of the paper appointing the special committee named therein, be adopted and that the remainder of the paper, fixing the schedule of salaries, be referred to that committee. The motion passed.

G. R. McCready announced that a member of his church had died, and requested to be excused from the sessions of Conference. The request was granted.

Papers from Lauraville, Lewes, St. Michaels, Bethany, Federalburg, Caroline, Georgetown, Del., Montgomery, Hurlock, Baltimore Circuit and Evergreen, were referred to the Committee on Church Extension without reading.

Two papers, one each from First Church, Newark, and Clinton Hill, Newark, stating the action of each church for a consolidation of the two churches, were read and referred to the same Committee.

The letter from T. J. Ogburn, Sec.-Treas. of the Board of Foreign Missions, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A letter from C. E. Sheppard, President of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette, O., College, requesting the loan of J. H. Straughn, for the presidency of that College, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

An additional letter from St. John's Independent Church, requesting the loan of J. S. Bowers for another year, was referred to the same Committee. (See Report N).

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was read, giving total receipts and expenditures for the year. The order of the day

for depositing pastors' reports arrived with the report before the Conference. After the roll call of Ministers for reports the Stewards withdrew. The President appointed the following as leaders for the morning devotional services: Friday, H. O. Keen; Saturday, F. A. Holland; Monday, L. B. Smith, and Tuesday, C. M. Elderdice.

The Secretary announced for the special Committee on Remuneration of the Secretary, J. D. Kinzer, L. F. Warner, J. H. Fontaine. The roll was called for reports from Committees. The Committee on the Preparation of a Constitution for the Sabbath Schools was continued another year. The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was again considered. The report was referred to the Board of Finance. (See Report A).

The Secretary continued the call for reports of Special Committees.

F. T. Little requested for G. L. Wolfe that he be left without appointment for one year, and that a special committee be appointed to consider his case. The request for a committee was granted and the President appointed J. W. Trout, F. C. Klein and C. A. Benjamin.

The order for the day for the report of T. H. Lewis, Commissioner to the Tri-Church Council on Union, held at Chicago, was observed. Dr. Lewis gave a statement of the present status of the movement, and answered questions relative to the same. S. J. Smith offered a resolution reiterating the Conference's appreciation of Dr. Lewis' services. This was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 2). The Conference sang the Doxology. The Secretary moved that the Conference appoint a collector to secure funds for reimbursing Dr Lewis' expenses to the Council. The amount was ordered paid out of Conference funds. The praise service was deferred from 11 o'clock to this time, 11:40 o'clock, which was duly observed.

F. H. Mullineaux offered a paper commending the use of a special service on World's Sunday School Day which was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. (See Report K).

The President announced that C. E. McCullough would succeed to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, appointing C. M. Zepp as an additional member of that Committee.

J. H. Lucas, Sec.-Treas., General Board Home Missions, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the Conference reconsidered the action

of the Conference fixing the hour for adjournment for one o'clock. The motion was amended to take a recess at one o'clock instead of adjourning.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory, showing an increase in receipts of the Book Concern, and additional subscriptions to the *Methodist Protestant*, was read and referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report J). The Agent, T. R. Woodford, concluded the report with some remarks.

J. W. Trout announced for the Committee on request of G. L. Wolfe, that the latter had reconsidered his request to be left without appointment, and had decided to take active work. He requested that the Committee be discharged, and that the papers referred to them be returned. The Conference permitted the withdrawal of the request for the relation, to be left without appointment, and also the request for a special Committee. The Committee was discharged, the papers were ordered returned, and brother Wolfe's relation was defined as active on his own request.

L. F. Warner read the report of the Board of Managers of Our Church Home, giving receipts and expenditures. The report recommended that as the present method of support for the Home was inadequate, that an assessment of \$1200 be placed upon the District, as the only definite assurance of support. The report was referred to the Committee on Our Church Home. (See Report D).

The report of the tellers on the vote for the Committee on Appeals was read as follows: total vote, 53. Ministers elected, W. M. Strayer and J. L. Mills. J. D. Kinzer was elected by a ballot of the Secretary of the Conference. Laymen elected: Daniel Baker and J. N. Warfield, and M. A. Davis by vote of the Secretary as above. On resolution of F. C. Klein, the Conference ordered the reimbursement of F. T. Little's expense in connection with the Boyd case, out of the Conference funds. (Resolution 3).

J. D. Kinzer read the report of the Board of Managers of Church Extension Society, that blanks had been sent to the aided churches and the result tabulated, recommending also that the \$100, appropriated to Canton, be paid to the Baltimore City Church Extension Society; that Bethany's loan by the Baltimore City Church Extension Society be paid out of the Conference assessment, and refusing to grant aid to

non-incorporated churches. An amendment, that the Church Extension Committee shall not report on cases not referred to them by the Conference, save those requested by the President. The amendment was adopted and the report was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Minutes of Church Extension Society).

After the announcement of Committees, Conference took a recess until three o'clock.

Afternoon.

At three o'clock F. T. Little called the Conference to order.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Bureau of Commerce and Labor, requesting full reports of the churches for the Census Bureau.

G. Q. Bacchus offered a resolution requesting the appointment of a committee of three to visit the President of the United States to secure a reception of the Conference. It was adopted. (Resolution 4).

The order of the day was observed by Dr. Munhall. His Bible reading was on "The Results of Sanctification," after which Conference adjourned.

Evening.

The evening session was in the interests of Literature and Education, presided over by T. R. Woodford. F. T. Tagg, Editor of the *Methodist Protestant*; T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, and H. L. Elderdice, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, made addresses.

THIRD DAY—Friday

H. O. Keen led the devotional service, and at 9:15 o'clock the President called the Conference to order for business. The minutes were corrected and approved. The President appointed the special committee to visit the President of the United States for an audience as follows: T. H. Lewis, G. Q. Bacchus and Daniel Baker. The roll

off the charges was called for delegates to deposit communications with the Secretary.

The report of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

The Secretary read a letter from J. M. Brown, regretting his inability because of ill health to attend Conference, which was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

C. P. Nowlin, because of a death in his church, was excused until Monday, and the delegate from Fairfax was excused until Monday.

A resolution, that the appropriation to Towson new church enterprise last year be placed in the hands of pastor Wright for deposit in bank until the building should be begun, was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

A partial report of the Committee on Temperance, stating the presence of Mr. W. H. Anderson, Secretary of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and requesting that the Conference hear him at 11:15 o'clock, was read and adopted. (See Report L).

The report of the Vice-President of Western Maryland College, W. R. McDaniel, was read by T. H. Lewis, President of the College, who had been on a leave of absence for one year. The report states an enrollment of 245 students, an increase over last year. President Lewis supplemented the report with a reference to the Endowment movement of the College. The report was then referred to the Committee on Education. (See Report P).

J. W. Trout submitted a resolution commending Governor Lea, of Delaware, in his signing the Local Option Law. The resolution went to the Committee on Temperance. (See Report L).

F. T. Little preferred a request in two instances for Superannuate relations, J. T. Lassell and J. M. Yingling. The requests were granted, and the cases referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

The Special Committee on Compensation of the Secretary, J. D. Kinzer, chairman, recommended the appropriation of twenty-five dollars, which report was adopted. (See Report B).

The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary submitted its report through T. P. Fisher. The report states the

largest attendance ever had at the Seminary, 33 students, with 15 in the graduating class. Additions to the Library have been made, a new building erected, and the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary by adding a year to the curriculum of the Seminary and the raising of a Silver Jubilee Fund. The report requests the loan of H. L. Elderdice and the usual assessment of \$1800. The report was referred to the Committee on Education. (See Report P).

Rule 31, bearing upon the devotional exercises of the Conference, was amended by a resolution preferred by F. C. Klein, in order to give thirty minutes for the morning devotions. (See Resolution 5).

The President called W. M. Strayer to the chair. At 10:35 o'clock the Conference suspended business for a meeting of the Church Extension Society. (See Minutes of that Society), at the conclusion of which the Conference observed the 11 o'clock prayer service, followed by the address of W. H. Anderson for the Anti-Saloon League.

J. L. Mills read the report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, giving the financial statement. F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin were elected trustees. The report was adopted. (Report C).

Rev. Bailey, of the Western Presbyterian Church; T. J. Ogburn, Sec.-Treas. Board Foreign Missions; W. H. Ballengee, Calvary M. E. Church South, and T. E. Owens, of the Rock Creek Protestant Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference.

F. T. Tagg offered a resolution bearing upon Sabbath observance at the Jamestown Exposition, which was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance. (See Report R).

J. S. Bowers moved that C. S. Arnett be granted as his relation, "left without appointment for one year." F. T. Little moved that the request be referred to the Committee on Official Character, which was adopted and the request so referred. (See Report O).

A paper from H. C. Cushing, relative to the obligation of Sabbath observance was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance. (See Report R).

The resolution bearing upon the hours for devotional services was taken from the table. It was amended to strike out the 11 o'clock service, and the resolution as amended was adopted. (Resolution 5.)

J. L. Mills, secretary of the Faculty, read a partial report of the

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, embodying the following items: Item 1, grading and passing through the course G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger and G. E. Brown, and that F. M. Clift and W. B. Elliott be continued in this class; Item 2, passing into the third year's class J. T. Bailey, Carroll Maddox, N. C. Clough and W. P. Roberts; Item 3, that N. V. Cossaboon, J. C. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, E. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith and L. B. Smith be passed into the second year's class; Item 4, that E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester and P. L. Rice be received on trial; Item 5, that F. D. Reynolds be received into the Conference, and that the transfer of G. A. Ogg from the New York Conference, and E. A. Sexsmith from the North Missouri Conference, be received; Item 6, that W. A. Sites, N. V. Cossaboon and A. P. Wilson be placed in the hands of the President; Item 7, that N. C. Clough, C. M. Elderdice, W. P. Roberts, L. B. Smith, E. L. Bunce and J. T. Bailey be ordained; Item 8, that license be granted W. W. Johnson and W. S. Simms and that W. W. Johnson be placed in the first year's class. The partial report was adopted by items and then as a whole. (See Report F).

The report of the Pulpit Supply Committee was read and adopted.

F. T. Little rose to a question of privilege, that because of misleading statements published in some of the daily papers relative to the Boyd trial case, the time be extended for recess until a statement should be made by the secretary of the trial committee. F. T. Benson made the statement.

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution, that no one be received into the Conference, until he shall have served under the President for one year. On motion the resolution was referred to the Faculty of Instruction.

On motion, the Conference took a recess at 1:10 o'clock.

Afternoon

At 3 o'clock the Conference resumed its sessions. T. H. Lewis reported for the Special Committee that President Roosevelt would receive the Conference Monday at 2:30 o'clock, which report was accepted.

Dr. Munhall gave his Bible reading on "How to use and Study the Bible."

On motion of the Secretary, the Bible reading for Saturday was

made the order of the day for 2:30 o'clock. By an additional motion of the Secretary, the Conference decided to hear the General Conference Agents at 10:30 o'clock Saturday.

The resolution offered by J. W. Trout, commending President Little's conduct of the Boyd trial case, was adopted. (Resolution 6). Adjournment was taken a 4:25 o'clock.

Evening

Louis Randall presided at the evening meeting in behalf of Home and Foreign Missions. Addresses were made by L. F. Warner, on Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Spiedel, president W. H. M. S., supplemented by addresses by T. J. Ogburn, Sec.-Treas. Foreign Missions Board and J. H. Lucas, Sec.-Treas. Home Missions Board.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

The half hour devotional service conducted by F. A. Holland was concluded at 9:30 o'clock, at which time the President took the chair. The minutes were corrected and approved. At his request, J. H. Straughn was excused until Monday. The Secretary called the list of Committees for reports. By common consent, papers from various charges were referred without reading to the Committee on Church Extension.

On motion, the hour of 12:30 o'clock was made the order for the reception of candidates for the Itinerancy and for receiving pledges in open Conference of those to be ordained who had not completed the course of study.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the Secretary was authorized to have printed 500 cards of admission for the Conference visitation to the White House. The Secretary made a motion which obtained, that the Conference hear Dr. Munhall's lecture at 12:00 o'clock on Monday.

W. R. Graham, for the Committee on Sabbath Schools, submitted the report of that Committee, which embodied the following items: that pastors and superintendents insist upon the use of our own church literature; commending the value of teachers' meetings, and the observance of a decision day, as well as the World's Sunday School Day, May 19. The report was adopted. (Report K).

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read and adopted. (Under Report A). The report rejoices in the prosperity of the Church for the past year, and concurs in the President's recommendations, 1, that the name of Thomas Wheeler be dropped from the roll; 2, the transfer to the Unstationed List of G. F. Norris; 3, the added rule to the Manual requiring the secretary of trial committees to keep an accurate record of the trial, and that said record be filed with the Secretary of the Conference; 4, that requests for relations, "left without appointment" and "Supernumerary," be referred to the Committee on Official Character.

F. T. Little made an explanatory statement concerning the physical condition of G. F. Norris, that according to the physician's testimony he would not be able again to take work in the Conference, and that his name be transferred to the unstationed list.

J. D. Kinzer submitted the report of the Special Committee on Temperance Work, created last Conference. The report recommends that catechisms, setting forth the evil of alcohol, be secured for distribution among the ministers who shall conduct catechetical classes and that this Committee, being supplemented by the appointment of T. H. Lewis, shall prepare such a catechism. The report further recommends that a member of the Conference be designated Conference Temperance Secretary who shall stimulate temperance work throughout the District. The report was amended, abolishing the present standing rule and designating Thursday 3 p. m. of each Conference for a special temperance address. The report as amended was adopted by items and then as a whole. (Report W).

Daniel Baker presented a resolution fixing the allowance of those who had served the Conference forty years at the average salary received by the active members of the Conference. The resolution, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

T. O. Crouse submitted a resolution requesting T. H. Lewis to give a series of talks on his Holy Land travels next Conference, which was adopted. (Resolution 7).

The Secretary read a letter from J. M. Yingling, who is ill, which was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

The letter from J. H. Lucas, Sec.-Treas. Board Home Missions, requesting the continued loan of A. N. Ward for Seattle, Washington,

Church, was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

A letter from P. W. Crosby, requesting to be left without appointment for one year, was read and referred to the Committee on Official Character. (See Report O).

The order for the day was here observed. T. J. Ogburn Sec.-Treas. Board Foreign Missions, and J. H. Lucas Sec.-Treas. Board Home Missions, addressed the Conference relative to their respective work.

At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee, the report of that Committee was read by the Secretary of the Conference.

The report of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. On motion of J. M. Gill, the Church Extension Committee was requested to report on the above paper Monday at 10 o'clock. (See Report C).

A partial report of the Committee on Superannuates, recommending the customary assessment of \$4000 upon the District for the current year, was read and adopted. (See Report H).

The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society was read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

A paper from West Wilmington was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

A letter from J. H. Lucas, Sec. Board Home Missions, relative to the basis of the Home Missions assessment, was read and referred to the Board of Finance.

Rev. W. J. Houck, of the United Brethren Church, was introduced to the Conference. The President of the Faculty called W. B. Elliott before the Conference, who gave pledge to continue his conference studies after ordination.

An additional report was received from the Faculty of Instruction. Item 1, that W. B. Elliott be ordained was adopted; Item 2, placing James E. Massey in the hands of the President, was adopted; the report was then adopted. (See Report F).

The following students were then called before the Conference: N. C. Clough, C. M. Elderdice, W. P. Roberts, L. B. Smith, E. L.

Bunce and J. T. Bailey, who pledged themselves to pursue their conference studies after ordination.

L. F. Warner offered a resolution that the Conference pay the expenses of Dr. J. W. Herring, the alternate Commissioner on Church Union, at Pittsburg, which was adopted. (Resolution 8).

J. D. Kinzer moved that a special collection for Conference expenses be taken at an opportune time, which carried.

On motion, the delegate from Keen Memorial was excused from further attendance.

The order of the day for the reception of members into the Conference was observed, and the President received and addressed the following: E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice, G. A. Ogg and E. A. Sexsmith.

A letter from E. H. VanDyke, now employed by the Government at Vancouver as Japanese interpreter, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

On motion of F. T. Tagg the Conference here took a recess until 2 o'clock, after announcements, at which time Dr. Munhall would deliver his daily lecture. S. B. Tredway pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday

The ordination services were conducted by the President. The opening prayer was made by F. T. Little. The Scripture was read from Luke 5:1-12. J. L. Mills, the conference appointee, preached the ordination sermon from Luke 5:10, "And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men." At the conclusion of the sermon the Secretary of the Conference presented to the President for ordination: N. C. Clough, C. M. Elderdice, W. P. Roberts, L. B. Smith, E. L. Bunce, J. T. Bailey, W. B. Elliott. The President, J. M. Sheridan, assisted by S. B. Southerland, H. C. Cushing, F. T. Little, J. L. Elderdice and W. S. Phillips, ordained the candidates to the order of Elder in the Church of God. The President presented to each of them a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

In the afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Following this, the Dead Roll was called by A. N. Ward.

At the name of W. J. Neepier the Conference paused, and eulogies were pronounced upon his life and work by J. M. Holmes, F. T. Little, D. W. Anstine, E. S. Fooks, Avery Donovan and C. W. Simpson.

J. H. Lucas, Sec.-Treas. Board Home Missions, preached the evening sermon in the Conference Church.

SIXTH DAY—Monday

The morning devotional service was conducted by L. B. Smith. At 9:30 o'clock Conference opened for business. On motion, the case of the widow of W. J. Neepier was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

A motion was made naming T. O. Crouse and J. M. Gill a committee to introduce the Conference to the President of the United States. The President of the Conference and F. T. Little were appointed later to perform this office.

An invitation from the Snow Hill charge, inviting the Conference to hold its next annual session in that church, was read. The invitation was laid on the table for twenty-four hours according to rule.

A resolution was submitted, fixing the date for next Conference the first Wednesday in April, 1908. The resolution was likewise laid on the table for twenty-four hours according to rule. (Resolution 9).

L. A. Bennett, J. F. Bryan, and delegates from Deer Park and Snow Hill were excused from further attendance.

The Secretary called the list of Committees for reports, and afterward moved that Committees report by Tuesday morning, which carried.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the special collection for Conference expenses was taken, and \$67.25 received. The Collector for the Sexton reported \$35.00 collected, which was paid the sexton and the Collector discharged.

A letter was received from the Agent of the Maryland Tract Society expressing his inability to attend Conference as was his custom.

T. O. Crouse offered a resolution, changing rule 27, section 2, concerning Memorial Service, authorizing the President to appoint some

conference member to announce the decease of a member to the Conference and at that time determine the time for Memorial Service. C. P. Nowlin moved to amend by setting apart Wednesday evening of Conference for Memorial service. This amendment was lost and the original resolution obtained. (Resolution 10).

The Committee on Superannuates reported through its Chairman, A. W. Mather, giving a schedule of apportionments and reporting unfavorably on the paper submitted by Daniel Baker. The report was laid on the table for twenty-four hours according to rule.

By common consent, J. W. Trout made a statement of the Mission work in Philadelphia.

The Faculty of Instruction was permitted to withdraw on the request of the Secretary, J. L. Mills.

The paper concerning Mountain Lake Park as a place for holding summer conferences, was referred to the Committee on Christian Endeavor. (See Report T.)

The report of the Committee on Literature was read and adopted. The report commends the progress of the Book Concern, the *Methodist Protestant* and our Sunday School Literature. (See Report J)

T. H. Lewis presented a resolution increasing the Conference assessment to \$800. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 11).

The report of the Maryland Branch of the W. F. M. S. was received and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

J. D. Kinzer, chairman of the Committee on Official Character, recommended that P. W. Crosby be left without an appointment at his own request, in which recommendation Conference concurred.

At this point Conference yielded to a meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society. (See Minutes of that Society).

At 11:40 o'clock the Society adjourned and the Conference resumed.

B. P. Truitt, Chairman of the Committee on Church Extension, submitted a partial report bearing upon the referred report from the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia. Item 1, granting an appropriation of \$1000 for a new church in Washington, provided the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia pay \$1000 and the Board of Home Missions pay a like amount, was adopted. Item 2, putting Cherrydale Mission under the care of the District of Columbia Church Extension Society was adopted. (See Report G).

At this point the Conference observed the order for Dr. Munhall's Bible study.

Afternoon

At 3:30 o'clock after the reception at the White House, Conference resumed business.

G. E. Brown, Bible and Tract Steward, submitted his report. \$291.69 paid in for Bible and \$252.50 for Tract, a decrease in each of nearly \$100. The report was adopted. (See Report M).

G. W. Haddaway, Committee on Transportation, reported that the Conference had been granted reduced rates by the railroads at one and one-third fares for the round trip for the state of Maryland. The report was adopted. (Report U).

C. R. Strausburg, Home Missions Steward, reported \$2661 paid in for Home Missions, an increase of \$17 over the assessment, and \$316 more than last year. The report was adopted. (See Report Q).

B. F. Ruley, Steward Our Church Home, reported \$750 paid in, an increase of \$96. The report was adopted. (See Report D).

The Education Steward, E. P. Perry, reported as follows: Assessment paid for Western Maryland College, \$1154, a decrease of \$120; paid on Endowment, \$387.10. Amount paid for Seminary, \$1766, a decrease of \$169. For Ministerial Education, \$572, an increase of \$11. The report was accepted. (Report P).

The Special Collector Silver Jubilee Fund, F. J. Phillips, reported \$3077.40 contributed by the Maryland Conference, and \$1760.34 by other Conferences, a total of \$4837.74. The report was adopted. (See Report P).

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read, commending the determination of the Managers to close the Jamestown Exposition on the Sabbath, and committing the Conference to co-operation with the Carriage Drivers' Association in opposing Sunday funerals. The report was adopted. (Report R).

The delegates from St. Lukes preferred a request from that charge for an appropriation of \$1000 to the new structure. The request was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

The benediction was pronounced at 3:55 by G. W. Haddaway.

Evening

The evening service was for Ministerial Support, and addressed by J. W. Trout and G. J. Hill, presided over by G. W. Haddaway.

SEVENTH DAY—Tuesday

C. M. Elderdice conducted the devotional service, and at 9:30 the President took the Chair. The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected and approved. Sunday's proceedings were read and the minutes of Monday were read, corrected and approved.

The list of Committees was called for reports. H. L. Schlincke reported for the Committee on Statistics, with other interesting data, that 1925 members were received into full membership during the year, now on roll 25,572, an increase of 174. Probationers received 1442, now on roll 1495, an increase of 187. The report was adopted. (See Statistical Tables).

F. T. Little was called to the chair. The Secretary of the Faculty brought in an additional report of the Faculty, which was read and then considered by items. 1, granting licenses to J. D. Smith, W. L. Hoffman, Carroll Maddox, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice and J. E. Massey, was adopted; 2, announcing the addition of a course of English and Elocution to the curriculum and requesting the appointment of an instructor was adopted; 3, that there be a Standing Rule that every applicant for admission to this Conference shall serve one year before being received into the Conference. The Secretary moved to amend "except an applicant is well known to this Conference." H. L. Elderdice offered an amendment which was accepted to insert the words, "endorsed by members of the Conference." J. D. Kinzer moved to strike out the whole item, which after discussion was lost. S. J. Smith offered a substitute of similar import with the original item which was lost. The original amendment was then before the Conference. Daniel Baker moved to lay the item on the table. The chair decided that the motion prevailed. A division was called. On a rising vote the motion carried by a vote of 68 yeas and 62 nays. The Faculty also reports that the "Hand Book" of T. H. Lewis had been added to the Preparatory class, and that T. H. Lewis would select a volume of

Theology for the First year's class; also that S. J. Smith had been appointed an associate examiner in Greek. Item 1 was reconsidered, and licenses for the ordinances were granted Eben Baldwin and W. M. Jett. The report as amended was adopted. (Report F).

B. P. Truitt, Chairman Committee on Church Extension, reported favorably on the recommendation from the Board of Managers Baltimore City Church Extension Society that the Steward borrow the deficiency for Church Extension, and that this rule become operative next year. The partial report was adopted. (See Report G).

E. S. Fooks, Church Extension Steward, through a resolution offered by himself, was authorized to borrow the deficiency for this year by a vote of the Conference. (Resolution 12).

The Conference Steward, Clayborne Phillips, submitted his report showing \$26,925 contributed to the General Interests, being a decrease of \$1587, which was explained by a member as due in large part to the increased contributions in Foreign Missions last year occasioned by the visit of Miss Kuhns to the District. The total for Local Interests was \$230,964, a decrease existing only in Building and Improvements. The report was adopted. (See Financial Tables).

The report of the Committee on Our Church Home was taken from the table. The first recommendation that an assessment of \$1200 be laid upon the District was discussed. J. W. Kirk moved to strike the item out. C. P. Nowlin offered a substitute, that each Quarterly Conference apply the offerings of each communion service to Our Church Home. The chair recognized the motion to strike out. S. J. Smith offered an additional paper that each charge be expected to pay \$10. The motion to strike out the entire item prevailed. Item 2, recommending that charges failing to meet the requirements of the Conference be read at each Conference was voted upon and a division called. On a standing vote the item was adopted. Item 3, publishing a list of the Lady Visitors in the *Methodist Protestant* twice a year was adopted. The previous papers of C. P. Nowlin and S. J. Smith were taken from the table. C. P. Nowlin amended that each charge contribute the quarterly communion offering to the Home. S. J. Smith's substitute was read. G. W. Haddaway offered a substitute to the substitute fixing the amount at one third of the President's salary for each. The Secretary moved the previous question which carried. The vote on the Haddaway

substitute was doubted and on a rising vote was adopted. The report so amended was adopted. (Report D).

The chair introduced Rev. Jeffries, of St. Paul's M. E. Church South.

J. W. Trout, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies, submitted its report, which was adopted, regretting the absence of Agents of the Maryland Tract Society and the Maryland Bible Society, and the decrease in collections to these Societies. (Report M.)

T. H. Lewis moved that the Conference take a recess till 1:30 o'clock, and that Dr. Munhall's Bible reading be had at 3:30 o'clock. The motion was adopted and the Conference took recess.

Afternoon

On motion, T. H. Lewis took the chair and called the Conference to order. G. J. Hooker, Collector of Superannuate dues, reported \$109.55 collected. The report was accepted and the Collector was discharged.

R. K. Lewis, Foreign Missions Steward, reported \$8427 as a total amount paid in for Foreign Missions. The report was accepted. (See Report Q).

F. P. Krauss reported \$118 dues collected for Church Extension. The Collector was discharged.

B. F. Ruley, Steward, reported an additional amount of \$7 paid for in Our Church Home.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read. That part of the report calling for a temperance meeting on Tuesday evening of Conference was stricken out. The report authorizes the appointment of three ministers and two laymen for the Maryland State Board of the Anti-Saloon League, and a like number for the Anti-Saloon League Convention at Jamestown. The report was then adopted as a whole (Report L).

The Superannuate Fund Steward reported 99 per cent. paid to the Superannuate claimants. The report was then adopted. (See Report H).

The report of the Maryland Educational Society, stating its usual performance of trust, was read and adopted. (See Report P).

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted its report through the Secretary. The report recommended the loan of J. S. Bowers to Clarke Memorial Independent Church; J. H. Straughn to the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette College, and A. N. Ward to the Board of Home Missions, for Seattle, Washington. The report also acknowledges the courtesies of the Rhode Island Avenue Church, the press which have published reports of the Conference, the railroads for their courtesy in giving reduced rates, and Mr. A. B. Claxton for courtesies to the Conference Stewards. The report was adopted with a rising vote. (Report N).

H. L. Elderdice and H. C. Cushing were excused from further attendance at Conference.

The Committee on Christian Endeavor reported an increase in membership in Endeavorers, and recommended the use of the modified pledge in places where the original pledge seems too binding. The report was adopted. (Report T).

G. L. Wolfe preferred a request that he be placed on the Unstationed List. By a motion of the Secretary, the request was referred to a special committee.

The report of the Superannuate Committee was taken from the table and adopted without reading. (Report H).

The invitation from Snow Hill to entertain the Conference in its next session, was taken from the table and adopted with a rising vote.

The resolution fixing the time of the next annual session for the first Wednesday in April, 1908, was also taken from the table and adopted. (Resolution 9).

J. D. Kinzer read the report of the Committee on Official Character. The report recommends the passage of the official character of all the ministers of the Conference. 88 pastors reported no subscriptions to the *Methodist Protestant*; 46 reported no Lady Visitors appointed for Our Church Home; 89 charges paid their assessments in full. The report recommended that Rule 2 of the Manual, Duties of Secretary, be amended, that the Secretary send personal report blanks to ministers who are not pastors. C. S. Arnett, J. W. Gray and P. W. Crosby to be left without appointment for one year. This section was amended to refer J. W. Gray to the Committee on Superannuates for a superannuate relation. A list is also appended giving charges which have

paid assessments in full. A motion to consider the report by items was lost. S. B. Tredway moved to amend that the publisher of the *Methodist Protestant* be requested to notify the pastor whenever a subscription to the paper on his charge shall have expired. The amendment was adopted, and the report was adopted as amended. (Report O).

The chair announced on the Special Committee to consider the request of G. L. Wolfe, J. S. Bowers, J. L. Mills and T. P. Fisher.

T. O. Crouse was appointed by the President for the chair of English and Elocution in the Faculty.

The chairman of the Church Extension Committee submitted a partial report that \$4000 be assessed upon the District, which was adopted. On motion of B. P. Truitt, the partial report of the Committee of Church Extension, relative to the appropriation for a new church in Washington, was reconsidered and the request of the Committee to pay the \$1000 in three installments instead of two was granted. (See Report G).

The Church Extension Steward, E. S. Fooks, reported a total of \$3808 received for Church Extension and 89 79-100 per cent. paid on appropriation. The report was accepted. (See Report G).

The Special Committee on Pastors' Salaries reported through F. T. Little, Chairman. The report recommends that a letter be prepared and sent by the Secretary of the Conference, signed by the President and himself, to each Quarterly Conference for its first meeting, to the following intent: that this Conference recommends that each charge increase its pastor's salary \$100. Daniel Baker moved to amend that the increase be twenty per cent. of the present salary. The vote on the amendment was doubted and a rising vote taken. The motion prevailed. S. J. Smith suggested that a sufficient number of copies be sent that each Church receive a copy. An additional amendment was made, that the letter first be read to the congregation of each charge. The amendment was adopted and the report as amended was adopted. (Report X).

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution striking out Section 8, Rule 1, of the Manual, "and that the President appoint three ministers and three laymen who, with the President, shall constitute a Program Committee for the next session of Conference." The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 13).

S. J. Smith offered a resolution that this Conference endorse all movement for international arbitration and universal peace. It was adopted. (Resolution 14).

On motion of C. P. Nowlin, the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Mutual Relief Association at 3:05 o'clock. (See Minutes of that Society). Conference resumed at 3:25 o'clock.

J. M. Holmes moved that when Conference adjourned it be to meet at 7:30 o'clock. Adopted.

A motion offered by J. D. Kinzer provided that all pastors deficient in Our Church Home contributions be permitted to express in open Conference next year the cause of the deficiency. The motion prevailed.

The Conference here gave way to Dr. Munhall, this being the regular order for 3:30. At the conclusion of Dr. Munhall's study, Conference resumed business, with the President in the chair.

A telegram from the Monterey Congregational Church, Monterey, Pa., asking for the loan of C. E. McCullough, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and Brother McCullough was excused from the chairmanship of that Committee. T. O. Crouse was appointed in his stead. (See Report N).

The following ushers were appointed for the evening session: H. F. Wright, W. P. Roberts, C. E. Redeker, G. H. Stocksdale, C. E. Dryden and C. P. Nowlin. On motion, the Conference at 4:50 o'clock took a recess until 7:30 o'clock.

Evening

Conference resumed at 7:30 o'clock with T. H. Lewis in the chair.

J. D. Kinzer moved that the President be requested to have the appointments read simultaneously in the Sunday-school room with that in the main auditorium. The motion prevailed.

S. B. Southerland was granted personal privilege, and addressed the Conference, as follows: "What I wish to say may prove to be a valedictory, as this may be my last Conference, though I hope it will not be. My health is good and I think I am generally regarded as well preserved for my years, but I cannot be oblivious to the fact, in the language of a venerable statesman now long deceased, that 'I am walk-

ing on the broken arches of life and am liable to stump through at any time.' Sixty-six years ago Divine Providence gave me a place in the Maryland Conference. The sweet singers here among us sang a hymn with this chorus, 'The old-time religion is good enough for me,' and in my heart I said, 'It is good enough for me, too.' But now I wish to say after sixty-six years experience, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Maryland Annual Conference, just as they are in principle and in economy, as a distinct branch of Christ's Church, are good enough for me. The Conference has highly honored me through all these years, and I have paid it back as well as I could with my life, my labors and my love, and with such intellectual gifts as God has endowed me with. In the dreadful war between the States of our country, James R. Randall, a native of Maryland, wrote a spirited war song, which had this refrain, 'Maryland, my Maryland.' I take that refrain and give it a different reference. I apply it with an intensely loving heart to this Maryland Conference of ministers and laymen, each order the peer of the other in the government of the Conference,—'Maryland, my Maryland!''

N. O. Gibson read the report of the Committee on Education. The report commends the service of W. R. McDaniel, Vice-president of Western Maryland College, in the absence of the President, T. H. Lewis, and gives thanks for the Providence exercised over Dr. Lewis in his travels. The report rejoices in the excellent growth of the Theological Seminary, and urges the co-operation of the ministers with the Seminary. Recommendation 1, that \$1800 be levied upon the District for the Seminary, and 2, that H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Presidency of the Seminary, were each adopted, and the report adopted. (Report P).

A supplemental report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations recommending the granting of the request of the Hanly Memorial Congregational Church, Monterey, Pa., for the loan of C. E. McCullough, was read by T. O. Crouse, and the report adopted. (Report N).

B. P. Truitt, chairman of the Church Extension Committee, brought in the additional report of that Committee. The report concurs in the recommendations affecting Canton and Bethany, changing boundaries in some instances, consolidating the two churches of Newark, N. J., and making appropriations. The report was adopted as a whole. (Report G).

J. S. Bowers reported for the Special Committee on the request of G. L. Wolfe, that G. L. Wolfe had appeared before the Committee and requested to be permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Protestant Church, which request became a part of the report. J. M. Holmes moved to refer the whole matter back to the Committee for an expression from the Committee regarding the request. The motion prevailed and the request recommitted.

A. W. Mather, for the Committee on Superannuates, recommended that J. W. Gray receive \$200 in his superannuate relation, which report was adopted. (See Report H).

The Board of Finance reported through G. W. Haddaway, stating their inability to devise a better scheme of apportioning the assessments and also giving the schedule of assessments upon the charges. The motion to adopt carried. (Report E).

J. D. Kinzer stated that the collection yesterday was insufficient to meet the need for Conference expenses, and moved that another offering be now taken. The motion carried and the collection was taken. The amount of \$60 was received.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the Conference reconsidered the two readings of the appointments, and the resolution was tabled.

The Special Committee on G. L. Wolfe's request reported that as Brother Wolfe understood his withdrawal from the Conference did not mean the surrender of his credentials, and there being no evidence against his moral character, that his request be granted. There was a motion to adopt, but objection was raised on the point of his continuance, to hold his parchment. On motion of J. L. Straughn, the Committee was continued and given due prerogatives in the matter, to report next Conference.

The Committee on Church Enterprises reported that nothing had been referred to them and they had nothing to report, which was accepted. (Report V).

A resolution was offered by J. W. Kirk, that J. N. Gilbert, Agent President's Parsonage, be authorized to make payment of money in hand against the indebtedness of the parsonage, and that the Superannuate Fund Society be requested to accept payments in sums of \$500 hereafter. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 15).

F. C. Klein reported for the Committee on Missions, commending

the aggressive work of both the Foreign and Home Missions Boards, the development of the Seattle, Washington, work, and the increased success of the work in Japan. The report recommends that the Secretary add to the Statistical Tables a column for the Children's Day, Home Missions offerings, and likewise for the Foreign Missions offerings, also the loan of E. H. VanDyke to the Board of Foreign Missions. The Secretary moved to strike out the special columns. The Committee Chairman stated that this was the request from the General Secretaries. The motion to strike out the item was adopted, and the report so amended was adopted. (Report Q).

On motion, the Conference notified the President that it was ready to receive the appointments.

F. T. Little offered a resolution that this Conference gives thanks to God for the presence of S. B. Southerland for the sixty-sixth time. It was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 16).

The minutes were read and approved.

The President read his plan of appointments (see under Report A), after which the Conference sang the Doxology and adjourned with the benediction by the President, J. M. Sheridan.

W. S. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Approved:

J. M. SHERIDAN,
President.

REPORTS

REPORT A

The President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

In submitting this, my fifth and last report, as President, I greet you once more as fellow-laborers in the Gospel of the Son of God, and "as companions in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ."

As we meet again in the opening hour of the seventy-ninth session of the Conference we are cheered by the assurance that we have not toiled in vain during the year past. On the fields left behind many sheaves have been gathered, while the end is not yet.

DEATHS

Only one has been removed by death during the year from the active ranks of our ministry. Rev. William John Neepier, died August 7th, 1906, after a few weeks of illness.

For thirty-six and one half years he stood shoulder to shoulder with us in loyal devotion to the Conference and denomination, and was a faithful, capable, devoted minister of the Gospel. He is not, for God took him.

Mrs. Mary Riner Nichols, widow of Rev. James K. Nichols, D. D., of revered memory, died June 24th, 1906.

These were followed by the demise of three of the wives of our honored and beloved brethren who are with us to-day in the shadow of their great bereavement.

Mrs. Margaret Kemp Southerland, wife of Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., died December 18th, 1906. For sixty-four years our venerable brother and his gentle, loving wife journeyed the path of life together, then one was taken and the other left.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Kinzer, wife of Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., died January 9th, 1907. Thirty-nine years of truest, tenderest love-union was thus rudely terminated by the remorseless hand of death.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Wright, wife of Rev. T. H. Wright, died January 30th, 1907. A faithful, devoted wife and mother thus passed to her heavenly home. Obituary committees were duly appointed and are ready to report.

CHANGES

Rev. P. W. Crosby, on account of broken health, was released from the pastorate of Leeds Circuit, July 1st, 1906, and Rev. Theodore Darnell, Jr., one of our college students, was appointed in charge of the work until school opened in September, when Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, who came by transfer from the North Missouri Annual Conference, became pastor of the charge, and has continued in that relation until to-day.

Rev. J. H. Straughn, having been elected president of the West Lafayette College, in the State of Ohio, was, at his own request, and by consent of the Lynchburg Church, released from the pastorate of that church, August 1st, 1906. By agreement of all parties concerned, Rev. W. B. Judefind was released from Parksley Circuit on the same date and was assigned to Lynchburg Station.

Difficulties got in the way of filling the vacancy thus occasioned at Parksley. Nevertheless, by the aid of Brother A. W. Mather, and a few others, chiefly Brother Mather, the pulpits of the charge were looked after until the middle of December, when Rev. Theodore Darnell, Sr., of the New Jersey Annual Conference, applied for work in the Maryland Conference, and was appointed pastor of Parksley, where he has served acceptably to the present time.

The death of Rev. W. J. Neepier made a vacancy at Laurel Station, and Rev. Avery Donovan, was, by consent of the Executive Committee of Western Maryland College, released from the Endowment Agency of that institution and appointed to fill the vacancy at Laurel, September 1st, 1906.

Rev. Thomas Wheeler, appointed to Denton at the last Conference, addressed me a communication, "withdrawing from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Protestant Church, to be in effect October 6th, 1906." He accordingly left his work on that date. I recommend that his name be taken from the Roll.

The pulpits of Denton have been regularly supplied by visiting ministers during the intervening months, the members preferring this method of caring for the work until the meeting of Conference.

On October 23rd, 1906, A. C. Boyd, received at the last session of Conference and appointed to Clayton Circuit, was tried and expelled from Conference, on the charge of "Deception" in securing admission to the same, by a competent committee of trial raised under the Constitution and Discipline of the Church.

The work on Clayton Circuit has suffered some by the misfortunes of the year. However, the church in the town and at Downes Chapel have been regularly supplied by brethren representing the president, and we indulge the hope that the charge will not be long in recovering from its temporary retardation.

Rev. H. F. Gould, of the New York Conference, who had been supplying Violetville since last Conference, was released January 1st, 1907, to meet an emergency which had arisen in his own Conference, and Rev. W. M. Jett, of the West Balti-

more Quarterly Conference, was appointed to supply the place at Violetville until Conference.

Rev. R. S. Litsinger, a probationary member of the Conference, formally withdrew from the Conference and church, January 11th, 1907. The vacancy thus occasioned on Fairfax Circuit has been filled by Brother E. L. Beauchamp of the Seminary.

Rev. J. M. Dickey, because of impaired health of himself and family, withdrew from the Conference March 11, 1907, and removed to Colorado. Rev. J. A. Weigand, a superannuate, has been filling the pulpit at Clinton Hill Church since that date.

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES

Eight places were left to be supplied at the last Conference, and have been taken care of as follows, H. B. Jester, of the Seminary, served Amelia most acceptably during the vacation months. A minister of the Michigan Annual Conference seemed willing to take up the work at the end of Brother Jester's term, but the circuit thought itself unable to meet further financial obligations until after the meeting of the Conference.

G. L. Curry, of the Seminary, gave faithful, capable service to Campbell until his school duties required him to return in the fall, since which time I have not been able to supply the work. P. L. Rice, also of the Seminary, served Conquest during the vacation period, since which time the circuit has preferred to remain unsupplied until Conference meets.

Fairview was supplied until September by Rev. G. W. Beck, of the Muskingum Annual Conference, since then the place has been closed. The Conference last year placed this church "in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society, to be disposed of according to the Board's best judgment." The wise thing seems to be to sell the property as we have, in reality, no organization there.

Marley has been supplied all the year by Brother A. C. Lindley of the Seminary

June 1st, 1906, Rev. G. H. Enfield, being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Delta Station, was appointed to Union Circuit, and has efficiently served the charge during the year. While Williamsport has been satisfactorily supplied all the year by Brother D. P. Freeman of the Seminary.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

Mrs. T. A. Reese has again renewed her splendid donations to our pastors and enterprises during the year. Her complete recovery from severe injuries sustained by a fall, and her improved condition of health, despite the growing infirmities of age, are causes for profound gratitude to Almighty God on the part of every member of the Conference.

The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have been, as heretofore, liberal in their donations to our preachers and

our work. To all these we again record our high appreciation of their praiseworthy assistance.

The Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society are still effective adjuncts to the great work of the churches, and deserve our confidence and support.

BEQUESTS

I regret to report the bequests for the year as few. The late General Richard Thomas, of Easton, Md., who had reached the ripe age of ninety years, and who was one of the very earliest members of our church on the Eastern Shore, left by will \$1000 each to the church in Easton and to the church in Wye, Queen Anne's County, Md. The latter as a memorial to his parents. He also named the Superannuate Fund Society, the Church Extension Society of the Conference and Our Church Home as residuary legatees in his will. His executor, however, informs me by letter that he "does not think the contingent legacies will receive anything of any consequence," but adds, "that, however, will only develop from actual figures."

The settlement of the Rupp Will case referred to in my last report, has been finally completed, and the sum of \$1600 distributed among the various interests of the Conference, named in the first and second wills, and to East Baltimore Church, and in covering the expenses involved. These items added to the bequests reported from year to year during the five years ending with today, make a total in bequests of \$57,100.00 received from thirteen persons.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The reports made to me do not show any material change in the number of societies or membership thereof. We have a splendid host of young people in the district marshalled under the banner of Christian Endeavor. They are loyal to the church, as a rule, faithful to the duties of their calling, and in many respects they are the pastor's truest supporters. Still one can not but wish for them, as for every other department of the church, that they would rise to the great possibilities of their organization as an agency in the onward march of the Kingdom of our Lord.

The advantage of biennial conventions of State and Conference Unions, instead of annual gatherings as heretofore, is not yet proved, while the new departure of district conventions in the Conference territory has not been sufficiently tried to be pronounced upon. Wherever these gatherings have been held, however, the interest, enthusiasm and help given to those who have attended have been every way satisfactory.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Western Maryland College and the Westminster Theological Seminary are still maintaining their high standard of excellence in their chosen departments of labor. Their halls are filled with students; their teachers and officers are first class in character and equipment, and their influence for good large and constantly growing.

Our Church Home still offers a safe home-harbor for our needy old folk when age, infirmities and misfortune overtake them. The management is wise, economical and painstaking in every particular, and deserves the hearty indorsement and liberal co-operation of all our pastors and people.

The Maryland, and the Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, are still prosecuting their loved work with intelligence, consecration, courage and success, and with the Women's Home Missionary Society, should have the fullest sympathy and practical aid of our pastors and members.

The material proofs of the church's progress in the district are in the new buildings erected, and the extensive improvements to many of the older structures.

The magnificent new edifice for our St. Luke's congregation in the city of Philadelphia was finished and occupied in the summer. The building in Milton, Del., practically a new one, was completed and dedicated in the spring. The splendid new Sunday School building, an addition to the Rhode Island Avenue Church, has been occupied since the fall, and is now ready and at the service of the Conference for such uses as it may have for it during this session. The equally important enlargement of the chapel part of A Nutt Memorial building is also finished and in use by the Sunday School and other departments of that progressive organization. The new church at Glenburnie, on Nichols Memorial circuit, has been completed, dedicated and paid for, while the neat, substantial, ornamental church at Lauraville, a suburb of Baltimore City, is ready for dedication, and our people in St. Michaels are engaged in the erection of a fine new church.

Our church in Georgetown, Del., has been moved to a larger lot, and much more desirable location, and has been tastily fitted up, giving to us in that place a very handsome church and parsonage property.

Extensive improvements have been made to the churches in Delta, Pa., Mount Tabor, in Washington, D. C., Bedford Street, in Cumberland, Md., Porters Grove, on Rowlandville Circuit, and Mount Zion, on Powellville Circuit. Vine's Neck Church, on Millville Charge, has been moved to Dagsboro, Del., a village on the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad, thus giving it a better location and larger outlook for the future. The Sunday School room of First Church, Washington, D. C., has been handsomely decorated and newly furnished, while improvements have been made to the premises and parsonage at Rowlandville, Md., and the church at Evergreen has been neatly fitted up and newly furnished, as has Poplar Springs Church on Lisbon Circuit. The handsome new parsonage at Lynchburg, Va., is completed, and has been occupied by the pastor since the first day of August, 1906, and an eligibly located and every way desirable parsonage property has been purchased by our people in Elizabeth, N. J., and an excellent parsonage has been built in Felton, Del.

The amounts expended on buildings and improvements during the year, as reported to me on the return postal cards, foot up the splendid sum of \$85 413.53.

With a happy heart I report that North Carolina Avenue Church has paid another \$1000 on its debt this year; that Keen Memorial has paid \$365, on its first

mortgage, besides paying \$600 for buildings and improvements, and is thus slowly but surely freeing itself of that one burden of debt. Crisfield has paid the last dollar of debt on its elegant church building, and is preparing for general improvements in the near future; and that Broadway, dear old Broadway, has at last discharged the final obligation on its long-standing mortgage indebtedness. Poor church, it has also had a long, hard struggle to rid itself of the incubus left upon it and now that it is free we all rejoice with the loyal, devoted people and their pastor over the victory thus gloriously won; while Finksburg Church is also entirely free from debt.

These, together with all other amounts reported on the return cards as paid on debts, foot up the creditable sum of \$13,507.43. Making a grand total expended in building and improvements, and in the payment of debts for the year of \$123,920.-96, being \$12,548.89 in excess of the amount reported last year. In these respects, brethren, the Conference year ending April 1st, 1907, is A BANNER YEAR.

There have been reported to me 3453 conversions and 2179 accessions during the year, with a few charges not reporting. The number, however, thus failing to report is smaller than ever before, I am glad to say. These figures, with the general spirit of revival with which the churches have been blessed, show a steady and most gratifying progress of the church in the district during the year, in spite of the unreasonable unrest which has, apparently, been foisted in certain directions.

Another most encouraging fact to report is that seventeen charges have increased pastors' salaries during the present year in sums aggregating \$1,410, and that twenty-two places have increased salaries for the ensuing year in sums aggregating \$1,760, making a total of one hundred and fifty-seven places which have increased pastors' salaries during the five years of the administration which closes today.

I place on record these proofs of the church's progress in the district with profound gratitude to the great God and Father Who has accounted us worthy of His rich blessings as co-workers with His Son, Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, and add, the spiritual condition of the churches in the Conference is, with few exceptions, decidedly good.

I have not been able, chiefly because of the many changes occurring during the year, to visit all the charges. A few points have been omitted in the plan, and other few because of indisposition in the month of February. No place, however, has suffered because of lack of attention on the part of the President, while a number of points have been visited several times during the year.

I record my high appreciation of the Providence which has kept me and mine through all the years of my travel and toil. And to that vast majority of the loyal ministry and laity of the Conference, comprising almost the entire body, who have given me constant support, cooperation and unstinted praise in my labors, and from whom I have received so many evidences of sympathy and love, I record my sincere thanks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Rev. G. F. Norris be transferred to the unstationed list at his own request.

2. That the following be adopted as a standing rule of the Conference, and printed as such in the Manual, to-wit, "In all cases of the trial of a minister the secretary of the trial committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges and specifications, a copy of the finding or verdict of the committee, and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the secretary among the records of the Conference."

3. That the following be adopted as a standing rule of the Conference, and printed in the Manual, viz., "That all requests to be left without appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Character for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted."

In concluding my labors as the Executive of the Conference—labors to which you called me for five successive years by a most flattering vote—I beg to record my appreciation of the honor you thus conferred upon me. In the discharge of the duties of the office I have not spared myself, and in retiring therefrom I take with me a conscience void of offense toward God and all mankind. I wish I could have served you more efficiently, but I have done my best, and I lay down the burdens without regrets.

In obedience to the Conference order, as per Resolution No. 4, in the Minutes of 1906, I have secured the services of Rev. Dr. L. W. Munhall for a series of Bible readings from 3 to 4 o'clock each afternoon of the session.

While Dr. Munhall has made no specific charge for his services I have assumed a definite obligation in the matter, which can easily be met by the liberal offerings of the members and friends at each service.

With a deep sense of my unworthiness I am,

Very truly yours in service,

F. T. LITTLE, *President.*

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With a deep sense of gratitude to the God and Father of us all for his blessing upon the district, and for His hand upon our beloved President for good, during the five years of his splendid administration, we observe in this year's report the following record of progress: Last year's report declared unprecedented material prosperity. This year's figures exceed those of last, making it a banner year, the magnificent sum of \$128,920.96 having been expended for building improvements and payments of debts.

We note also with profound gratitude that the number of conversions and accessions indicate that spiritual blessing, as well as temporal, has been vouchsafed to us.

We concur in the following recommendations :

- 1st. That the name of Thomas Wheeler be taken off the Conference Roll.
- 2nd. The transfer to the unstationed list of Brother G. F. Norris at his own request.
- 3rd. The adoption of the following Conference rule, "In all cases of the trial of a minister, the secretary of the trial committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges and specifications, a copy of the finding or verdict of the committee and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference."
- 4th. Also of the following standing rule, "That all requests to be left without appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Character for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted."

And that said rules be printed in the Manual.

C. M. CULLUM, *Chairman.*

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
Accomac	A. W. Mather	3	Felton	F. P. Krauss	2
Alexandria	G. I. Humphreys	1	Finksburg	S. F. Cassen	4
Alnutt Memorial	J. W. Kirk	7	First Church, Newark	L. F. Warner	1
Amelia	H. B. Jester	1	First Church, Wash.,	B. P. Truitt	3
Baltimore	H. F. Wright	3	Franklin City	E. H. Jones	1
Bedford	A. H. Green	3	Frederick	B. F. Ruley	2
Belair	C. K. McCaslin	3	Georgetown, D. C.	T. O. Crouse	4
Bethany	C. E. Redeker	1	Georgetown, Del.	H. O. Keen	3
Broadway	G. Q. Bacchus	4	Georgetown Circuit		
Brooklyn	J. B. Jones	4	W. W. Johnson (supply)		3
Cambridge	J. L. Ward	1	Gleburnie	J. W. Parris	1
Campbell	P. L. Rice	1	Greenwood	C. E. Dryden	4
Cannon	W. P. Roberts	1	Grove	W. A. Sites	1
Caroline	H. S. Johnson	3	Hampden	D. W. Anstine	4
Cecil	C. R. Strausburg	2	Harbeson	J. A. Kittell	1
Centreville	E. D. Stone	3	Harpers Ferry	J. H. S. Ewell	1
Chesapeake	C. M. Coumpher	1	Harrington	F. H. Mullineaux	2
Chestertown	F. T. Little	1	Heathsville	J. L. Elderdice	1
Chincoteague	J. D. Smith	1	Howard	H. L. Schlincke	5
Christ Church	C. M. Elderdice	1	Hurlock	Carroll Maddox	2
Clayton	N. C. Clough	2	Indian River	J. E. Maloy	5
Concord	F. L. Stevens	3	Jefferson	E. C. Makosky	5
Conquest	To be supplied		Keen Memorial	J. McL. Brown	3
Crisfield	Louis Raudall	2	Kempton	J. A. Wright	6
Crumpton	C. J. Burdett	1	Kenuedyville	G. J. Hooker	2
Cumberland	W. A. Melvin	7	Kent Island	T. H. Wright	3
Cumberland Circuit	W. L. Hoffman	2	Laurel	Avery Donovan	1
Deer Creek	B. A. Bryau	1	Laurel Circuit	G. R. Donaldson	1
Deer Park	E. O. Ewing	1	Lauraville	L. B. Smith	3
Delmar	E. P. Perry	1	Lawsonia	F. D. Reynolds	2
Delta	S. W. Coe	1	Leeds	E. A. Sexsmith	1
Denton	F. T. Benson	1	Lewes	To be supplied	
Dorchester	E. S. Fooks	2	Lewistown	To be supplied	
Dover and Leipsic	A. P. Wilson	1	Liberty	J. F. Wooden	1
East Baltimore	J. D. Kinzer	4	Lisbon	C. P. Nowlin	3
Easton	W. H. Litsinger	1	Lynchburg	To be supplied	
Elizabeth	J. W. Balderston	1	Mardela	A. A. Harryman	1
Eutaw	W. B. Judefind	1	Mariners	G. R. Hodge	1
Evergreen	J. L. Straughn	3	Middleway	To be supplied	
Fairfax	To be supplied		Millville	F. M. Clift	2
Fawn Grove	S. B. Treadway	2	Milton	G. R. McCready	2
Federalsburg	Clayborne Phillips	2	Montgomery	To be supplied	

Charge	Pastor	Yrs
Mount Nebo	To be supplied	
Mount Tabor	J. E. Litsinger	4
New Church	G. H. Stocksdale	1
Newmarket	A. S. Beane	3
Nichols Memorial	G. F. Farring	1
North Baltimore	F. C. Klein	3
North Caroline Ave.	R. L. Shipley	2
Oak Grove and Prince George	J. T. Bailey	3
Oxford	W. S. Hanks	2
Parkley	G. M. Clayton	1
Payson Street	E. L. Bunce	1
Pipe Creek	G. J. Hill	1
Pittsville	G. A. Ogg	1
Pocomoke Circuit	W. B. Elliott	2
Pocomoke City	W. R. Graham	1
Potomac	C. M. Zepp	2
Powellville	W. M. Sherwood	1
Quantico	To be supplied	
Queen Anne	F. A. Holland	1
Reliance	J. F. Bryan	2
Rhode Island Avenue	J. M. Gill	7
Rowlandville	G. E. Brown	4
Salem	F. S. Cain	1
Salisbury	W. S. Phillips	2
Seaford	B. W. Kindley	3
Sharptown	H. W. D. Johnson	2
Snow Hill	L. A. Bennett	2
South Baltimore	J. L. Mills	4
Stair	G. W. Haddaway	6
Stewartstown	S. J. Smith	2
St. James'	G. A. Morris	1
St. John's (Canton)	J. R. Gaar	4
St. Luke's	J. W. Trout	4
St. Michael's	George Hines	3
Susquehanna	R. K. Lewis	3
Talbot	To be supplied	
Trinity	N. O. Gibson	2
Union	G. H. Enfield (supply)	1
Union Bridge	E. T. Read	6
Violetville	W. M. Jett (supply)	1
Wallace Memorial	F. J. Phillips	2
Waltersville	Dorsey Blake	1
Warwick	C. M. Cullum	1
Waverly	W. S. Simms (supply)	2

Charge	Pastor	Yrs
West Baltimore	J. M. Holues	4
Westminster	D. L. Greenfield	1
West Wilmington	J. E. Massey	2
Williamsport	To be supplied	
Wilmington	J. E. Nicholson	1
Wye	J. W. Norris	2

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AT THEIR OWN REQUEST

C. S. Arnett	5
P. W. Crosby	1

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

President of Western Maryland College	T. H. Lewis	22
President of Westminster Theological Seminary, H. L. Elderdice		11
Professor in Western Maryland College	E. A. Warfield	1
Editor of <i>The Methodist Protestant</i>	F. T. Tagg	16
Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern	T. R. Woodford	4

LOANED

Board of Foreign Missions, E. H. Van Dyke	18
Board of Home Missions, A. N. Ward	2
West Lafayette, Ohio, College, J. H. Straughn	1
Clarke Memorial Church, Baltimore, J. S. Bowers	17
Monterey Congregational Church, C. E. McCullough	1

SUPERANNUATES

S. B. Southerland	23
J. A. Weigand	19
W. J. D. Lucas	16
H. C. Cushing	13
J. G. Sullivan	8
W. D. Litsinger	4
S. A. Hoblitzell	3
W. M. Strayer	2
R. S. Rowe	2
J. M. Yingling	1
J. T. Lassell	1
J. W. Gray	1

OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

1420 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:**Credit*

1906				
April 4	By Balance in Baker & Watts Bank	\$1222	26	
1907				
Jan. 21	By Currency from President F. T. Little		50	
Mch. 22	By Cheque from President F. T. Little	690	00	
Mch. 22	By Vouchers turned in by President F. T. Little	46	25	
Mch. 25	By interest allowed by Baker & Watts	31	86	1990 87

Disbursements

1906				
April 5	Paid Young & Selden Co. for Cash Book		50	
Nov 28	Paid the Mullers for Papering 2 Rooms, Staining, etc.	45	50	
1907				
Jan. 23	Paid Chas. W. Simpson & Co. for Repairing Lock		75	
Jan. 26	Paid City Water Tax		8 85	
Feb. 28	Paid "Sun Co." 5 years Fire Insurance, Premium \$3000	22	50	
Mch. 26	Paid Thos. A. Murray, Treas., Interest on \$5909.15 Mortgage		295 45	
Apr. 3	Balance in Baker & Watts Bank	1617	62	1990 87
	Full amount assessed for President's Salary	\$2988	00	
	Deficit in payment for the year	\$ 48	00	
	Excess payments at two points	5 00	43 00	

Net amount collected by President 2945 00

25% of \$2945 = \$736.25.

JARRETT N. GILBERT, *Agent.*

REPORT B

Of The Secretary

In submitting herewith my annual statement, I believe that an officially-corrected record should be made of an unfortunate error in the 1906 Minutes. Just how it escaped my eye I cannot explain, except that I was greatly overburdened with moving at the time the Minutes were being printed.

Under "Report G—Church Extension," pages 63 and 64, is inserted the "Report of the Board of Managers," which should have been printed in the Minutes of that Society pages 108 and 109. It begins at the bottom of page 63, erroneously headed, "Baltimore City Church Extension Society," and is concluded with the second paragraph on page 64, where the signature of "J. D. Kinzer, President," should appear.

On page 64, preceding the third paragraph beginning "The Committee, etc.," should be inserted the heading, "Of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society," as that is the beginning of that report.

There are a few other errors of minor importance, all of which I deplore, having used every effort to prevent them.

Following is the Financial Statement, which I recommend referred to the Board of Finance for audit:

Receipts

1906			
April 3	Balance in hand	\$ 136	32
April 9	From W. N. Sherwood, Conference Steward	339	00
	Sale of Minutes during year	4	70
	Advanced assessments, various charges	67	00
		547	02

Expenses

1906-7			
	Printing and delivering 1800 copies of 1906-Minutes	\$ 248	83
	Incidentals, Bibles, printing, postage, etc	75	66
Apr. 14	10-months note, Marine Bank of Crisfield	100	00
May 24	T. H. Lewis, expense to Dayton Council	45	00
	Balance in hand	77	53
		547	02

April 3, 1907.

W. S. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Special Committee appointed by the President, on the question of compensation to the Secretary, report:

That in view of the labor necessary in preparation and publication of the Minutes of the Conference, the Secretary be paid twenty-five dollars for these extra labors.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT C

Of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference

We report officers elected in accordance with the Charter, J. L. Mills, President, Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, and Rowland Watts, Secretary.

The members of the Board are: J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, N. T. Meginis and J. W. Hering, whose terms expire in 1909; J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Thomas A. Murray and Rowland Watts, whose terms expire in 1908; F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire at the present session and whose successors should be elected at this Conference.

We also submit the Report of the Treasurer concerning the collection of rents, and the agent of the Baltimore Book Directory also appended.

ROWLAND WATTS, *Secretary.*

J. L. MILLS, *President.*

OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for Year, April 1906-7

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of Maryland Annual Conference.

*General Fund**Dr.*

To Balance as per last report	\$ 41 56	
To interest to date	1 40	
To commissions on income Drinkhouse Trust Estate	61 38	
		104 34

Cr.

By rent Safe Deposit Box	5 00	
By balance in bank	99 34	
		104 34

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

Dr.

To Balance Principal per last report	\$ 86 07	Principal	Income
To interest thereon	2 42		
To amount Income on Investments collected			1228 35
		88 49	1228 35

Cr.

By income paid Mrs. A. Drinkhouse per vouchers			1166 97
By 5% commissions thereon carried to General Account (to meet expenses of collections etc.)			61 38
To Balance in Bank to credit of Principal	88 49		
		88 49	1228 35

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

OF AGENT OF BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

As to Conference Property, No. 316 N. Charles St.

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance March 1, 1906	\$ 481 62
Receipts from Rents to Feb. 28, 1907	2768 50
	3250 12
<i>Expenses</i>	
March 1, 1906, to February 28, 1907, approved by the joint committee	3242 34
	7 78
Balance in hand	7 78

During the year \$1500.00 has been credited on the loan account of the Baltimore Book Directory against the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, leaving a balance due on that account of \$3054.30.

T. R. WOODFORD, *Agent.*

REPORT D
Our Church Home**OF THE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee on Our Church Home, having carefully examined the reports of the Board of Managers, Lady Visitors, and the Treasurer of the Home, referred to us by you, beg leave to report as follows:—

First of all, we most heartily commend the manner in which the Home is conducted, but deplore the lack of sympathy and co-operation on the part of many of our pastors and charges.

We look upon this interest of our Church as one that should appeal to the tenderest emotions and awaken a responsive liberality commensurate with its needs, we, therefore, call upon all our pastors and charges to give this interest a more prompt and liberal support.

The kind remembrances of those churches and individuals who so generously responded to the appeal of the Lady Visitors for donations to the Home larder and comforts of the inmates of the Home, ought to stimulate others to emulate their example of generous liberality.

Seeing that the contributions to this interest are insufficient to meet the increasing demands of the Home, occasioned by the cost of living, and believing that some permanent provision should be made for the support of this institution, we therefore recommend:—

First, That every pastor shall appoint a lady visitor to Our Church Home, and that the said visitor be requested to collect, at least, an amount equal to one third of the President's salary apportioned to that charge

Second, That the list of charges failing to meet the requirements of this Conference relative to Our Church Home be read at each session of the Conference.

Third, That a list of the Lady Visitors be published at least twice a year in the columns of the *Methodist Protestant*, and that the President of the Board of Lady Visitors shall furnish the editor with such list.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Chairman*.

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Managers of the Church Home submit the following report of its financial condition:

1st. The annexed report of the Treasurer shows that he has in his hands the sum of \$563.82, and that there has been loaned to the Lady Managers during the year, the sum of \$675.00.

These loans are made necessary in order to meet the current expenses of the year as they are incurred. In the report to the Conference a year ago, it was stated that there was a deficiency of \$76.62 in the previous year, and we report now, that the receipts for the year just closed show a deficiency of \$204.81. We call the special attention of the Conference to these *deficiencies*, with the serious conviction that if this state of things is not at once remedied, the Home will find itself, in a little while, unable to carry on its work.

We may talk about the "beautiful charity" in connection with Our Church Home work,—and it is a beautiful charity,—but if the pocket book of the Church is closed against it, or is not wide enough open to supply its imperative needs, it is idle for us to talk about the beautiful charity of it. The good old ladies who are in the Home, are to be housed, fed and kept warm, and it requires money to do it.

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding, ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

We are sure the Church wishes to supply all the reasonable requirements of the Home, and will do it, the case being plainly and clearly set before it. The Management, while commending, most heartily, the churches that have responded to this important work of our church, are fully aware that our embarrassment grows out of the fact, that many of the churches make no contributions at all to this interest.

RECOMMENDATION

After mature consideration of the subject, the management is of the opinion, that the only way to secure a safe and constant support to the Home, is to place its needs upon the regular assessments of the Conference, and this we earnestly rec-

commend. This will accomplish the purpose and will not be oppressive; either. We can then feel that the Home has something to depend upon, and these harassing deficiencies will be a thing of the past.

It makes one feel rather uncomfortable, as a Methodist Protestant, to believe that an assessment of say \$1200 upon the entire Maryland District for the support of Our Church Home, could work any hardship upon any church or any individual member of the church.

Brethren, if we intend to support the Home,—and we certainly do intend to support it,—we believe this is the best, the most equitable, and possibly the only way to do it.

The Ladies are conducting the Home as economically as we think it is possible to do, with proper regard to the comfort of the the inmates, and we bespeak for the institution the fostering care of the Conference. It ought not to be left to the present precarious system of support.

There are at present six inmates in the Home, three having died during the present Conference year, as follows:

Mrs. Martha A. Barton, of the West Baltimore Church, died May 23rd, 1906, in the 79th year of her age.

Miss Margaret Shriner, of the church at Uniontown, Md., died August 8th, 1906, in the 79th year of her age.

And Mrs. Georgianna Sweet, of the Georgetown, D. C. Church, February 28th, 1907, aged about 95 years.

Mrs. Sweet was the third person to enter the Home. She entered on June 5th, 1897, and always realized that the Home was a great blessing and comfort to her, as indeed, all others have done.

We also transmit herewith the report of Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President of the Board of Lady Managers.

On behalf of the Board,

J. W. HERING, *Chairman of the Executive Committee.*

OF THE TREASURER

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer April, 1906.....	\$562.04	
Amount received from entrance fees.....	275.00	
Received from estate of Mrs. Rupp.....	200.00	
Received from Lady Managers on loan.....	342.19	\$1,379.23

Dr.

Paid sundry expenses	\$140.41	
Loan to Lady Managers.....	875.00	
Amount in hands of Treasurer.....	563.82	\$1,379.23

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, *Treasurer.*

OF THE LADY MANAGERS

Money received for the Church Home since Conference 1906 to April 1st, 1907-

Cr.

In hands of Treasurer April, 1906.....	\$ 48.71	
Received from Conference.....	342.19	
Received during the year.....	312.81	
Received permanent fund.....	675.00	
Special donations.....	22.00	\$1,400.71

Dr.

Expenses for the year.....	\$854.70	
Paid coal bill.....	85.30	
Paid permanent fund.....	342.19	
In hands of Treasurer.....	118.52	\$1,400.71

We can report a like increase from last year. Receiving this year \$312.81; last year reporting \$303.89. Thirty-nine churches responding and sending their assessments before Conference.

Our Special Offerings were from Congress St., Rev. T. O. Crouse, pastor, \$10. Our friend, J. S. Topham, \$10. Mrs. M. E. Fooks, Norwalk, \$3.

Dr. Kinzer brought me a dozen Church Hymnals from East Baltimore Station. Mr. Cathell always very generously remembers the Home with Christmas cheer. Bayley Bates and Dr. Charles Billingslea also with canned goods. Uniontown and Union Bridge sends us good things. Last Friday several ladies of Uniontown came down with their Easter offering of ten dozen eggs, preserves, canned fruit, etc. We are more thankful than I can tell you for these gifts and wish they would be more general. Through our Church paper I told of all we received at Christmas.

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, *President.*

OF THE STEWARD

Collections for year ending April 1st, 1907.....	\$750.00
Collections 1906.....	654.00
Increase 1907.....	\$ 96.00
Extra from Fairfax Circuit.....	7.00
	<u>\$108.00</u>

B. F. RULBY, *Steward.*

REPORT E

Of the Board of Finance

The Board of Finance respectfully submits the following report:

With reference to the resolution referred to the Board of Finance by the last Annual Conference regarding another plan for assessments, we beg leave to state that, after careful consideration, we believe the present basis to be the most equitable.

We have examined the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage and find the same correct, so far as we are able to ascertain, in the absence of vouchers.

The report of the Secretary of the Conference, with vouchers, has been examined and found to be correct.

We have laid the assessments upon the charges as ordered by the Conference, and herewith submit the list. (See Table of Assessments).

J. W. KIRK, *Chairman.*

REPORT F

Of The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

We report of the third year's class, that G. I. Humphreys received 100 in Thesis and Hebrew, and with J. E. Litsinger and G. E. Brown, they each having complied with their promise given at the time of their ordination, are passed through the course. F. M. Clift and W. B. Elliott are continued in this class.

Of the second year's class, J. T. Bailey and Carroll Maddox received 100 in Drinkhouse's History, and 100 in Fisher's Church History, and with N. C. Clough and W. P. Roberts, passed into the third year's class.

Of the first year's class, N. V. Cossaboon, J. E. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith and L. B. Smith were passed into the second year's class. L. B. Smith received 100 in Hebrew.

We report that Willard W. Johnson is received as a student under the care of the Faculty, and is placed in the first year's class.

Of the preparatory class, we recommend that Edward Leon Bunce, Harry Burton Jester and Philip Luther Rice be received on trial.

We recommend that Frank D. Reynolds be received into the Conference.

We recommend that the transfers of Rev. G. A. Ogg, from the New York Conference, and Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, of the North Missouri Conference, be approved.

We recommend that W. A. Sites, N. V. Cossaboon, Alan Pressly Wilson and James E. Massey be placed in the hands of the President.

N. C. Clough, C. M. Elderdice, W. P. Roberts, L. B. Smith, E. L. Bunce, J. T. Bailey and W. B. Elliott, having preached three years under the stationing author

ity of an Annual Conference, we recommend that they be ordained, each being required to pledge in open Conference that they will pursue the course of study until it is completed.

We recommend that the renewal of license to administer the ordinances be granted to J. D. Smith, W. L. Hoffman, Carroll Maddox, Eben N. Baldwin, and W. M. Jett; and that license be granted to W. W. Johnson, W. S. Simms, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice and J. E. Massey.

We report that we have added a course of English and Elocution to the curriculum of the Faculty, beginning with the first year and continuing under the same instructor throughout the entire course. We ask the President of the Conference to appoint this instructor, the matter of text books and subjects for study being left with him, with the request that he furnish the plan to the Secretary of the Conference in time for publication in the Minutes.

We report that "The Handbook of the Methodist Protestant Church," by Dr. Lewis, is added to the studies of the preparatory class, and has been assigned to J. W. Gray.

We report that Dr. T. H. Lewis has been appointed to select a book of Theology for the first year's class, and that Volume I. of Miley's Theology is given the second year's class, and Volume II. is given the third year's class.

We report that S. J. Smith is associate examiner in Greek.

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

REPORT C

Church Extension

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Church Extension submits the following report:

We have carefully considered the report of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society, and would recommend the adoption of the first and third items of said report as made by the Board, and referring to the second item, we would recommend that the \$62.50 paid by the Board of the invested fund to the Bethany charge on ground rent, be appropriated from that fund to that purpose; that the fourth item of their recommendation, relating to the borrowing of money to pay the deficiencies in appropriation, be adopted, to become operative at the next session, and with these changes the adoption of the report as a whole. [See Minutes of Church Extension Society for that report—SECRETARY.]

We recommend that the money appropriated to the Baltimore Circuit on the new church enterprise at Towson, be paid to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, to be held as a part of the building fund for said enterprise.

We have also carefully considered the report of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia, and recommend that the Conference pledge to the new church enterprise of Washington City the sum of \$1,000, to be paid in three yearly installments, on condition that they proceed to build a church, and that the District of Columbia Church Extension Society raise \$1,000, and the Board of Home Missions appropriate \$1,000, and that the report of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia be adopted.

We recommend further that Cherrydale be placed in charge of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia, and under the care of the pastor of Potomac Circuit.

We have read with interest the report of the Church Extension Society of Baltimore City, and are especially gratified with the splendid progress of Waverly charge. We recommend the adoption of the report as a whole.

BOUNDARIES

We recommend the following changes in boundaries:

First, that Newark charge and Clinton Hill be united in one charge to be known as First Church, Newark, New Jersey.

Second, that Thawleys be detached from Denton charge and attached to Caroline Circuit.

Third, that Beulah appointment, on Hurlock Circuit, be discontinued.

Fourth, that Hollywood appointment, on Amelia Circuit, be discontinued.

Fifth, that Glenburnie be detached from Nichols Memorial and attached to Marley, and the name of Marley Circuit be changed to Glenburnie.

Sixth, that Middleway be detached from Harpers Ferry and left in care of the President.

Seventh, that the request from Campbell, to be united with North Carolina Conference, does not come under our jurisdiction.

APPROPRIATIONS

Amelia, salary.....	\$ 75
Baltimore Circuit, new church at Towson, provided they begin to build a church this year.....	200
Bethany, salary.....	100
Broadway, as pledged last year.....	250
Cannons, salary.....	50
Christ Church, provided they raise \$500.....	100
Crumpton, salary.....	50
Conquest, salary.....	50
Deer Creek, salary.....	50
Denton, salary.....	150
Evergreen, salary.....	100
Georgetown, Del., provided they raise \$400 on debt.....	50

Federalsburg, salary.....	100
First Church, on interest.....	50
Harrington, on debt.....	200
Harpers Ferry, salary.....	50
Keen Memorial, provided they raise \$500 on debt.....	100
Lauraville, salary.....	150
Lewes, salary.....	100
Milton, on debt.....	50
Montgomery, salary.....	50
North Carolina Avenue, interest.....	150
Payson Street, purchasing ground.....	100
Potomac, on debt.....	100
Powellville, salary.....	50
Quantico, salary.....	50
Reliance, if they raise \$400 on debt.....	100
St. John's, Canton, to be used under the direction of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.....	100
St. Luke's, balance on \$1,000 pledged on debt.....	300
St. Michaels', on debt \$200, on salary \$50.....	250
Snow Hill, on debt, provided they raise \$300.....	200
West Wilmington, on debt.....	100
Washington, D. C., new church enterprise as conditions stated in the above resolutions.....	300
We recommend that four thousand dollars (\$4,000) be assessed on the District for Church Extension.	

B. P. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We are gratified to be able to report a continuation of interest in the work of our Society and a generous spirit of co operation on the part of the churches of Baltimore City.

By reference to our report of last year it will appear that we communicated the intention of this Society to undertake to raise a certain amount of money for St. John's Church, Canton. We have given constant and careful attention to the plans and activities of this church. We have been in close touch with pastor and people, and the whole situation is known to us. We have made a definite proposition to the church and have waited their readiness to comply.

During the year our attention was directed to the growing and important work at Lauraville. The necessities of their financial situation were presented to us, and after a thorough investigation we made a conditional donation of \$500 to this church. We commend this charge to your favorable consideration.

We are more than pleased to call your attention to the splendid work accomplished at Waverly through the industry and heroic efforts of Rev. W. S. Simms and his corps of helpers. The spirit of revival has continued throughout the year and many souls have been added to the church. Bro. Simms has kept his promise to this Society in every detail. He has a comfortable home and a crowd of people who receive his ministry gladly. All the expenses of the church are promptly paid. The pastor boasts of the abundance of money. The sincere desire of this Society is that this great ingathering may be solidified and completely organized for effective work in the future.

The ladies of our Society have recently closed a successful supper and sale. \$182 have been added to the treasury. We again record our grateful acknowledgements to Mrs. T. A. Reese for her generous donation, and our high appreciation of the abundant labors of the faithful women who always respond to our call for help.

We propose to keep in mind the promise we have made to the Canton Church, and assure you that our hands must be busy to accomplish it.

We ask that you appoint a pastor to Waverly, under the advice and direction of this Society.

JOHN S. BOWERS, *President.*

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1907.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia submits the following report:

Several meetings of the Board of Managers have been held to consider sites for the proposed church in northwest Washington. Also a joint meeting of the local society and representatives of the Board of Managers of the Conference Society was held and the ground gone over.

We have been unable to avail ourselves of the interest appropriated by the last Annual Conference, due to a misunderstanding as to the intention of such appropriation; whether or not it carried with it the purpose of the Conference Church Extension Society to procure said loan for the use of the Washington Extension Society.

The appropriation of \$1,000, made by the Board of Home Missions on condition that \$1,000 be appropriated by the Maryland Conference, and \$1,000 by the Church Extension Society of Washington, is unavailable until these conditions are complied with. We submit this report hoping this Annual Conference may devise a way whereby the appropriation of the Board of Home Missions may become available. The local Extension Society has under consideration sites. If procured and an edifice erected, such church would probably be self-supporting from the start.

We hope for favorable action of this Conference in this matter so this project may go forward.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. SPEIDEL, JR., *President.*

OF THE STEWARD

Summary

From assessment on district.....	\$3608 00	
From annual dues.....	100 00	
From Mt. Lebanon, check returned.....	100 00	
		\$3808 00
<i>Paid</i>		
Last year's loan returned.....	388 26	
Treasurers stationery bill.....	30 00	
		418 26
Balance for distribution.....		3389 74
Appropriated to charges 1906.....		3775 00
		365 26
Deficit.....		18 00
Less additional annual dues.....		367 26
		22 03
Interest.....		389 29
Loan from bank.....		

PAID ON APPROPRIATIONS, 1906-7

Broadway.....	250	Lauraville.....	300
Baltimore Circuit.....	300	Lewes.....	100
Bethany.....	100	Milton.....	100
Cannons.....	50	Montgomery.....	50
Christ Church.....	100	North Carolina Avenue.....	150
Clinton Hill.....	450	Payson Street.....	50
Crumpton.....	50	Quantico.....	50
Deer Creek.....	50	Reliance.....	75
Evergreen.....	50	St. John's, Canton.....	100
Eutaw.....	200	St. Luke's.....	350
Federalsburg.....	100	St. Michaels.....	50
Felton.....	50	Snow Hill.....	150
First Church.....	50	Talbot.....	25
Greenwood.....	150	West Wilmington.....	75
Harrington.....	100		
Keen Memorial.....	100		3775

Percentum 89-79-100.

Accounts squared as above.

E. S. FOOKS, *Steward*.

REPORT H

Superannuates

OF THE COMMITTEE

1st. We recommend that \$4500 be assessed on the District for the ensuing year.

2nd. We recommend that the requests of Revs. J. T. Lassell, J. M. Yingling, J. W. Gray, and Mrs. W. J. Neepier to be transferred to the list of Superannuates be granted.

3rd. We cannot recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by Brothers Daniel Baker and W. S. Phillips in its present form, as it conflicts with the present regulations governing the appropriations, and our limited resources.

4th. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

APPROPRIATIONS

Rev. H. C. Cushing	\$300	Mrs. D. N. Gilbert	\$125
“ J. W. Gray	200	“ J. L. Killgore	150
“ S. A. Hoblitzell	400	“ C. H. Littleton	175
“ J. T. Lassell	400	“ W. F. Livingston	75
“ W. D. Litsinger	400	“ R. L. Lewis	250
“ W. J. D. Lucas	300	“ J. A. Macfaden	150
“ S. B. Southerland	550	“ E. R. MacGregor	75
“ W. M. Strayer	450	“ A. D. Melvin	375
“ R. S. Rowe	400	“ C. B. Middleton	125
“ J. G. Sullivan	250	“ H. E. Miskimon	100
“ J. A. Weigend	275	“ W. J. Neepier	175
“ J. M. Yingling	400	“ J. E. Read	100
Mrs. W. C. Ames	75	“ John Roberts	225
“ D. Bowers		“ D. A. Shermer	75
“ B. F. Benson	250	“ G. J. Smith	150
“ J. W. Charlton	175	“ C. M. Thompson	175
“ C. T. Cochell	75	“ S. G. Valiant	100
“ H. J. Day	150	“ A. J. Walter	250
“ A. D. Dick	175	“ P. L. Wilson	125
“ W. T. Dumm	225	“ R. S. Williamson	250
“ J. M. Elderdice	200	Orphan children of Rev. T. R. Coul-	
“ J. H. Ellegood	125	bourrn (to be paid to their legal	
“ W. J. Floyd	150	representative)	200
“ S. T. Ferguson	175		

The fund paid .9905% this year.

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman*.

STEWARD'S STATEMENT

1906		<i>Receipts</i>	
May 12	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer	\$	50.00
May 28	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		25.00
June 8	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		50.00
July 18	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		50.00
July 30	Check from G. A. Ogg		9.00
Sept. 5	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		25.00
Sept. 5	Check from C. P. Nowlin		39.00
Oct. 4	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		1805.25
Dec. 5	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		50.00
Dec. 10	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		50.00
1907			
Jan. 21	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer		25.00
April 3	Cash		421.90
April 7	Cash		347.00
April 8	Annual dues		109.55
			9056.70

1906		<i>Disbursements</i>	
Oct. 4	Checks to claimants	\$	1805.00
1907			
April 6	Expenses of Corresponding Secretary		1.76
April 6	Expenses of Steward		6.00
April 8	Checks to claimants		7134.39
April 9	To Invested Fund		109.55
			9056.70

Per cent. paid .9905.

C. P. NOWLIN, *Steward.*

REPORT J

Literature

OF THE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, have carefully considered the report of the Baltimore Book Directory, and note with pleasure the progress made during the year, and congratulate the Managers and Agent upon the success achieved in the increased sale by the Book Concern of Sunday School supplies, and periodicals, with the increase of \$1,112.42 over that of the preceding year, which proves the wisdom of the steps taken by the Agent and Directors. With the valuation of the stock now given, we

believe the work to be in better condition than ever before, for owing to the reduction of valuation in depreciated stock which cost us nothing, what seemed to be a loss is not real but apparent, and we have now the real value of stock for a working basis. Yet in spite of all this reduction and the great increase in incidental expenses, the success achieved is very gratifying and is a source of pleasure.

The *Methodist Protestant* we believe to be a valuable helper to every member of the church, as well as to every pastor, for through its columns we are kept in touch not only with the churches on the District, but all of her interests, such as College, Seminary, Our Church Home, Home and Foreign Missions. Through it we have the best means of information regarding the development of the Church Union. As to quality and character, it is equal to the best and far surpasses many, while in price it is cheaper than any other denominational paper, and we urge upon all members of the Conference to use their best endeavors to increase its circulation as well as retain its present subscribers.

Our Sunday School periodicals are as good as the best, and should be used in every school, and we recommend that pastors urge the Quarterly Conferences to insist that our own be used in every school under their charge. The net gain of \$1200 for the past year is very gratifying.

In view of the fact of Dr. Munhall's reference to poison in Sunday School literature, we are pleased to state THAT OUR OWN does not contain poison, but is full of truth, and should be diligently studied and used in every school.

J. L. ELDERDICE, *Chairman*,

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Three years ago it was stated in the report which the Baltimore Book Directory made to the Maryland Conference that the time had come when it seemed possible for us to have in Baltimore a Book Concern worthy of the Methodist Protestant Church. During the three years that have elapsed since that time a steady advance has been made until today we feel that much has been accomplished in realizing our fond hopes in this direction.

During the past year the building at 316 N. Charles Street has been removed so as to make it possible, without cutting off the rent from our first floor store room for our Book Concern salesroom to be located on the ground floor, easily accessible to street customers. Since the first of last December we have realized a splendid increase in our local patronage as a result of the improved facilities for the conduct of this department of our business.

Our people generally are giving an increasing practical evidence of the fact that they realize that our own Book Concern can supply their book needs in a satisfactory manner. In addition to this fact we are glad to report that a very gratifying patronage is coming to us in this department from other denominations, especially in Baltimore City. Indeed we feel that the Book Concern, even in this early stage of its development, is doing the Church a valuable service in the increased publicity given the Denomination through the conduct of its business. The gross amount of business in the Book Department for the year shows an increase of \$1,112.42 over

that of the preceding year. Owing to the many incidental expenses incurred in the work of moving and re-arranging our salesroom, our profits have been kept down, but we are glad to report a net gain of \$455.81 for this department.

The *Methodist Protestant* shows an increase in the actual amount received from subscribers during the year of \$107.81 above receipts from the same source the preceding year; and the subscription list shows fifty more names at the end of this year than it did a year ago, but owing to a decrease in our receipts from advertising and an increase in the expense account for the year, the paper shows a greater loss than it has for several years past, viz. \$850.97. Our hope for an improved financial condition for the *Methodist Protestant* lies in an increased circulation, and the problem in this direction is not alone in getting new subscribers, but also as to how to hold them and induce them to continue their subscription. During the past year we secured through various agencies 645 new names on our subscription list, but in the same length of time 595 names were dropped from the list because of their refusal to renew.

The Sunday School periodicals continue to be our main source of revenue, and yielded us during the past year a net gain of \$1,209.99, and even with this we are not satisfied, because we know that in many of our schools literature other than our own is being used. A teacher happens to see a quarterly or leaflet used in some school outside of our denomination and without a careful examination a hasty conclusion is reached that it is better than ours, and an appeal is made for just enough of that kind of a Sunday School paper for his class, and fearful of an offense the request is complied with on the part of the superintendent. Or it may be that an extremely economical secretary, treasurer or superintendent sees a quarterly that costs a cent less than ours, and without a thought as to the consequences of his act he substitutes the cheaper paper for our own. Where is the trouble? The Quarterly Conference is failing to exercise its authority. Do not our good friends, the pastors, see the importance of calling the attention of their Quarterly Conferences to these conditions and reminding them of their duty in the matter? We believe that it is important that the scholars in our Sunday Schools should have in their hands lesson helps that bear the imprint of the Methodist Protestant Board of Publication.

In our reports the past two years we have called special attention to the valuation put upon the lot of old electrotypes, the Drinkhouse History plates and the stock of Drinkhouse Histories during the fiscal year of 1903-1904. In closing our books February 28, 1907, we decided to cut down said valuation to what we believed to be a fair estimate and start into the new year on a basis that would be a more exact showing of the real condition of our business. Our report will therefore show that while we have actually made a net gain of \$878.96 from the various departments of our work, yet because of a reduction of \$2,500 on the above-mentioned articles in our inventory, our capital is made to show a decrease of \$1,621.04.

We again record our appreciation of the loyal support we are receiving from the pastors and people of the Maryland District. If you will continue to give us a chance we will do our best to show our appreciation by rendering a satisfactory service.

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

General Income and Expense Statement for the year ending February 28, 1907.

RECIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
<i>Methodist Protestant</i>		<i>Methodist Protestant</i>	
Sales	\$4941 84	Com. and Discount. \$	54 03
Advertising.....	854 48	Paper	974 61
Suspense Accounts.	159 32	Postage.....	266 75
	<u> </u>	Expense	174 92
	5955 64	Engraving	7 60
<i>Sunday School Periodicals</i>		Printing	2995 51
Sales.....	9019 03	Salary.....	2100 00
Suspense Accounts..	1 50	General Expense....	233 19
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
	9020 53		6806 61
<i>Merchandise</i>		<i>Sunday School Periodicals</i>	
Com. and Discount.	72 79	Purchases.....	6088 36
Sales	8382 31	Postage, Exp., Frt.	349 03
	<u> </u>	Expense.....	205 21
	8455 10	Salary	934 75
<i>General</i>		General expense	233 19
Interest.....	62 66		<u> </u>
Balance. Net loss			7810 54
due to reductions		<i>Merchandise</i>	
as explained in		Salary	935 00
report.....	1621 04	Purchases..	6200 82
	<u> </u>	Expense.	620 26
	1621 04	General Expense,...	233 19
		Profit and Loss.....	10 02
			<u> </u>
			7999 29
		<i>General</i>	
		Profit and Loss	2498 53
			<u> </u>
			2498 53
			<u> </u>
			\$25,114 97
			<u> </u>
			\$25,114 97

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Concern as shown by its Books, at
the Close of Business February 28, 1907.

RESOURCES

Cash on hand and in bank.....			\$ 641 05
<i>Loan Accounts</i>			
Trustees of Maryland Annual Conference.....		\$3054 30	
Historical Society of Maryland Annual Conference.....		22 50	
		<hr/>	3076 80
<i>Baltimore Post Office</i> —Special Deposit.....			50 00
<i>Suspense Account</i> —Methodist Protestant.....			60 30
<i>Accrued Advertising</i> —Methodist Protestant.....			231 37
<i>Advance Order</i> —Account Sunday School Periodicals.....			1634 17
<i>Furniture and Fixtures</i>			1287 83
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>			2023 37
<i>Stock Inventory</i>			
Methodist Protestant paper.....		34 50	
Sunday School Periodicals.....		3 33	
		<hr/>	37 83
<i>Merchandise</i>			
Hymnal plates.....	600 00		
800 Drinkhouse History.....	600 00		
		<hr/>	1200 00
<i>Other Stock</i>	6220 76	7420 76	7420 76
			<hr/>
			16454 48

LIABILITIES

<i>Capital</i>			\$12262 00
<i>Advance Subscriptions</i>			
To Methodist Protestant.....	387 63		
To Sunday School Periodicals.....	654 90		
		<hr/>	1042 53
<i>Accrued Interest - on Mrs. T. Reese's Donation</i>			
Due Mrs. T. A. Reese.....	126 73		
Due Maryland Annual Conference.....	575 91		
		<hr/>	702 64
<i>Book Concern Building</i>			
Rent Fund.....			7 78
<i>Accounts Payable</i>			2439 53
			<hr/>
			16454 48

T. R. WOODFORD, *Agent*.

REPORT K

Of the Committee on Sabbath Schools

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully report as follows :

As an agency for training the young mind and heart in systematic Biblical truth, endearing the children to the Church of our choice, presenting opportunities for instruction in missionary enterprises, and saving precious souls in the bloom of young life, for whom Christ died, we cannot too strongly emphasize the Sunday School.

We recommend that pastors and superintendents insist upon the use, in all our schools, of our own literature, which is not excelled for our needs.

We recommend that teacher's meetings be statedly held, as a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

We call special attention also to the good results secured by the observance of Decision Day. These occasions require the best efforts and earnest prayers of all Christians in our schools.

We heartily endorse the Children's Day and Easter services and recommend that all money thus secured for Foreign and Home Missions, respectively, shall be reported separate from the regular assessments for these interests.

Sunday, May 19th, has been set apart as "World's Sunday School Day," with an order of service arranged by Rev. J. A. Wooden, D. D. We commend its observance, wherever practicable, and suggest that the membership of the Church, throughout the Conference, pray, as occasion may offer, for the Rome Convention and for Sunday Schools throughout the world.

W R. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT L

Temperance

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following :

We recognize in the liquor traffic the greatest evil of modern times. It is a growing menace to our civilization and the relentless implacable foe of all good. It does more to destroy the peace and happiness of the home and to turn this earth into a hell than all other causes combined. The preservation of morals, the protection of our homes, the prosperity of the people, the social and religious interests of all men demand the extirpation of this most nefarious traffic.

We are pleased to have with us Mr. William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, and recommend that at quarter past eleven this morning he be given an opportunity to address the Conference.

We assure Mr. Anderson of our sympathy with him in his work, and promise him our co-operation.

We approve the proposition of the Headquarters Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, to secure a comprehensive local prohibition law which, while protecting those districts that have already banished the saloon, will allow other counties or parts of counties, and sections of Baltimore City, especially residence sections, to vote out saloons, by mandatory direct vote.

We also approve their proposition to make present and future legislation effective by securing "Search and Seizure," and anti-shipping legislation which will facilitate law enforcement.

Recognizing the need, which the Anti-Saloon League supplies, of an inter-denominational agency against the saloon for the accomplishment of those things which no one denomination can do alone, we recommend that our pastors and churches open their pulpits for the presentation of the League work and the enlistment of the support of the people.

It is an encouraging sign of the times that the warning utterances of science regarding the peril of drink are being taught the children in our public schools, and we call upon our people to resist any effort that may be made to exclude from our schools scientific temperance instruction.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution referred to us, "That this Conference heartily commends the action of Governor Lea in signing the Local Option Bill for the State of Delaware."

We urge upon our people in that State the importance of wisely directed and united effort in the campaign soon to be waged under the provisions of that bill, and call upon them to give their cordial support to all agencies which shall be at work among them against the saloon.

We recommend that three ministers and two laymen be appointed to represent the Maryland Conference on the State Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland.

We recommend that three ministers and two laymen be appointed delegates to the National Convention of the American Anti-Saloon League to be held at Norfolk, Virginia.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman.*

OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PLANS FOR TEMPERANCE WORK

In item 6 of last year's report of the Committee on Temperance, it was suggested a committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed to formulate and present plans at this session of the Conference for systematic temperance work in all of our charges. We, the members of this Committee, beg to report as follows:

First, we recommend that in addition to the preaching of the annual temperance sermon, and distribution among the people of any approved temperance literature and the use of any other existing means of promoting temperance sentiment, that a sufficient number of catechisms on temperance, which shall teach the baneful effects of alcohol and contain proper instructions on all points of this great

question, be written or secured and placed in the hands of our ministers for distribution in the Sunday Schools and young people's societies of the churches. These catechisms are to be furnished without cost to the Conference, and we recommend that at least once a year each minister have a public catechetical class, using his catechism as his text book.

If it is the desire of the Conference for us to do so, we are willing to be retained as a Committee to prepare this catechism, but would ask that Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., be added to our committee.

In further pursuance of the idea of systematic temperance work, we recommend that a member of this Conference be designated "Conference Temperance Secretary," to have direct charge of and to stimulate temperance work in the District. We believe that it would be for the best interest of the Conference to have a regular temperance service at each session of the Conference, and we therefore recommend the abolition of the Standing Rule on Temperance meeting, and appoint Thursday 3 P. M. to be so named. If it is your wish, we will be glad to secure a speaker for the next Conference.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT M

Benevolent Agencies

OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Benevolent Agencies respectfully reports as follows:

In view of the fact that the Agents of the Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society have both been prevented from attending the session of Conference and thus giving us an account of their work during the year, we find ourselves almost entirely without data respecting what has been done.

We very much regret to note a marked decrease in the collections of the Conference for the past year as compared with former years, and we earnestly commend these worthy Christian agencies to the most liberal support of all our churches.

We have learned incidentally of some contributions made during the year which are sufficient to entitle the Conference to an increase of its list of life members and life directors in these respective societies, but as those who made the contributions have expressed no wish in the matter we are unable to make any recommendation.

J. W. TROUT, *Chairman*

H. W. D. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

OF THE BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

	1907	1906	Decrease
Bible.....	\$291.69	\$381.97	\$ 90.28
Tract.....	252.50	352.00	99.50
Total.....	\$544.19	\$733.97	\$189.78

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. BROWN, *Steward*,

REPORT N

Of the Committee on Fraternal Relations

1st. The Committee respectfully recommends that the request of the Quarterly Conference of St. John's Independent Methodist Church for the loan of Rev. John S. Bowers as pastor of Clarke Memorial Church for the ensuing year be granted, said Quarterly Conference having agreed to comply with the law of the Church governing such supplies.

2nd. We recommend that the request of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College of Ohio (an institution recognized by the General Conference) for the loan of the Rev. J. H. Straghan as President of that institution for the ensuing year be granted.

3rd. - We recommend that the request of the Board of Home Missions for the loan of Rev. A. N. Ward as Superintendent of our work in Seattle, Washington, be granted.

We assure Rev. J. McL. Brown, who has communicated with us concerning the affliction that has prevented him from attending Conference, that he has our heartfelt sympathies and pray that he may speedily be restored to health and strength.

We extend to Rhode Island Avenue Church our thanks, and hereby express our grateful appreciation of the use of their beautiful and commodious building, the kind attentions of its pastor and its efficient and painstaking committee of arrangements, the generous hospitality of its membership and friends, the thoughtfulness and labors of its ladies in providing the excellent lunch for the convenience of the Conference. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Julian P. Dodge for placing a room in their home at the disposal of the Conference for the use of the Faculty of Instruction.

We thank the railroads that have given reduced fares to the Conference and its friends.

The thanks of this Conference are extended to Mr. A. B. Claxton, teller of the Washington Loan & Trust Company, for courtesies to our Board of Stewards.

We thank the newspapers who have given reports of the proceedings of our Conference.

H. S. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.C. E. McCULLOUGH, *Chairman*.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

We recommend that the request of Hanley Memorial Congregational Church at Monterey, Pennsylvania, for the loan of Rev. C. E. McCullough as pastor for the ensuing year be granted.

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

REPORT O

Of the Committee on Official Character

We have carefully examined the personal and financial reports of the pastors and their being no objection or charges made against any of them, we recommend the passage of official character of all the ministers of the Conference. We regret, however, to have called to our attention some things in the personal reports of the pastors. These things may be explained by them, but in any case they are not indicative of improvement or progress in our work.

There are eighty-eight pastors who say they have not secured any new subscriptions for the *Methodist Protestant*. This certainly means a lack of effort on the part of the pastors, or lamentable indifference to the Church paper on the part of the membership.

There are forty six pastors who have not appointed lady visitors to the Church Home. This indicates the sad lack of co-operation in behalf of this benevolent institution.

There are, we regret to say, still nine charges that neglect or refuse to incorporate their property.

We are gratified to report that eighty-nine charges have paid their assessment in full. Some have overpaid them, and are entitled to their place on the Honor Roll. This is an improvement over last year's record.

We recommend that Rule I, Section 12, under "Duties of Secretary," in the Manual, be amended as follows:—"and send blank personal reports to all ministers who are not pastors on which they state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year."

Resolved, That when the subscription of any subscriber to the *Methodist Protestant* expires, the agent in Baltimore, Rev. T. R. Woodford, be requested to notify the pastor so that he may induce the subscriber to renew his subscription.

We also recommend that C. S. Arnett and P. W. Crosby, be left without an appointment for one year at their request.

The following charges have a place on the Roll of Honor:

Accamac	East Baltimore	Lewes	Salisbury
Alexandria	Elizabeth	Liberty	Seaford
Alnutt Memorial	Entaw	Lisbon	Sharptown
Baltimore Circuit	Evergreen	Lynchburg	Snow Hill
Bedford	Federalsburg	Milton	South Baltimore
Bethany	Finksburg	Montgomery	Starr
Broadway	First Church	Mount Tabor	Stewartstown
Brooklyn	Frederick	Newark	St. James
Cannon	Georgetown, D. C.	Newmarket	St. John's (Canton)
Campbell	Georgetown, Del.	North Baltimore	St. Luke's
Centreville	Greenwood	North Carolina Ave.	St. Michael's
Chesapeake	Hampden	Oak Grove	Trinity
Chestertown	Harbeson	Oxford	Union Bridge
Christ Church	Howard	Parkley	Violetsville
Clinton Hill	Heathsville	Payson Street	Warwick
Concord	Jefferson	Pipe Creek	Wallace Memorial
Conquest	Kempton	Pittsville	Waltersville
Crisfield	Kennedyville	Powellville	Waverly
Cumberland	Lauraville	Prince George	West Baltimore
Cumberland Ct.	Laurel	Queen Anne	Westminster
Denton	Lawsonia	Rhode Island Ave.	West Wilmington
Dover	Leipsic	Salem	Wye
Easton	Leeds		

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT P

Education

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Education submits the following:

We have read with much interest the report from Western Maryland College, submitted by Vice President W. R. McDaniel, and most heartily commend the judicious and faithful service he has rendered during the absence of the President. His administration has been in every respect satisfactory and he and the College are to be congratulated upon the increase in the student roll.

We regret that the Endowment plan, inaugurated last Conference, was temporarily interrupted, and trust that conditions will favor an early and efficient resumption of special effort to provide for this needed fund.

We congratulate the Alumni Association on its splendid work for Endowment, and rejoice to report that it is hoped that \$10,000 will be raised by Commencement, 1907.

We devoutly and gratefully record our thanksgiving and joy that the Heavenly Father gave his protecting care to Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., the honored President of this institution, during his extended travel, and we trust that with renewed vigor of mind and body he may long continue to guide the affairs of the College he has served so well.

We congratulate the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary upon the excellent report herewith submitted, and especially invite our people to carefully read it. It is gratifying and encouraging to know that the student roll is the largest in the history of the institution. We feel to congratulate the Conference and the Church upon the steady increase in the number of our students at the Seminary, and upon the further fact that while new and strange doctrines have found their way into some of the schools of the prophets, our teachers have been true to the standards approved among us and have continued to assert the authority and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures, and to exalt the Incarnate Word, the Lord and Saviour of us all.

We express our gratification that the Endowment Fund of the Seminary has gone beyond the five thousand dollar mark, and that the permanent Scholarship Fund has received consideration and some substantial addition.

We congratulate the Board of Governors upon the enlarged building, which doubles the capacity of the Seminary; and we are rejoiced that five thousand dollars of the proposed Silver Jubilee Fund has been secured. It is interesting to know that 47 charges in the Maryland Conference have paid over \$3,000, and that there are 88 still to be visited. We again call upon our pastors and churches to co-operate with the Board of Governors and President Elderdice in the prosecution of their well-matured and promising plans.

We recognize the wisdom and expediency of raising the standard of the curriculum, and approve the plan proposed in the report of the Board of Governors.

We cannot close this report without some expression of our appreciation of the wise, painstaking and efficient services of Dr. H. L. Elderdice, the President of the Seminary. For ten years he has occupied this important and responsible office, and it is meet and our pleasant duty to say to our brother beloved, "Well done, good and faithful servant of the Church and of Him who walks among the Churches and who holdeth the stars in His right hand."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the usual assessment of \$1800 be laid upon the District.
2. We recommend that Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., be assigned as President of the Seminary.

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

It becomes my official duty to make to you some report of Western Maryland College for its fortieth year, which is now rapidly drawing to a close.

The first and most important event to chronicle in this connection is the absence of the President. Accepting the year's leave of absence granted him by the Board of Trustees for rest and recuperation after a twenty year period of service, he handed over the affairs of the College to the Vice President last June and will not resume his duties there until the close of the college year.

With the loyal support of patrons, faculty and students, the work of the college has gone on with regularity and possibly with as much success as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances. Naturally no new policies have been adopted; the aim being rather to conduct the management along well established lines that have brought the College to its present prosperity, and in the hope that the President returning to take up his work with renewed vigor, would find as little as possible of things omitted or things to be undone.

It is very gratifying to report that we have not only had a full attendance of students but have gone a little beyond the enrollment of the previous year, the total being 245 as against 233. But a better index of the strength of our patronage is the number of students who are boarding in the College, and here we find 197 for this year as against 192. One point in the student roll however deserves special mention. We have had 105 young ladies boarding in the College. 13 more than we have ever had before, crossing the hundred mark for the first time and coming very close to the limit of our accommodations. This gain is apparently offset by a deficiency on the part of the young men where we have only 92 instead of a 100. But it must be remembered that last June saw the graduation of 26 young men, the largest number we have ever graduated in any class, and this left a big gap to be filled. This much has been said about the attendance to point out the direction in which patronage needs most to be strengthened to you to whom we must ever look to direct the young people of the congregations and communities to our College.

In considering the financial outcome of the year, it is to be hoped that the administration has been sufficiently judicious and economical as to show some near approach to the balance sheets of other years, but it is to be noted that the cost of living has increased very decidedly in every particular while the schedule of College rates has not been correspondingly raised.

The matter of endowment was brought before you in a very prominent way in the President's report of last year and by the consequent action of your honorable body in setting apart one of your number for the special purpose of taking the field in that interest. We regret to say that the material addition to this important cause has not been what was certainly hoped for and probably expected. The work begun by your agent was brought to an unexpected close. With the consent and approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, he was transferred

to the Laurel Charge after the death of Brother Neepier. This gave him but five months in the College Endowment service. In this time he secured promises amounting to \$915.53, of which \$641.88 have been paid in.

The Endowment Fund as it had been accumulating from time to time has been deposited in the Westminster Savings Bank, but by order of the Board of Trustees, the greater part of it was invested last June by the Finance Committee in approved securities which yield a better rate of interest and give the fund a more permanent character. The \$5000 legacy of Miss Longwell reported last year, was paid over last October and was likewise invested by direction of the Finance Committee.

The Alumni Committee are still at work and hope to reach their ideal, \$10,000, by Commencement of this year.

Feeling confident of your deep and abiding interest in all that concerns the welfare of Western Maryland College this report is respectfully submitted.

W. R. MCDANIEL, *Vice President.*

OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Twenty-six years ago, while the Maryland Conference was in session, Dr. L. W. Bates offered a resolution whose aim was to provide a more thorough training of young men for the ministry. In harmony with that resolution, a committee—consisting of Dr. J. T. Murray, Rev. P. L. Wilson and Dr. Charles Billingslea—was appointed "to mature some plan by which Systematic Theology might be taught the graduates of Western Maryland College who were preparing for the ministry." One year later that Committee reported to the Maryland Conference, "recommending that a department of Theology be established in the College and a minister of the Conference be placed at the head of that department, to be styled the Principal of the School of Theology. The Conference adopted this recommendation and elected Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., as Principal, with instructions to enter at once upon his duties, so as to organize the course of instruction in September, 1882." But our fathers were building better than they knew. The scheme soon loomed up too large to be confined within a mere department of the College, and when the College Trustees met in May, 1882, the Principal of the School of Theology reported, "that it was impracticable to establish such a department," and upon his recommendation "it was resolved that an independent Theological institution should be organized." This was made possible by the generous act of the Board of Trustees who purchased and presented to the School of Theology a tract of land adjoining the College and offered to endorse a loan for the purpose of erecting a building thereon for the use of the School of Theology. The Principal accordingly proceeded to raise the funds necessary to erect the building and organized the institution and opened its exercises in September, 1882. At the session of the Conference of 1883 the Principal reported his work with the reasons for the change from the first design. He also recommended that the institution be incorporated under the name of The Westminster Theological Seminary. The Conference approved.

elected a Board of Governors and re-elected Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., to serve as Principal until the Board of Governors should be incorporated. The Board was incorporated by the Maryland Legislature at the January Session, 1884, and at their first meeting in May, 1884, elected Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of the Seminary, who served until 1886, when Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., was elected President. Dr. Ward died in March, 1897, and was succeeded by Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D.

When only two years old the Westminster Theological Seminary was presented by its mother—the Maryland Conference—to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. It is now owned and controlled by a Board of Governors, consisting of five ministers and five laymen, appointed as follows: Three ministers and two laymen elected by the Maryland Conference and two ministers and three laymen elected by the General Conference

We begin the celebration of our Silver Jubilee by reporting that the year about to close has been the most successful in the history of the institution. It has enrolled the largest number of students ever enrolled—33. It will graduate the largest class ever graduated—15. The student body is distributed by Conferences thus: Muskingum, 1; Indiana, 1; South Illinois, 1; Pittsburg, 1; New Jersey, 2; Texas, 2; West Virginia, 4; New York, 5; North Carolina, 5, and Maryland, 11—total 38. The Graduating Class: Indiana, 1; New York, 1; South Illinois, 1; Texas, 2; West Virginia, 2; North Carolina, 4, and Maryland, 4—total 15

The financial record is also highly gratifying. The Endowment Fund has been increased \$200, \$100 from Dr. G. T. Atkinson and \$100 from Dr. J. W. Hering, making this Fund \$5,098 41. The Scholarship Fund has lost some old friends but gained some new ones: Income from Trinity Church Scholarship \$120; income from Henrietta Gibson Scholarship \$42.32; Cash \$134.95; North Carolina Conference \$75; Rhode Island Avenue Church \$100; Alumni \$100; Cash \$100; Friends \$22.50; Professor Rowland Watts \$75; Mrs. E. J. Drinkhouse \$100; interest on \$400 deposited in Savings Bank \$14.50; Children of a Methodist Protestant minister \$100; a Lady Friend \$125; total \$1,209.27. Mrs. Jane Roop legacy of \$320 increased the Permanent Fund to a total of \$3,720.

Miss Harriet G. Bollinger, Mrs. G. W. Honey and the Chicago University have added about 150 volumes to the Library and Rev. E. T. Read has supplied the Reading Room with three monthly Magazines. The students and Faculty have added to the file about 25 weekly and monthly periodicals.

The following prizes have been offered for this year: Mrs. E. J. Drinkhouse, Debate; Dr. J. W. Hering, Hebrew; E. O. Grimes, New Testament Greek; J. Norman Wills, Thesis; Prof. C. E. Forlines, Theism; J. Bayley Bates, Historical Theology; Rev. C. L. Queen, Hymn and Scripture Reading.

The Course of Special Lectures has been up to the usual high order: Dr. F. T. Little, The Rewards of the Ministry; Rev. J. M. Holmes, The Harvest and the Harvesters; Rev. F. T. Benson, A. M., B. D., The Passion of Prayer; Rev. J. S. Bowers, Exhortation as a Power in Preaching; Rev. T. R. Woodford, A. M., True Greatness; Rev. Dr. D. L. Greenfield, John Huss—and A Pulpit Treatment of Heredity; Rev. E. T. Read, five lectures on The Influence of the Bible on the Literary World; Dr. Lyman E. Davis, Sharpsburg, Pa., Social Perils of Our Country and

Seven Lamps of the Happy Life; Prof. W. R. McDaniel, Western Maryland College, A Study by Starlight; Dr. C. D. Sinkinson, Atlantic City, N. J., Palestine and the Bible; Rev. S. F. Ackley, White Plains, N. Y., The Minister as a Pastor.

And now the Silver Jubilee Fund. Last May the Board of Governors, recognizing that the old building was not large enough to accommodate the constantly increasing number of students, ordered the erection of an additional building. This was reared last summer and makes the present building twice the original size. Every room is occupied and some of the rooms contain two students. Money has been secured to the amount of about \$5,000. Of this amount the Maryland Conference has contributed about \$3,000. The balance has come from other Conferences. The President of the Seminary expects to continue his visitation of the churches the coming vacation and hopes by the opening of school in September to have in hand \$2,000 more, which will complete the \$7,000 proposed as a Silver Jubilee Offering. During its short career, the Seminary has registered 206 students, graduated 104 and given more than 50% of its output to the Maryland Conference.

The Board of Governors hereby expresses its hearty appreciation of the loyal and liberal support of the ministers and laity of the Maryland District, without which it would have been impossible to erect the new building. To the Maryland Conference is due most of the credit for the success of the past years and the prosperity of the present, therefore the Board of Governors, feel that it is due this body to consult it with reference to any proposed radical change before entering upon it. Therefore, we report that it is in the mind of the Faculty and the Board of Governors to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary by raising the standard of the curriculum. A College graduate can now graduate in two years; it is proposed, beginning with next September, to require three years for his graduation, and four years for the student who now graduates in three years. Many reasons for the change could be named, but three will suffice: 1. This is in keeping with the best Theologic Seminars of other denominations and if we are to unite with at least two of them, it would seem as though our standard should be as high as that of the others. 2. We have a Faculty equipped for the most advanced training and there is no need of students going elsewhere for a higher education. 3. There is need of more time to master the course of study they now pursue. We are trying to cram into two years what really requires three. We would therefore be pleased to have an expression of opinion from the Conference as to whether the time is ripe for this change. We recommend: That Hugh L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year and that the usual appropriation of \$1,800 be laid upon the District.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. KINZER, *President.*

OF SPECIAL COLLECTOR SILVER JUBILEE FUND

The following contributions have been made to the Westminster Theological Seminary toward the \$7,000 Silver Jubilee Fund:

Mt. Tabor, \$63; Union Circuit, \$5; Baltimore Circuit, \$53.50; Finksburg, \$53; Salem, \$49.50; Alnutt Memorial, \$39.50; Trinity, \$15; West Baltimore, \$53.25; H.

L. Elderdice, \$100; Baker Chapel, \$50; J. W. Hering, Endowment Fund, \$100; Westminster, \$286; Daniel Baker, \$100; North Baltimore, \$98.50; J. D. Kinzer, \$100; East Baltimore, \$28; Dr. G. T. Atkinson, Endowment Fund, \$100; Crisfield, \$23.30; Joseph D. Baker, \$100; Buckeystown, \$1.0; Howard, \$121.41; Rhode Island Avenue, \$112.75; Pocomoke City, \$116.50; Frederick, \$100; Denton, \$93.55; Liberty, \$68.48; Lisbon, \$58.40; Starr, \$50; Eutaw, \$48; Lauraville, \$10; Heathsville, \$46.33; Deer Park, \$39; Fawn Grove, \$37.90; Kemptown, \$36.09; North Carolina Avenue, \$40.90; Christ Church, \$32.35; Susquehanna, \$63.19; Queen Anne, \$27; Dover and Leipsic, \$47; Cecil, \$56.15; Georgetown, D. C., \$19; Easton, \$18.60; Montgomery Circuit, \$15; St. John's Canton, \$13.51; Waltersville, \$14.47; Elizabeth, \$14; Wye, \$50; Lawsonia, \$11.50; F. J. Phillips, \$10; Mt. Nebo, \$10; Harpers Ferry, \$7.60; Mariners, \$8.35; Delta, \$4.55; St. Michaels, \$2.71; Clinton Hill, \$2.25.	
Total from Maryland Conference.....	\$3,084 40
Total from other Conferences.....	1,760 84

Grand Total..... 4,844 74

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. PHILLIPS, *Special Collector.*

OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

We herewith submit the report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society, as required by our charter:

The regular meetings were held, and the officers elected for the year. There have been no changes in our investments. The interest has been collected, and paid to the Seminary. The relations of the Society to the College are unchanged.

J. D. KINZER, *Treasurer.*

OF THE STEWARD ON EDUCATION

COLLEGE

Amount raised on assessments.....	\$1154 00
Last year.....	1274 00
Decrease.....	120 00
Amount raised on endowment.....	387 10

SEMINARY

Amount raised on assessment.....	1766 00
Last year.....	1935 00
Decrease.....	169 00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Amount received on assessment.....	572 00
Last year.....	561 00
Increase.....	11 00

E. P. PERRY, *Steward.*

REPORT Q

Missions

OF THE COMMITTEE

The official communications submitted to this Committee have been considered and are herewith appended, and the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and the Foreign Missionary Boards were given full opportunity to explain their plans and work.

The work of the Board of Home Missions is very gratifying. At Seattle a splendid church edifice and parsonage are being erected, and a large surplus from the sale of the old property remains as a fund for further expansion and development. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction that the pastor in charge, Rev. A. N. Ward, is a member of this Conference, and we assure him of our prayers for enlarging success in his distant field.

A most promising Mission has been started at Keokuk, Iowa, and all the Missions have been greatly helped by the labors of the Board's evangelist, Rev. W. H. Streitenberger, and promise large service to the communities where they are located.

Your Committee respectfully suggested to the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions the advisability of arranging to have a Children's Day Service to be held in the fall, in lieu of Easter, throughout the Maryland District, and the hope is entertained that this will be done, but in any event we appeal to all our pastors and charges to heartily support the Board in carrying out its plans. The attention of all who are interested is specially directed to the present plan of the Board governing donations and loans. In the case of donations the Board will grant the same amount each year for three years, then a reduction of 20% per annum will be made to the end of the fifth year when grants will cease, save in exceptional cases.

In the case of loans the Board will advance an amount for ten years without interest, but 10% of the principal must be paid to the Board annually to again be used in its work. We commend *The Home Missionary Bulletin* as the Board's medium of communication. It is published quarterly and is to be enlarged and improved. It is 25 cents per year.

The work of the Board of Foreign Missions in Japan is entering a period of marked success judged by latest reports. The Nagoya College has a much larger enrollment, and all indications point to an early increase to 400 if not 500 students, which will make the institution largely selfsupporting. Government recognition has not changed the religious character of the institution nor abridged the privileges formerly possessed in the matter of religious teaching and services save that they are not compulsory. The gain is that a far larger number of young men will be under the personal influence and teaching of our Missionaries and native Christian teachers, the majority of whom manifest now considerable interest in our religious work, thirty-five having accepted Christ last year.

Equally gratifying reports come from the Yokohama Night School, where promising young men in government positions and commercial houses are being

reached by our Mission agencies. The preaching places have multiplied, street preaching has been greatly blessed, the number of Japanese workers has increased, the spirit of revival has been much in evidence, and awakened zeal, consecration and service displayed by our Japanese members give an outlook there which is full of promise, and ought to inspire all our people with the spirit of liberality in far larger measure than heretofore.

The Board's treasury has been depleted by the extraordinary demands from Japan including, among other things, a well located lot for our church in Tokyo, a new building for the College at Nagoya, the addition to the Yokohama Night School and the removal of a Missionary home, and, of course, the success vouchsafed by God to our labors.

The Board is negotiating with Rev. E. H. VanDyke of this Conference to re-enter the Japan work in the summer or early fall, but this will, of course, call for special offerings from our people, and we urge all our pastors to rally to the aid of the Board whenever the call comes.

We heartily commend the faithful labors of the Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria Branches of the W. F. M. Society, and the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Home Missionary Society, and assure them of our hearty sympathy and support in their laudable efforts in behalf of the women and children of heathendom, and of the peoples in this land who have not been reached by the Gospel. We direct special attention to the law which requires pastors to encourage and assist in the organization of Auxiliary Societies in their charges.

We urge our pastors to acquaint themselves with the new Laymen's Missionary Movement which is arranging to have all Foreign Mission fields visited by groups of intelligent, capable, unbiased laymen of the various denominations to ascertain all the facts connected with the efficiency of Missionaries, the management, results and other features of the work, and publish their findings without fear or favor to the Protestant churches of Great Britain, Canada and the United States, and to secure large contributions from people of wealth to carry on Missionary operations commensurate with the church's ability, and its obligations as the custodian of the Gospel belonging to all peoples of the earth, and to prosecute this great work with the faith, plans, energy and self sacrifice which characterize the great enterprises in the secular world.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Assessments for Home Missions, and Foreign Missions be the same as last year.
2. That Rev. E. H. VanDyke be loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions.
3. That pastors be directed to carry out the disciplinary regulation concerning the organization of our Sunday Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies, and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.
4. That all our Sunday Schools be urged to special exertion this year in the interest of Children's Day for Foreign Missions to meet the urgent demands upon the Board's treasury.

F. C. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

We suggest that each recording secretary keep a roll of all members of the Society or Church who will voluntarily give one-tenth of their income to religious purposes, to be known as the Tenth Legion.

We recommend as the watch-word and inspiration to each Endeavorer, during this Conference year, "At least one soul for Christ."

W. H. LITSINGER, *Chairman.*

REPORT U

Of the Committee on Transportation

Your Committee respectfully reports that the very satisfactory Conference transportation arrangements of a year ago could not be made in connection with the present session. The Trunk Line Association will not permit the Card Order plan to become operative in more than one State at a time. The Certificate plan, decided upon as the regular method of granting excursion rates, while applying to one or more States at a time, is complicated, and was not deemed practicable by your committee. And, while not what we contended for, and has not fully met the situation, the Card Order plan, applying to Maryland only, seemed the best arrangement possible under the circumstances. We regret that more satisfactory arrangements could not have been made. The Committee's duty in the matter has been cheerfully performed.

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Chairman.*

REPORT V

Of the Committee on Church Enterprises

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Church Enterprises, having had no business referred to us, we have nothing to report.

D. W. ANSTINE, *Chairman.*

J. E. NICHOLSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT W

Of the Special Committee on Increase of Pastors' Salaries

Your Committee appointed to consider and advise concerning increase of pastors' salaries would submit the following report:

We have found it impracticable to interview each pastor and delegate as recommended by the paper referred to the Committee. We recognize the vital importance of proper pastoral support and while there has been some improvement in re-

cent years, we are of the opinion that the salaries of most of our charges are far inadequate to meet the necessary expenses of our pastors and their families. Almost every department of business life, appreciating the increased cost of living, has made liberal advances to its employees. In many instances this has been done voluntarily, but the churches, generally, in this respect, have not kept pace with the progress of the times. Salaries already far too meagre, have been made even smaller by present-day conditions. Something must be done and we believe the churches will do what they can when the matter is properly brought to their attention. The salary of every charge should be commensurate with the need of its pastor and the ability of the people.

We, therefore, most earnestly recommend that the Secretary of the Conference be directed to have printed the following letter and that same be sent by him, in care of the pastor, to the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference of each charge within the bounds of the Annual Conference, to be first read to each congregation.

We further recommend that this official communication be signed by the President and Secretary of the Annual Conference.

We also recommend that the letter be sent in time to reach the first Quarterly Conference of each charge.

The following is the letter recommended:

To The Quarterly Conference

.....Charge.

DEAR BRETHREN :

At the Maryland Annual Conference which convened in the Rhode Island Avenue M. P. Church, Washington, D. C., April 3rd, 1907, a resolution was adopted as follows:

"WHEREAS, The cost of living has greatly increased and the salaries of our ministers have not been correspondingly raised, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That F. T. Little, J. D. Kinzer, L. F. Warner, James Roberts, W. G. Baker and T. P. Fisher are hereby appointed a committee to consider and advise what amount of increase of salary each and every appointment in this Conference can justly make."

While recognizing the right of each Quarterly Conference to fix the pastor's salary, the Committee believe the churches generally will appreciate the situation of increased cost of living and will do what they can to secure better financial support for their pastors. And, particularly, do we believe, in this respect, that the churches will be glad to join in a concerted movement which is to include every charge in the Conference.

We, therefore, most earnestly suggest and recommend that the salary for your charge be increased for the present year at least twenty per cent. We sincerely trust this action of the Annual Conference will be received in the most kindly spirit. Our preachers need more money to meet the increased demands of the day and we believe the churches will earnestly and conscientiously endeavor to supply the need. A better paid ministry will always mean more effective service

Yours for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

L. F. WARNER, *Secretary.*

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Sympathy to Sick Brethren.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to express, by telegram, to Revs. J. W. Kirk, J. McL. Brown and J. M. Yingling the sincere sympathy of the Conference in their illness, and assure them of the good wishes and prayers of all here assembled.

F. C. KLEIN.
W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 2

Appreciation of Services of T. H. Lewis.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby reaffirms its appreciation of the brilliant services rendered by Dr. T. H. Lewis as our Commissioner in the Chicago Council for Church Union.

S. J. SMITH.
W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 3

Reimbursing President F. T. Little.

Resolved, That the expenses which were incurred by F. T. Little, the President, in connection with the Boyd case, amounting to \$25.00, be paid by the Secretary from the Conference collection.

F. C. KLEIN.
E. D. STONE.

Resolution 4

To Visit President of the United States.

Resolved, That the President of the Conference appoint a committee of three to wait upon the President of the United States to ascertain if it would be his pleasure to receive the Conference, and if so, at what time.

G. Q. BACCHUS.
T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 5

Amendment of Rule XXXI. of Manual.

Resolved, That Rule XXXI. be amended to read as follows: "The Conference shall be opened on the first day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn and prayer. On each day following there shall be held a devotional service lasting thirty minutes, beginning at 9:00 o'clock A. M."

F. C. KLEIN.
J. H. STRAUGHN.

Resolution 6

Commending President Little.

Resolved, That this Conference heartily endorses the wise and prudent course pursued by its President, Dr. F. T. Little, and his careful observance of every requirement of Church law, pertaining to the case of A. C. Boyd

J. W. TROUT.
S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

Resolution 7

A Request of T. H. Lewis.

Resolved, That Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., be requested to give a series of talks on his travels in the Holy Land at the next session of the Annual Conference, and that the President of the Conference name a Committee to arrange for the same.

T. O. CROUSE.
J. S. BOWERS.

Resolution 8

To Reimburse J. W. Hering.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be directed to pay from the Conference collection to J. W. Hering \$27.70, his expenses as our alternate Commissioner to the meeting at Pittsburg, Pa.

L. F. WARNER.
DANIEL BAKER.

Resolution 9

Fixing Date of Next Session.

Resolved, That the next session of the Conference be held on the first Wednesday in April, 1908.

R. S. ROWE.
W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 10

Amendment of Rule XXVII., Section 2, of Manual.

Resolved, That Rule XXVII., Section 2, be amended to read as follows: 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 the time and place for memorial services for the deceased shall be fixed.

T. O. CROUSE.

F. T. TAGG.

Resolution 11

To Increase Conference Assessment.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be instructed to increase the Conference Assessment from its present amount of \$481 to \$800; and

Resolved, That one-half of the amount collected, or whatever part of the one-half may be necessary, be appropriated to the church entertaining the Annual Conference, whenever said church shall certify through its Official Board that this sum is needed by it in furnishing entertainment.

T. H. LEWIS.

W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 12

Authorizing Church Extension Steward to Borrow Deficiency.

Resolved, That the Church Extension Steward be authorized to borrow the deficiency, which amounts, with interest, to Three Hundred and Eighty-nine Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents.

E. S. FOOKS.

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

Resolution 13

To Arrange Program for Next Session.

Resolved, That Rule I., Section 8, of the Rules of Order, be stricken out, and that the President appoint a Committee of three ministers and three laymen, who with himself as Chairman shall constitute a Program Committee. This Committee shall arrange for using the evenings of the Conference session in the most profitable way, and shall also recommend to the Conference any changes in the order of business that will save time and prevent confusion.

J. M. HOLMES.

DANIEL BAKER.

Resolution 14

International Arbitration and World-wide Peace.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby records its hearty approval of all wise and well-directed movements in behalf of International Arbitration and World-wide peace.

S. J. SMITH.

H. L. ELDERDICE.

Resolution 15

Instructions to Agent of President's Parsonage.

Resolved, That the Agent of the President's Parsonage, Mr. J. N. Gilbert, be directed to pay the balance in hand to Mr. T. A. Murray, Treasurer of the Superannuate Fund; and that the President of the Conference be authorized to inform the Agent of the President's Parsonage of this action; also

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Superannuate Fund Society be requested to accept payment hereafter on the mortgage in sums of \$500.

J. W. KIRK,

G. W. HADDAWAY.

Resolution 16

Felicitating Dr. S. B. Southerland.

Resolved, That the Conference rejoice with thankfulness in the presence at our annual session for the sixty-sixth time of our dearly beloved and venerable brother, Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D. May our Master continue to us the benediction of his presence, and bless his remaining years with peace.

F. T. LITTLE.

W. S. PHILLIPS.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuate Fund Society.

Washington, D. C., April 8, 1907.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference met on the above date at 11.15 A. M., in the Rhode Island Avenue M. P. Church, with Rev. H. S. Johnson, First Vice-president, in the chair.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks and appreciation was unanimously extended to Mr. Thomas A. Murray for his valuable services during the year.

The following resolution offered by Rev. J. D. Kinzer was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the funds of this Society for distribution be distributed quarterly instead of semi-annually, as at present, and that we discourage the distribution of such funds at any other time.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: First Vice-President, H. S. Johnson; Second Vice-President, D. W. Anstine; Third Vice-President, L. F. Warner; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, J. Bibb Mills; Treasurer, Thomas A. Murray.

Board of Managers: Rev. J. W. Kirk, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, J. Bibb Mills, Dr. E. B. Fenby, Vaughn Webster, Thomas A. Murray.

There being no further business, upon motion, we adjourned.

J. BIBB MILLS, *Recording Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, APRIL 1906-1907.

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuate Fund Society.

Investment Account

DR.

To Balance as per last Report.....		\$ 599 07
To amount from Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Steward.....	\$ 666 15	
To amount from sale Baltimore & Annapolis R. R. Stock.	7400 00	
To amount from redemption of Ground-Rent	1123 00	
To amount from Estate of Jane H. Rupp.....	400 00	
To amount bonus on exchange of Bonds.....	22 50	
		9610 65
		10209 72

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By amount invested as approved by Board.....	10209 28	
By Balance to credit of Investment Account.....	44	
	<u> </u>	10209 72

Distribution Account

DR.

To Income on Investments collected	\$ 5011 80	
To Interest received on Deposits.....	64 49	
	<u> </u>	\$ 5076 29
To Conference Assessments received.....		501 00
		<u> </u>
		5577 29

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By Taxes on Securities for 1907.....	60 14	
By rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5 00	
By expenses for collections etc.....	75 00	
	<u> </u>	140 14
By amounts previously remitted to Steward for distribution to Superannuates.....	2130 25	
By Check herewith to Steward.....	3306 90	
	<u> </u>	5437 15
		<u> </u>
		5577 29

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, as per above Report, and the income from all the Property and securities of the Society fully accounted for; and we have also examined the securities of the Society and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

G. W. HADDAWAY,
EDWIN B. FENBY,
Auditing Committee.

Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society met Friday at 10:00 a. m., Rev. J. M. Gill, in the chair. The Treasurer's report was read by the secretary and was adopted. Dr. E. B. Fenby and Rev. T. O. Crouse were appointed to audit the Treasurer's report. The report was found to be correct.

The resolution offered by Rev. G. Q. Bacchus and Charles W. Simpson, authorizing the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society to transfer the deed of Broadway Church back to the Church, as the Church had met all of its obligations, was adopted.

The following officers were elected :—President, J. M. Gill; 1st Vice-President, J. L. Straughn; 2nd Vice-President, J. W. Trout; Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett; Secretary, F. A. Holland; Board of Managers: Ministers, J. D. Kinzer, J. S. Bowers, F. T. Tagg, F. C. Klein; Laymen, N. T. Meginnis, T. Harry Bartlett, W. W. Smith, J. N. Gilbert.

Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

By reference to the report of the Committee on Church Extension at the last Conference, it will be seen that this Board was authorized to issue to charges receiving aid from this Society blank forms upon which such information as the Board should desire could be given. Said blanks to be filled out and returned in October and March. This has been done. Our request has met with universal acceptance by the charges. The large amount of information thus secured forms the basis of our recommendations to the Committee on Church Extension herewith submitted.

The Board has found it no easy task to secure and tabulate this large amount of useful information, yet we have by numerous meetings and much correspondence been able to present for the use of the Committee a full and accurate statement of the condition of the various charges receiving aid. We exceeded somewhat the authority given us at the last Conference in that we requested all charges seeking aid to state to our Board on the above mentioned blanks the requisite information.

We did this not arbitrarily, but in the spirit of the Conference action. The information we have received reveals the fact that the property of some of the charges is not insured, and that some of the Boards of Trustees are not incorporated.

We have not failed to give careful attention to the charges in and around Baltimore, and we are gratified to state that in the majority of cases conditions are hopeful.

Broadway, after years of struggle, by heroic effort, has, with some assistance, entirely cancelled her long standing debt.

Keen Memorial deserves commendation. Religious fervor is mingled with commendable zeal for the material interests of the church.

Lauraville has succeeded in building a commodious church building, and with a growing Sunday School and congregation the outlook is bright.

Fairview at the last Conference was placed in the hands of the Board to be managed according to its best judgment. The charge was supplied by two pastors for six or eight months. These abandoned the work, discouraged. A Committee of the Board visited the field and found the few members disheartened. An appeal was made to us by representatives of another denomination who wished to purchase the property. This was submitted to the members, and their assent was obtained, provided, that they would still have the privilege of worshipping there. With this understanding the matter was committed to our attorney for negotiation. We desire it to be understood that in our work we have no desire to supercede the Com-

mittee on Church Extension of this Conference, but have only sought to obtain and furnish information which will be valuable in coming to wise conclusions.

With this in view we have studied every case, and while we do not feel that our conclusions are final, we venture to submit to the Committee herewith our report in reference to appropriations.

RECOMMENATIONS

1. We recommend that the \$100 appropriated to Canton last year be paid to the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, to be used according to its best judgment.

2. We recommend that in view of the fact that this Board advanced to Bethany Church \$62.40 out of the invested fund to relieve its emergency in the ground rent, that the Committee be authorized to reimburse this Board out of money collected this year.

3. We recommend that the Conference reiterate its resolution of last year in reference to the incorporation of churches, and refuse to appropriate money where property is not properly insured.

4. We recommend that whenever the funds of the Society at Conference are not sufficient to pay the appropriations, the Treasurer of the Society be authorized to borrow the necessary amount, and pay the same to the Steward for distribution.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

1906

Receipts

June 12, from Rev. J. A. Wright	\$26 00
Aug 20, from Rev. J. E. Massey	14 00
Oct. 10, from Rev. L. F. Warner	79 00
Oct. 23, from Rev. H. F. Wright	26 00
Nov. 1, from Rev. J. McL. Brown	20 00
Nov. 1, from Rev. C. M. Compher	18 00
Nov. 8, from Rev. J. H. S. Ewell	26 00
Nov. 12, from Mr. H. T. Mason, for Parksley	32 00
Dec. 1, from Rev. W. S. Phillips	42 00
Dec. 31, from Rev. F. D. Reynolds	9 00
1907	
Jan. 11, from Rev. W. S. Hanks	40 00
Jan. 11, from Rev. H. L. Schlincke	32 00
Jan. 21, from Rev. A. W. Mather	16 00
Jan. 21, from Rev. J. F. Bryan	21 00
Feb. 26, from Rev. J. B. Jones	26 00
Feb. 27, from Rev. G. W. Haddaway	91 00
Feb. 27, from Rev. J. W. Kirk	91 00
Mch. 4, from Rev. W. L. Hoffman	9 00
Mch. 4, from Rev. J. D. Kinzer	61 00
Mch. 7, from Rev. F. C. Klein	44 00
Mch. 7, from Rev. A. H. Green	42 00
Mch. 7, from Rev. J. W. Balderston	79 00
Mch. 11, from Rev. C. M. Cullum	26 00

Mch. 13, from Rev. W. B. Judefind.....	35 00	
Mch. 19, from Rev. F. S. Cain.....	26 00	
Mch. 19, from Rev. E. T. Read.....	25 00	
Mch. 26, from Rev. S. J. Smith.....	35 00	
Mch. 26, from Rev. E. S. Fooks.....	35 00	
Total from charges.....		\$1027 00

1907		
April 3, Interest on deposits	\$16 25	
Interest on loan to St. Lukes Church	7 00	
		\$ 23 25

Disbursements

1906		
Sept. 24, to Lucas Bros., stationary, etc	\$30 00	
1907		
Feb. 18, to Rev. L. B. Smith, appropriation to Lauraville.....	300 00	
Mch. 2, to Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, on Broadway Church debt	250 00	
Mch. 6, to Rev. J. McLain Brown, appropriation to Keen Memorial.....	100 00	
Mch. 23, to Rev. S. W. Coe, appropriation to Eutaw.....	200 00	
Total		\$ 880 00
1907		
Apr. 4, Check to Rev. E. S. Fooks, Conference Steward		\$ 147 00
		\$1027 00
1906		
Oct. 15, Loaned to the Trustees of St. Lukes, amount of appropriation (advanced)		\$350 00
1907		
Mch. 2, Loaned to Bethany, Ground Rent.....		62 50
Total		\$412 50

Bank Account—Maryland Savinks Bank

1906		
April 1, To balance.....	\$656 80	
1907		
April 3, Interest on deposits.....	16 25	
Interest on loan to St. Lukes.	7 00	
		\$680 05
Loans due		412 50
April 3, Balance.....		\$267 55

T. HARRY BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8, 1907.

We have carefully audited the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

EDWIN B. FENBY,

THOS. O. CROUSE,

Auditing Committee.

The Mutual Relief Association

The Mutual Relief Association met in annual session at Washington, D. C., April 9, 1907, Rev. J. E. Nicholson, First Vice President, in the Chair. The Secretary called the roll. The secretary-treasurer read his report. J. T. Lassell and S. B. Tredway were appointed to audit the report, and reported that they had found it correct.

The report was adopted.

The following officers were elected: First Vice-President, J. E. Nicholson; Second Vice-President, W. M. Strayer; Third Vice-President, S. W. Coe; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Weigand.

G. J. Hill was appointed to solicit names for new members.

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the year ending April 3, 1907.

Amount on hand from 17th advance case	\$132 00	
Amount on hand from 18th advance case	125 00	
Amount on hand from 16th advance case	127 00	
Amount on hand from 20th advance case	126 00	
		\$510 00
Expense of collecting 18th advance case	4 50	
Expense of collecting 19th advance case	4 50	
Expense of collecting 20th advance case	4 50	
Expense of collecting 21st advance case	4 50	
		510 00
(Paid out of Investment Fund).....	18 00	
Paid heirs of Mrs. Mary R. Nichols	132 00	
Paid Mrs. W. J. Neepier	125 00	
Paid S. B. Southerland	127 00	
Paid J. D. Kinzer.....	126 00	
		125 00
Collected on 21st advance case and deposited in the National State Bank, Newark, N. J.....		125 00
Amount of Invested Fund in Westminster Saving Bank, April 11, 1906	45 90	
Amount paid out of Investment Fund	18 00	
		27 90
Balance Investment Fund deposited in Westminster Savings Bank		27 90

4 members deceased and 3 lapsed during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

We have audited this Report and find it correct.

S. B. TREDWAY,

J. T. LASSELL,

Auditing Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEAD ROLL.

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered- Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays.....	.....	1830	1831
William Bamber .....	.....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs.....	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson.....	.....	1829	1834
William Kesley .....	.....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger.....	.....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh.....	.....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.....	.....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux.....	.....	1833	1844
William W. Ball.....	.....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley.....	.....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood.....	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster.....	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese.....	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier.....	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson.....	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins.....	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.....	1790	1829	1955
Francis George Wright.....	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway.....	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright.....	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby.....	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell.....	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden.....	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton.....	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd.....	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin.....	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside.....	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle.....	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.....	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess.....	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson.....	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox.....	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole.....	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers.....	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan.....	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe.....	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice.....	1814	1838	1874
John Roberts.....	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards.....	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.....	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.....	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Vallant.....	1852	1870	1877

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
William C. Ames, D. D. S.....	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read.....	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan.....	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb.....	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore.....	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert.....	1851	1873	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins.....	1809	1865	1881
Thomas Lee.....	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson.....	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick.....	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell.....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice.....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray.....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon.....	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden.....	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker.....	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton.....	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm.....	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.....	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston.....	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson.....	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith.....	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.....	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson.....	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson.....	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman.....	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood.....	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant.....	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.....	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.....	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.....	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.....	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton.....	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn.....	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson.....	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols.....	1815	1838	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.....	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris.....	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.....	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist.....	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis.....	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter.....	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.....	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith.....	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day.....	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes.....	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.....	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd.....	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve.....	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.....	1834	1850	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.....	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.....	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.....	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.....	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick.....	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton.....	1820	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.....	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond.....	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston.....	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse.....	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.....	1826	1845	1906
William John Neeper.....	1848	1871	1906

OBITUARIES.

Rev. William John Neepier

W. J. Neepier was born in Baltimore, January 4, 1848, was stricken with paralysis July 11, and died in Laurel, Del., August 7, 1906.

He was converted to God at Broadway under the ministry of Rev. Peter Light Wilson in 1869 or 1870. His religious character and abilities inspired such confidence in the hearts of his brethren that he was soon licensed to preach and he went out from Broadway Church in 1871, to give thirty-five years of his life to the ministry of the gospel of Christ, and after his work was all done, his body was taken back to the same old church and his eulogy was pronounced by the friend of his boyhood, Rev. F. T. Little, D. D. His life speaks for itself. He served the churches on Talbot, Jefferson, Pocomoke, Snow Hill, Williamsport, Dorchester, Chestertown, Liberty, North Carolina Avenue, superannuated one year, Oxford, Somerset, Trinity, St. Luke's, Hampden, Laurel.

A man who could fill all these appointments in the Maryland Conference had to possess ability, character and consecration, and Brother Neepier possessed these elements of success.

One of his peculiarities was a habit of quiet, persistent, careful work. Nothing was done in a hurry, nor in a sudden or extreme effort, but all his work was with order and system, but it never stopped. Whatever he gained for the church, he kept, and he generally gained so that he always left his work better than he found it and he left no difficulties of his making for his successors to overcome. He was a plain, earnest, forceful preacher. A faithful pastor and a safe counsellor when he had given time and thought to any subject presented to him for his advice.

He was a man of clean habits, pure language and seemed to always realize the sacredness of his calling and the importance of being an example to the flock of God. His conduct never injured the church in the neighborhood where he lived, but in every community he was regarded as a Christian gentleman, worthy of the position he occupied. He was successful in winning sinners to Christ, strengthening the Christian character of the membership and generally improving all the conditions of his charge.

In 1875 he was married to Miss Annie Boyer, who has been to him a helpmeet indeed, and whose devotion to duty and quiet sacrifices largely contributed to the success of his life work. She, with her two children, Miss Fannie B., and Mr.

Henry W. Neepier, have a memory of the past and a hope for the future woven into his life which will be a consolation and an inspiration till they meet again in the future life which the gospel reveals. The church at large has lost a man who could always be depended on, and the Conference a member who was always faithful, true and successful in his Master's work. His death cast a deep gloom over the community in Laurel, where he commanded the respect of all who knew him, and especially over the church which he had served so faithfully for three years. We wondered why he died so young; but there is work to do somewhere else and God knew He could trust W. J. Neepier with a more important appointment than the Maryland Conference could give him.

J. M. HOLMES, J. H. ELLIOTT,
 A. A. HARRYMAN, W. T. COULBOURN,
 C. S. ARNETT, I. S. CROWTHER,
 D. W. ANSTINE, C. W. SIMPSON.

Mrs. J. K. Nichols

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in full age,
 Like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

On the 24th of June, 1906, our dear sister and mother in Israel, Mrs. Mary Riner Nichols, fell asleep in Jesus at the advanced age of 84 years, 7 months and 2 days.

She was born at Linganore, Frederick County, Md., of Capt. George Riner, a captain in the war of 1812, and his wife Abigail Jones, and although her parents were members of the Reformed Church, when the Central Methodist Protestant Church was built near to their home, the children went there to Sunday School and afterward became members of that church, and there for years she was closely identified with church work.

In 1855 she was married to Rev. J. K. Nichols, D. D., by the Rev. Josiah Varden. Thus entering the itinerancy and upon a wider sphere of influence, and during all the 25 years of itinerant labors and joys, proving her eminent fitness for the responsible position of a minister's wife, to which in the providence of God she had been called.

After thus itinerating for a quarter of a century, her husband superannuated and moved to Johnsville, Frederick County, Md., where they lived happily until the death of him, who for 40 years had walked by her side, and then left her to walk alone; "no not alone" for "the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow" continued to walk with her for eleven more years, and then took her to the gloryland, the land of blessed reunion and fellowship with the loved ones gone before.

Her loneliness of widowhood was also lessened by the companionship of two lovely and loving daughters and a devoted son-in-law, who tenderly cared for her

in her declining years, and from whose home she passed quietly and peacefully into the sweet rest of Heaven. On Thursday before she died she was down stairs and seemed to enjoy very much a visit from her pastor, Rev. Mr. Cullum, and his wife, and on Saturday, when her elder daughter came home after the closing of her school in Baltimore, "it seemed as if that home coming was all that was needed to quiet the tired brain and body, and she gradually grew weaker and fainter until on Sunday morning she sank to rest as peacefully as a little child going to sleep."

Rev. W. D. Litsinger writes :

"She was one of the loveliest Christian characters I ever knew, so gentle and good. One of her chief pleasures was to do what she could for the comfort and pleasure of others. She was of an attractive personality and it was a genuine pleasure to be in her company. If it is true of anyone, it is true of her, that 'none knew her but to love.'"

Rev. C. M. Cullum says :

"As a wife, she was a true 'helpmeet' for her husband, and served the Conference and the church in the days of struggle and toil, when it meant sacrifice to be a minister's wife."

As a mother, she was self-sacrificing, devoted, loving and was to her children all that sweet word mother means. As a Christian, she was faithful and untiring in her devotion to Christ and the church. A short time before her death she said to me, "that she had abiding faith in God, that all was well with her, and she would welcome the summons of her departure as a home-going child of her Lord."

The sweetness of her disposition, the loveliness of her character, the beauty and usefulness of her life, her fidelity to Christ and the church, her devotion to her husband and children, the length of years with which she was crowned, the calmness and peacefulness of her "homegoing" on that holy Sabbath morn, when she ceased to live on earth and began to live in heaven, are one and all a precious memory and priceless heritage to her family and loved ones.

She was buried from her home church, the church of her childhood, her pastor officiating, assisted by Rev. B. F. Ruley, and in the adjoining cemetery by the side of her sainted husband, loved ones laid her to rest until the resurrection morn.

All honor to the good woman who shares the toils of a faithful minister of Christ, and fills the responsible position with fidelity. Her name is worthy of enrollment on the scroll of fame, and is enrolled in the list of worthies whose names are written in Heaven.

J. L. MILLS,	C. M. CULLUM,
W. D. LITSINGER.	WM. G. BAKER, SR.,
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Mrs. S. B. Southerland

A quiet, beautiful Christian life. Eighty-four years of faithful devotion to duty, to her family, and to Christ. A gentle fading out of this life into the life of God and a memory that will abide with her friends as an inspiration and a comfort compose the earthly history of Mrs. Margaret Kemp Southerland, wife of the Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D. Her bereaved husband pays this last eloquent tribute to her precious memory :

"She was the daughter of Daniel and Mary Claypole Collins, was born in Kent County, Md., September 18, 1822, died in Baltimore, December 18, 1906. Her father was one of the founders of the Methodist Protestant Church in Kent County, and was a popular merchant and so generally regarded in the community as a man of God that his presence and prayers were often requested in the sick-room. His daughter, Margaret, was early religiously impressed, and at a meeting in her father's church in Chestertown, overcoming her extreme modesty and natural reserve, arose in the midst of a crowded congregation, knelt at the altar, offered earnest prayer for salvation and she found it. Then, rising in rapture, she urged the unconverted to come to Christ. Her father, surprised and delighted, exclaimed, 'Nothing but the power of God could enable her to do that!' The inspiration of that happy event in her life continued as long as she lived.

"We were married in 1842, and she began her experience in the itinerancy. After serving a number of charges, at the request of a church in Charlestown, S. C., our denomination, I was sent to it as pastor. We were well taken care of there. I was happy until the war between the States began to rage. My congregation was scattered, and I accepted an offer of a secular position to supplement our diminished pay from the church. Two of our youngest children fell sick with the scarlet fever, and that contagious disease isolated us. One night through toils and trials of the preceding day, watching and waiting upon the sick children I fell asleep from physical exhaustion, but, delicate woman that she was, my wife was stronger than myself—there was neither sleep nor exhaustion for her. Her mother's love kept her wide awake and she was all alone; no, not all alone, God was with her. She told me afterwards that she never had been so conscious of the nearness of God to her as during that dreary and awful night. After the burial of the dead child our eyes were naturally turned toward Maryland, and a promise being made to me of a position in Richmond, and as Richmond was on the way to Maryland, we went there. And then began hardships and trials such as we had never known. The promise of a position was not kept and as we had no church in Richmond the best thing I could do for our support was to secure a hospital chaplaincy. That gave us very small and uncertain compensation. The prospect before us was exceedingly dark. I weakened some times, but she never did. Notwithstanding her great drudgery her trust in God was implicit and constant, and her courage growing out of it was actually sublime. I never knew till then what a rich dowry she had brought to me at the marriage altar. Her trust was rewarded after more than a year of that severe experience in Richmond. Divine Providence opened a way for our return to Mary-

land and there I resumed my Gospel ministry. After some years, as we were growing old together, came my superannuation.

"She was never directly active in church work, but indirectly she was by sustaining me, and whatever success I had no small part of the credit was due to her. She encouraged me, and her influence was with me in my best pulpit efforts and also in my pastoral engagements.

"She was well preserved for her years. She stood perfectly upright, and walked with a sure and steady step. This continued until by repeated accidents she was disabled and forced to take to her bed, and for nearly two years was a great sufferer, until the end came. She never lost her consciousness, but had entire command of her mental faculties to the last moment of her life. And without a struggle or even a soft sigh she looked into the faces of her loving watchers and breathed her soul away to God."

One who loved her says: "I have known her and been closely related to her for twenty-seven years and have never heard her speak one unkind word to or about anyone, nor manifest anything but a sweet Christian spirit toward her family and all others."

Another declares: "It was my privilege to meet her in her home frequently. Her character was marked by mildness, gentleness and modest reserve. In times of a personal affliction and when a desolating bereavement came to her home she evidenced a tranquil submissiveness and hope that testified strongly for the depths of her faith in God. Her piety partook of the general temperament of her nature. It was firm but undemonstrative; confiding, but modest. At times she revealed a depth of religious feeling and interest that was a surprise and a delight to those who did not know the fullness of her spiritual life."

Hidden in the sweet privacy of her own home, she bloomed as a violet in the shade and sweetened her own surroundings with her pure life and Christly spirit. She was the wife of a public man, but her mission was not to the public. Her home was her temple where she offered her best sacrifice of loving service and her field of labor where she exercised all her powers for the glory of God in the welfare of those she loved. She was the mother of nine children, five of whom she left here and the other four were there when she arrived. Her death was as quiet and peaceful as her life, and as her children stood around her they saw her pass into rest as sweetly as the twilight sinks into the night, but in her case it was the early dawn brightening into eternal day. They exclaimed, "Oh, she is gone!" and her husband replied, "She has gone to God."

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. J. D. Kinzer

After a long and painful illness, which culminated in a night of unspeakable anguish and suffering the immortal spirit of Mary Elizabeth Kinzer, beloved wife of our friend and brother, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., was released from the bondage of the flesh and entered into heavenly rest, January 9, 1907, in the sixty-seventh year of her age. Her departure left desolate a home long occupied by her and much beloved, and a loving husband all alone to tread its halls deserted.

She was born of honorable and pious parents, Absalom W. and Mary Louisa Sparks, in Chestertown, Kent County, Md. During the pastorate of our lamented J. T. Murray, D. D., she was born into the Kingdom of God and joined the Methodist Protestant Church in Chestertown. From the years of her young womanhood to the hour of her departure, the light of the glory of God was in her heart. Thirty-nine years ago she gave herself in marriage to our bereaved brother, and consecrated her life to the varied duties of itinerant toil in the Maryland Annual Conference. She joined the noble company of elect women who without murmuring, have borne the strain of toil, the fret of care. She carried into her home a healthy optimism, which was inspiring, a graceful and quiet dignity which was restful. She joined in the desire of her husband to make the home-life beautiful by the grace of hospitality and many from her board have gone to give her praise.

Her memory is the shrine of pleasing thoughts, soft as the scent of flowers. She has gone from those who loved her. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for death is vanquished—swallowed up in victory.

Dr. Fenby writes: "As I attended Mrs. Kinzer in her last illness, I had an opportunity of observing some of her characteristics. She was cheerful in suffering, always hopeful, and never intimated that she might not recover. She was always satisfied that the best things possible were being done for her. Dr. Kinzer was all kindness and very attentive to her. She always wanted him near her and was somewhat restless when she knew he was out of the house. She bore her long sickness with fortitude and patience. It was remarkable how little she complained. She often spoke of prayer, and her Bible was frequently seen by her side. She gave an example to those around her of patient endurance."

Brother S. P. Gordy writes: "While at Pocomoke City as the loving and faithful wife of our greatly beloved pastor, Dr. Kinzer, she was prevented from mingling freely in the social life of the church by her impaired health, but her rare qualities of mind and heart, her bright and cheerful disposition, won and held many warm friends.

"Although unable to visit our people as she desired to do, yet she was always delighted to receive them at the parsonage, where they were blessed by her uniform and cordial Christian greeting.

"She was a faithful friend and the people on this charge held her in profoundest respect and warmest affection.

"We loved her in life, and now that she has slipped out from the afflicted body to awaken in that land where there is 'no more sickness, sorrow, pain nor death,' we cherish her sainted memory and the blessed hope of meeting her again."

Dr. J. W. Hering writes: "Mrs. Kinzer was a true Christian woman, amiable in her disposition and quiet in her manner, always evincing a deep interest in the work of her husband, and in the welfare of the church.

"During most of her life, she was in feeble health, and was, in consequence, cut off from active work in the church, which under other conditions she would have delighted to do. She was patient under her sufferings and bore with remarkable cheerfulness her afflictions. Her faith in God and love for her Saviour were strong and abiding, and her life was a beautiful example of quiet and trustful submission to the will of her Heavenly Father.

"Her husband and others who are grieved on account of her death, may be comforted in recalling her consistent Christian life, and in the assurance that she has gone to 'ever be with the Lord.'"

Rev. F. T. Benson writes: "Sister Kinzer was one of the most beautiful examples of cheerfulness, under suffering, it has ever been my privilege to behold. Throughout her married life, and before, she was rarely, if ever, well; and yet, such was the wealth of sunshine in her soul, that she had a smile for everyone. She kept her suffering to herself, and gave her joy to the world. For this reason she was always a treasured companion of the young to the very end of her days.

"The source of this cheerfulness was not far to seek. Sister Kinzer had a child-like and yet profound faith in the goodness of her Heavenly Father. Even when she could not understand, she refused to question. The influence of such a life must live forever."

Rev. G. W. Haddaway writes: "I can never forget the encouraging and helpful influence infused into my life by this godly woman and at a time when most needed—a young and inexperienced man, just out of school. The associations of the Kinzer home at that time have meant more to me in my ministerial career than I can tell.

"I always found Mrs. Kinzer kind and gentle to a marked degree; remarkably patient notwithstanding the fact that she never enjoyed robust health; especially interested in the welfare of the young ministers of the Conference; rare in Christian charity and love, ever ready to help the needy and never heard to utter an unkind expression of any one. She was an ideal wife as well as a consistent Christian.

"Mrs. Kinzer will be sadly missed by her many friends. The loss to the church and the home on account of her departure will be keenly felt by those who knew her. But her absence will not be so keenly felt by any, as by her more than devoted husband. We sorrow today, but eternal bliss is enjoyed by our sister now. She is free from all her suffering, which was intense before she passed away."

"Where she hath gone—
No evening shadows linger cold and gray,
No winds of winter chill the summer day,
A fadeless springtime blooms upon the way,
Where she hath gone."

"Where she hath gone—
Her saintly presence blesses mansions fair,
Glory gleams about her head so dear,
One day our souls may find sweet rest up there,
Where she hath gone."

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., assisted by a number of the ministers of the Maryland Conference, were held in the East Baltimore parsonage. Many loving friends of the ministry and laity crowded the home to do honor to her memory. Her remains were taken to Westminster and tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery, near by, to await the trumpet of God which calleth never more to die.

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Mrs. T. H. Wright

Mrs. Thomas H. Wright was born in York County, Pa., August 24, 1834, married April 18, 1860, died at Stevensville, Md., January 29, 1907, and was buried three days later at Fawn Grove, Pa., Rev. S. B. Tredway, D. D., officiating at the funeral, which was largely attended by loving relatives and friends.

When woman enters the hymenial relation, she assumes great and far-reaching responsibilities, which will demand wisdom, patience and fortitude. This relation involves trial, sacrifice and suffering which will call for all the gentleness, firmness, tact and self-control she can command, but when this responsibility is wisely met, "her children arise up to call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her"

Sister Wright gave herself to the Lord before she gave herself to her husband, and therefore carried into the marriage relation the sanctifying influence of the grace of God. Under the impulses of that grace, she made a home for her husband and children, in which gentleness, meekness, kindness and affection dominated. She demonstrated early the elements of making a model home, and found it a place to bring the positive side of her life into activity and usefulness, by rearing her household in the fear of God. When she was married she had no thought of becoming an itinerant's wife, with all its changes, hardships and perplexities. When in the providence of God her husband was called into that work, she acquiesced without reserve or complaint, and gave up the home which love had made, to go she knew not where, and to endure she knew not what. But with all the conditions involved in an itinerant life, with her eyes open to its hardships and sacrifices, she was cheerfully, cordially, ready and willing to follow her husband in the ministry. And beautifully she met all its requirements. Domestic in tastes and habits, she mingled freely with the people on her husband's charge. Quiet and modest in demeanor, she was sweetly congenial and companionable at every fireside. Frail and small of stature, she braved every condition that duty required her to meet. Her home, was orderly and well kept, offered a generous welcome and hospitality to any worthy visitor, and when no one else was present, it was yet a delightful retreat,

which affection made pleasing to the honored husband, in whose considerate and devoted attachment she placed her supreme and abiding confidence.

In her religious life, she was quiet and undemonstrative, but she engaged in church work with industry and unflagging interest. She was so quiet and unobtrusive that her presence was often hardly observed, yet in the end it was found she had taken her full share and done her full part.

Brother Gent says: "During an acquaintance of a number of years, she endeared herself to us by her calm, gentle, unobtrusive, yet dignified bearing, 'The adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price' was always conspicuously displayed in her life. Said a lady to me recently: 'My feelings toward that dear little woman were always those of the greatest friendship and love: she seemed always so kind and motherly, and ready to help the weak in such a loving way to look on the bright side of life, and one who would draw you to her.' The fragrance of her memory will linger while life lasts."

Brother Bowen says: "I knew her as a Christian lady. No person could come into contact with her without discovering that she was a devout Christian - all that any one could wish as a friend, wife or mother"

Brother Webb writes: "I have known her for many years and always found her to live the life she professed, an unassuming but sincere Christian. She was given to hospitality, and friends enjoyed the warm welcome of her home. Anything she could do for her family or her neighbors, she thought no trouble."

Brother Litsinger says: "My acquaintance of thirty years with Sister Wright enables me to say she was a true woman in the highest and best sense. Consecrated to God, her highest aim was to glorify Him and to do what she could for the comfort and happiness of those about her. She was gentle, patient and unassuming. During my visits to her at the hospital, she always seemed cheerful and it was beautiful and inspiring to see with what simplicity and childlike confidence she leaned on the Everlasting Arms."

During her long sickness and hospital experience, she surprised all who saw her with her calm, uncomplaining and submissive spirit. She was tired, and said so, but it was the struggle with pain and suffering that wearied her. She was ready to die, in the faith of the gospel. She left no "last word" that was deemed specially comforting, but behind it all was a life well lived, and a consciousness of duty well done. The message of a true life is far more assuring than the last utterances that may tremble on lips parched with fever.

"Death cannot come untimely to one who is fit to die."

A true wife, a wise mother, a sincere friend, a devout Christian, she has gone

"From the dust of the weary highway,
From the smart of sorrow's rod,
Into the Royal Presence,
To be the guest of God."

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THE SERMON

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, THE HIGHEST CALLING.

BY REV. S. J. SMITH, D. D.

Romans xi., 13.—I magnify mine office. *R. V.*—I glorify my ministry.

I am aware that this congregation is composed of both ministers and laymen. I feel under obligation to keep this fact in mind. While you may suspect that in my remarks I shall have the ministry principally in view, I trust I shall not forget the brethren and sisters of the laity. For these wait on our ministering and help to make our ministrations fruitful.

Many great and useful men have left their footprints on the sands of time; but, perhaps, apart from that of our Lord, there is no biography that will bear so close scrutiny and favorable comparison as that of Paul. There is instruction, there is inspiration in the study of that master Christian of the first century.

Do you want an example of immediate and hearty response to the divine call? Saul of Tarsus, Paul the apostle, is that man. He was neither disobedient or dilatory. Do you wish sincerity that is as transparent as burnished glass? Are you looking for inflexibility of purpose? Do you want to find a man who, from the time he began his Christian life, pressed toward the mark for the prize, and never wavered, never faltered, until he touched the shining goal? That man was Paul. Do you admire immovable adherence to principle and loyalty to Christ? No one ever stood more conspicuous than Paul. Do you appreciate mental acumen and intellectual mastery? The life

and acts of Paul show him occupying such proud preeminence. Do we look with wonder and admiration upon a mature Christian character; and do we seek an illustration of an ideal Christian minister? We have these in Paul the apostle to the Gentiles. What have I in view in addressing you on this subject? I do not conceal my purpose. My object is to help you to have an exalted and proper conception of the gospel ministry. The interest of the Church is involved. The salvation of men hangs in the balance. The plans of God make it imperative that we should have no low and unworthy opinion of the office and work of the ministry. Men of the ministry are sometimes chargeable with not laying a proper valuation upon their sublime calling and Christ-like work. Then, it is not surprising that men of the world and men not in the ministry should be unwilling or unable to form and entertain a high conception of the ministry.

Incidentally we may express the opinion that one reason so few young men are seeking the Gospel ministry is that the general impression concerning the ministry as a calling or pursuit is not very complimentary to the sacred calling. Young men, especially bright, promising and conscientious young men, think of something other than money, when they contemplate life's great business. When the patriotic citizen enters the army, the small monetary compensation made by the government is a secondary consideration. It is patriotism and honor which appeal to him. He wants to help protect his country. He loves its flag, its institutions. He wishes to deserve and win the approval of his countrymen. I fear you cannot fill the ranks of the ministry simply by holding out the offer of liberal salaries. You must strike a higher note than that. Men must come to understand that there is an unsurpassed honor in being a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul the apostle to the Gentiles, this man of such signal natural ability, of such splendid intellectual culture, of such high spiritual attainment; this man who could have made his mark in the world of politics or of philosophy, who knew so well how to estimate worldly pursuits and avocations, writes—and his words deserve careful consideration—"I glorify my ministry."

Paul does not glorify himself. Far from it. Self played but little part with him. He put his foot upon self, and kept it there while life lasted. He never praised himself. He made no plans for self aggrandizement. He never listened for voices that would exalt

his name. His life was set to higher music. The preacher whose habit is to praise himself, or to invite or provoke others to praise him, is not of the Pauline stamp. Paul did not preach himself. In his letter to the Corinthians he stated his position, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake"

Let us announce our position without hesitation or reservation. The office or work of the Gospel ministry is higher than any other calling, profession, business or pursuit.

These are strong words. I wish them to be strong. I do not know words that are sufficiently strong to body forth the thought. This stupendous claim ought not to be set up however, without sufficient or very strong reason. It ought to be well substantiated. It will be my task, not unpleasant, and not so difficult, I trust, to marshal some of the considerations which will make our position appear the true one.

In the first place, many of the greatest and best among men have looked upon the Gospel ministry as standing above any other interest or employment in the world. It is very evident that such was the liberate and enlightened opinion of Paul. In writing to Timothy he expresses his thanks to Jesus Christ. Changing the translation slightly, and making it more literal, I hear Paul saying, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath empowered me, because He esteemed me faithful, putting into the ministry the one (meaning himself) being formerly a blasphemer, and a persecutor and injurious." There is no evidence that he ever experienced any regret for spending his life and using his powers as he did. Sometimes we find a preacher who forsakes the ministry, and devotes himself to secular life, accumulating, or seeking to accumulate, more money than the ministry can guarantee. But the high plane which the ministry occupies is not affected thereby. Not only do the men adorning the ministry, from the days of Paul to the present time, entertain an exalted conception of the office, but some of the most pious and brilliant among the laymen of all lands have held the same views.

We mean no disparagement of the legitimate occupations of men. I entertain a very high opinion of the trades and professions. There is a sacredness which attaches to any lawful and honest business, lawfully and honestly pursued. Many a man, not in the ministry, is doing

more for God than some that are. But so much is involved in the work of the ministry, as the highest welfare of the race is in the balance, as all the great and legitimate affairs of life will have importance and impetus in proportion to the appreciation and faithful discharge of the office of the ministry. We need to have right views of the sacred vocation.

Let us consider further, who has put us into the ministry. Paul said that Christ Jesus had put him into the ministry. If we have been truly and properly inducted into the ministry we have been put there by the same Lord Jesus. If any one standing in the pulpit Sunday after Sunday and preaching the Gospel insists that he never had a divine call, it is likely that very many persons will agree with him. The indifferent and unspiritual world may ignore or make light of the claim to a divine call. But it is unquestionably a glorious and stupendous fact. Why should it be thought a thing incredible that Jesus Christ should call some men to preach his gospel in a special manner, in a sense in which he does not call others? It ought not to be necessary to argue with men to convince them that God calls them to repentance, to a better life. There is not one before me with whom God has not so dealt. If this be true, why may not the same Lord single out men and call them and impress them that they ought to preach, that they must preach, so that men come to the crucial point where they feel and say, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel"?

Who has put us into the ministry? I do not forget the watchful eye of the pastor who is seeking brave soldiers for the army of Jehovah. I do not forget the quiet, prayerful walk which this venerable man of God took with the beardless youth, and that he succeeded in drawing from him the admission that he felt called to preach. I do not cast any reflection upon the endorsement given by the Church when it licensed this young man to preach, nor the action of the Conference in training and ordaining or authorizing the ordination of this young man. All these steps are very important and eminently proper. But it remains true that it is the Lord Jesus who puts us into the ministry. We should not, we must not, abandon the good old Methodist and Biblical theory and doctrine. Let men's interest and judgment and persuasiveness be what they may; let men help and train for the ministry as much as possible, but it is God who gives the call which rings high and clear above all other voices. This is the voice which the preacher

needs to hear. He needs to hear it so distinctly that its tones will pursue him, even if he undertakes an excursion from well-defined duty, like Jonah of old. He needs to hear it when the blasts of unkind and unreasoning criticism howl around him, and when the results of his work seem strangely meagre, as well as when the words of loving appreciation drop and prosperity smiles.

The call to the ministry and the call to be a Christian are sometimes almost cotemporaneous. We read in the same chapter, the account of Paul's conversion and his call to be a preacher. I used to hear Rev. T. D. Valiant tell that when he was seeking the Lord, his peace of mind was contingent upon his willingness to preach the gospel anywhere, even in China.

Who has put us into the ministry, and who is calling men to the Gospel ministry still? The Lord Jesus. And who is this Lord Jesus? Let the incomparable Book answer. There is no satisfactory explanation of the Old Testament unless you keep in mind that Jesus Christ is the theme thereof. The path of the Messianic truth shines brighter unto the perfect day. Jesus walks in the midst of the Gospels and Epistles as well as the Churches of the New Testament. Some of the strongest and most eloquent words ever written or spoken by friend or foe, have been written or spoken concerning the Lord Jesus. He is God manifest in the flesh. He was with the Father and the Spirit in the mighty work of creation. All things were made by him and without Him was not anything made that was made. He received the worship of angels and men. Godlike deeds and the divine attributes are ascribed to Him. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. The commissioner, the ambassador, the representative of the earthly king, shows his credentials and glories in his mission. Brethren of the ministry, it is not too much for you and me to believe and gratefully proclaim that the King over all kings, has commissioned us to transact business for the Court of Heaven. We are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God.

The work of the gospel ministry brings the preacher into very close personal dealings with Jesus Christ; and for this reason, "I magnify mine office." Our success depends upon very near communion with our Lord. Duty and privilege should keep us near. It would be high wisdom on the part of the laity to seek by prayer and every

other scriptural means, to keep the preacher near the Source of power and blessing. If you are living close to God and your minister is within speaking distance of the throne, the heavens will bend in blessing upon this holy alliance.

When Jesus was upon earth He sent out His disciples at one time, two by two, to do gospel work. Those disciples had phenomenal success. In due time they came making report to Jesus, of what had been done. So, to-day. After you have been successful, do you not tell Jesus, and hear what He has to say, and get directions for further and better work? The agents of the rulers of this world have personal dealings with their respective Chiefs, making report.

What an honorable and glorious ministry ours is! Our Lord is high above all, blessed forevermore. He calls us into His service. He gives us our high commission. He empowers us for the momentous undertaking. He allows us to tell him our joys and sorrows—our successes and defeats. It is an honor to be an ambassador from an earthly power; to have personal dealings with the authority that commissions. So with us in our relation to Jesus Christ, may we not inquire whether the ministers of Jesus are using their privilege as they might? If not, they are losing incalculable benefits themselves, which humanity, to which they minister, is being deprived of the blessings which ought to be bestowed.

"I magnify mine office," I glorify my ministry—because of the splendid men who have adorned the ministry from the days of Paul unto the present time. No such a regiment can be marshalled as those men who have composed the ranks of the Christian ministry: They are to be found in all lands through these great centuries. The names of some of them have been preserved, while the majority of them are comparatively unknown. But our great Commander knows them all. The noblest and best of them have not striven to make for themselves a name among their fellowmen. They have not glorified themselves. Their solicitude has been to do their work faithfully and well and they have left their labors and their reputation with their Lord. On this roll of names are men of highest intellectual and spiritual culture; of masterly and persuasive eloquence; of learning, encyclopedic. Time would fail me to repeat the names. The reader of ecclesiastical history becomes bewildered. John, the Baptist, the courageous herald upon the banks of the Jordan. Paul the apostle,

who commanded the audience on Mars' Hill. Chrysostom, incarnated eloquence, the greatest man that Constantinople ever produced. Martyn Luther, mightier than kings or popes, Savonarola, bringing the populace of his beloved Florence to his pulpit-throne by the charm of his words. Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Whitefield, perhaps, without an equal among those who have spoken to their fellow-men. Guthrie, a master of assemblies. Stockton, walking among the giants.

Let me not forget the men who have been as truly called to the ministry as were these bright and shining lights. They have not been as altitudinous nor so brilliant, but they have done work which may be as pleasing to the eye of the Lord. They have lived their lives in humble places, ministering to all the consolations of the gospel. They may have been born to blush unseen, but they have not wasted their sweetness on the desert air. When the roll is called up yonder, you will hear the Master say as positively and resonantly to these as to others, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"I glorify my ministry," because of the opening demand and opportunity to promote high moral movements for bettering the condition of the world. There may be some ministers who think and say they have no summons to help make effective such movements. Let us be charitable in our judgment. But are there not ministers of the Gospel who are all their lifetime subject to bondage? Are they not afraid of the men before whom they must appear to present the truth? Are they not afraid that their living and appointment may be in jeopardy? The reforms are imperatively needed. This is not a matter for controversy. As ministers we are supposed to be leaders of high religious thought. If we are not going to *think*, I am not sure that we have any place in the ministry in these stirring and strenuous times. The great body of the people for whom Jesus died, are looking to us to do some high and clear and independent thinking. They want us to be leaders in every thing that is for the uplifting of humanity. They have reason to be ashamed of us if we do not take our places in helping to put into operation the sublime forces of God, and the plans which manifestly have his endorsement. There is a notion abroad that the most influential and successful ministers have

been those that have preached the Gospel without much, if any, reference to the live issues of the day. I believe the notion is erroneous. Who are some of the successful and influential ministers during these unparalleled centuries? Did they shut their eyes to the needs of their times? Did they or not recognize and seize upon the opportunity to break some of the fetters with which their fellowmen were bound? Did they not try to help men out of the pit and then seek to fill up the pit?

What shall we say of the Old Testament preachers?—for the most of the prophets were preachers as well as fore-tellers. Did they betake themselves to some height inaccessible to other men; wait for communications from heaven, and then give these to the world without being deeply interested in the conditions national, local, social, domestic? Read the few sentences which have been left us from the bold and eloquent appeals of John the Baptist. He said to Herod, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother Phillip's wife." It is only incidental to this story that John the Baptist suffered for his faithful preaching. You may have to suffer for doing your heroic duty.

The days for true heroism will never end. Rev. J. L. Straughn, in an article in the "Methodist Protestant," expressed the opinion that because of generalship and activity in driving the saloons from the county in which is located one of the churches of which I am pastor, a member of this Conference subsequently suffered in the character of his appointments. If this be true in respect to Rev. Dr. B. F. Benson, I say, "Shame on the constituency that is responsible." If the prophets were slain for the right, let us at least build their monuments. Weave your garland. Exalt the courage and self-denial of such a man. If the Methodist Protestant Church had done nothing more for Harford County than to produce the man who led the force that put to flight the saloons of that county, it would have something to be proud of.

Did Martyn Luther play only one tune, although it was very pleasant,—Justification by faith? Did John Wesley talk only about the Witness of the Spirit, and holiness of heart and life? By no means. I might mention some of the very successful and influential ministers of America. There is no doubt about the influence of such men as Henry Ward Beecher and Theodore L. Cuyler. It is a well known fact that these and other men have felt called to help every movement for the betterment of the country at large.

"I glorify my ministry," because I am to be a soul-winner. I have no objection to the expression "soul-winner." It is Biblical. It is expressive. Spurgeon says: "Soul-winning is the chief business of the minister of the Gospel," and so say we all. Nothing is plainer. All other issues are but secondary. Our Lord who has put us into the ministry came into the world to save sinners, to win souls. Even rulers of this world have, at times, stepped up on the higher plane of the pulpit to reason with their fellowmen, and seek to persuade them to love and serve God. We may desire and need more money than we get. But there is no employment so lofty as winning souls.

I have a high opinion of the worthy men who compose yonder Congress of the chief nation of the world. Great responsibilities and great opportunities are theirs. Wisdom and Christian statesmanship should characterize the results of their deliberations. But I affirm that to us are committed interests which tower above theirs. Do they make laws? We proclaim laws which have come down from the hoary centuries, even from the mount and mouth of God. Are they empowered to declare war? We know no end of war, for the battle against sin goes on forever. Can they publish conditions of peace? Ours is a Gospel of peace. Consider any post of honor or responsibility filled by any officer in this or any other government, and the work of the ministry overshadows any and all of these. Our ministry has in it elements of both law and gospel. It prescribes medicament for the soul's maladies.

Think a moment what we, as ministers, in the discharge of our duty, really do. Upon the Sabbath we appear before our congregations, large or small. We have filled our minds and hearts with the truths which are contained in or are deducible from the Word of God. We are in best possible physical condition as the result of sane and temperate living. The people have come to hear and we are present to speak. Having done our best to prepare ourselves for the occasion—and shame on us if we do not—we look up and pray, "Breathe upon me, O spirit of truth, and make my mind and tongue obedient to Thee," and then with a man and the truth, and Almighty God co-operating, there will be preaching such as men will hear and God will bless. And there come to mind the words of Phillips Brooks, "I think there are few higher or more delightful moments in a preacher's life than that which comes sometimes when, standing before a congregation, and haunted

by questionings about the merit of your preaching which you hate but cannot drive away, at last, suddenly or gradually, you find yourself taken into the power of your truth, absorbed in one sole desire to send it into the men whom you are preaching to, and then every sail is set and your sermon goes bravely out to sea, leaving your self high and dry upon the beach, where it has been holding your sermon stranded."

Or again, we are in the homes of the people, and find that there are sorrow and trouble, and the heart within us is stirred in sympathy. We seek to throw light upon the difficulties and mysteries and we meet with some success. Perhaps the pale messenger has entered your charge. No one is more welcome in the time of bereavement than the pastor. He rejoices with them that rejoice, but he has a special endowment for weeping with them that weep. What an honor to walk amid the shadows with your devoted flock. You and the doctor divide the weird honors of the occasion. We preach the Gospel, and stand near when the penitent soul becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus. It is a momentous hour. Three worlds are watching. The world beneath is hoping for defeat. Friends on earth are looking on with prayerful interest, while heaven is bending in helpful sympathy. Then to think that we, so unworthy, have been instrumental in bringing about this situation.

Is it not glory enough for us to be instrumental in the salvation of a soul? Keble says, "The salvation of one soul is worth more than the framing of a magna charta for a thousand worlds." One writer expresses himself as follows, "Tell me, then, ye students of the soul, is there any other human achievement half so great as the winning of such a soul for God? Is not this the climax of all human endeavors? I do not wonder that even Christ should willingly die for such a soul. Apart from God himself, he could die for nothing greater. And God calls us to be willing to die in the finding of men. To make soul-winning our first and chief business—all things else being incidental. And at precisely this point will the judgment of the last day test us most severely. For the Judge will not ask, 'How much did you know? What power did you wield? How much were you worth?' But He will ask, 'How many souls did you save?' And we shall learn then if we do not know it now, that of all living men, the wisest is not the fortune-winner, nor the fame-winner, nor the throne-winner, but the soul-winner. In that approaching day of human

accounting I would rather be Moses than Pharaoh, Elijah than Ahab, Paul than Nero, Luther than Croesus, Wesley than Napoleon, and Moody than Dives."

The following is the reported language of Gipsy Smith in his recent Brooklyn meetings: "Listen," cried the speaker, "Months ago I was conducting a great mission in Aberdeen, in the north of Scotland, within the largest building in the city. Three thousand were gathered, while without were twice as many more. To get into the hall I had to ask the assistance of the police. One night as I worked my way through the crowd, I felt a hand tugging at my coat. I thought it the plea of one who wanted to get in with me, and for a few moments I paid no heed. But the tug became insistent. I stopped, and there beside me stood a little Scotch lassie, clad in rags, and in her uplifted hands was something wrapped in tissue paper, moist and grimy from the clutch of her hand. 'What is it, my dear,' I asked? And she said, 'I want you to have my candy.' 'Why?' I asked. 'Oh sir,' she cried, 'we've got a new dady. He's never been sober till Saturday. We've never known him to be sober. He was in your meeting on Saturday and it's so wonderful now.' And didn't I take her candy, and didn't I take her in my arms? Men, it was worth living a lifetime for that minute."

I recall an experience I had once. I helped to induce a man to swear off from drink. In the course of a few weeks I met a child of the man. I said, "How are you getting along now?" "Oh," said the little child, "We are getting along well now. Papa don't drink any more." "O, the luxury of saving souls!" said Moody. Listen to the sweeping announcement of St. James, "Let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

My brethren, when we think of our call to the ministry—and such a ministry—of the sublime, and philanthropic work we are to be busy about, how can we do otherwise, than regard our calling as higher than any other, and say, with the apostle, "I glorify my ministry?"

There is a word of caution, however, which, I think, needs to be spoken. The work of the ministry is higher than any other, and because of this fact some men may be puffed up with unseemly pride, which may lead to too great self-assertion, and to what the apostle calls, "Lords over God's heritage." The preacher who appreciates

the office and honor of the ministry should be the humblest among men.

John the Baptist will furnish us our example. Placing himself alongside the Master he said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Again he said, "The latchet of his sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose." Humility should characterize the man who undertakes to speak to God for men, and to men for God.

There are two or three deductions I would make. What preachers and pastors we ought to be! The government needs statesmen and diplomats. Philosophy needs an expounder. Poetry needs a singer. Science needs an interpreter. The world needs preachers and pastors, and never needed them more than to-day. Men who can respond to every note in the diapason of human sorrow and human needs. Men who can help to keep the torch of the philosopher lighted, and who can sympathize with the plaintive moan of the most ignorant saint. The true pastor is the largest, broadest man in the community. Blessed is the man who can be the wise and sympathetic pastor. One man says, or thinks, he is an able preacher, but cannot be a pastor. He would not be an able preacher, if he did not study to make himself a preacher. More thought given to pastoral equipment would make men better pastors.

But I believe that preaching should be of first and highest consideration. Every available moment of time, every particle of energy one can command, should be made to contribute to the most effective preaching. I believe the divine order is, Preacher first, then pastor. The example and teachings of our Lord and the admonitions of his apostles place upon us the duty and responsibility of being as able ministers as possible.

Once more, what manner of men ought we to be! What we are is an indispensable consideration. If men in the secular professions may succeed without character, not so with the man who is called to preach. In the army it is desirable, if not mandatory, that men shall be of a certain stature. Of what moral and spiritual stature ought the men in the Christian ministry to be! In the recent wars between Spain and the United States, and between Russia and Japan, much was said about "the man behind the gun." It is well to possess a gun, but there must be a man to use the gun. We have a gospel that is not of men, but of God. The world needs it. Many want it. We should

have our intellectual faculties trained to the utmost. We should, if possible, speak with the tongues of men and of angels. But if, back of all our eloquent speaking, there is not a true Christian man—a Nathanael-like, transparent man—then we are nothing.

Brethren and sisters of the laity, look for, pray for, demand true Christian men in the gospel ministry. Call mightily upon God that the ministry may be men approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Now having, I trust, helped you to entertain a higher conception of the work of the ministry, yet realizing that I have only touched the fringe of this great and vital theme, I commend to your consideration the words of the seraphic Frances R. Havergal, and pray that they may burn themselves into your soul as they have into mine:

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead,
The wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that, while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart,
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Let my last word to you be in the language of Amos R. Wells, in the poem entitled, "Exclusions":

If I would talk with God my hasty tongue
Must hold itself for that high converse pure,
As one who has appointment with a King,
Scorns gossip with a minion at the gate.
If I would listen to the voice of God,
I dare not hear the prattlement of men,
The bargaining, the vaunting, the untruth,
The words that crawl and sting; for ears have room
For somewhat, and no more. If I would walk
Beside my God, His comrade and his friend,
I must go His way. He will not go mine.
If I would own the wreath of God—the gold,
The gems of affluent heaven, like the dross
Of basest refuse—I must hurl away
The sport of greed and all the miser's glut.
If I would know the wondrous love of God,
What sciences I shall not dare to know!
If I would wield the awful power of God,
How I must sink myself in helplessness!
If I would revel in the love of God,
What lesser loves must I disdain to serve!
O Infinite, O Lover, O Supreme,
Father and Leader and unfailing Friend,
What littles must I gladly lose for Thee!
What nothings must I tread beneath my feet
To reach thy hand, thy bosom, and thy face!

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Accomac.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	34	32	32	19	24	22	22	162	167	
Alexandria.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	14	14	23	23	26	26	16	16	18	18	141	141	
Alnutt Mem'l.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	23	36	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	460	473	
Amelia.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	4	24	4	21	4	14	4	14	5	109	50	
Baltimore.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	9	23	23	26	26	16	16	18	18	136	136	
Bedford.....	28	30	5	5	6	6	19	19	13	13	44	44	42	42	24	24	28	28	209	211	
Belair.....	23	25	5	4	6	5	19	19	5	8	44	35	42	34	24	24	28	25	204	182	
Bethany.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	13	13	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	83	83	
Broadway.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	184	184	
Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	4	4	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	131	131	
Cambridge.....	30	30	5	3	6	4	20	11	12	10	47	30	44	25	26	17	30	20	220	150	
Campbell.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	6	6	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	76	76	
Cannon.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	51	51	
Caroline.....	25	25	4	3	5	3	16	16	11	6	39	15	35	16	21	10	24	7	180	101	
Cecil.....	21	21	3	3	3	5	4	13	12	11	9	30	21	28	20	18	14	19	148	118	
Centreville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	5	5	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	132	132	
Chesapeake.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	6	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	158	158	
Chestertown.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	15	15	90	90	84	84	52	52	58	58	419	419	
Chincoteague.....	20	20	3	2	4	2	12	6	9	3	28	6	26	6	16	6	18	6	136	57	
Christ Church.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	10	10	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	54	54	
Clayton.....	25	--	4	--	5	--	16	--	12	--	39	--	35	--	21	--	24	--	181	--	
Clark Mem'l.....	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	3	--	2	--	55	--	15	--	--	--	--	--	76	--
Clinton Hill.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	19	19	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	121	121	
Concord.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	7	7	35	35	39	39	21	21	24	24	176	176	
Conquest.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	74	74	
Crisfield.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	20	20	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	315	315	
Crumpton.....	15	15	2	1	2	2	10	10	3	3	24	10	21	10	14	3	14	14	105	68	
Cumberland.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	180	180	
Cumberland Circ't	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	46	46	
Deer Creek.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	4	7	3	24	5	21	5	14	6	14	4	109	46	
Deer Park.....	20	20	3	1	4	2	12	7	15	8	28	14	26	8	16	10	18	14	142	84	
Delmar.....	25	25	4	2	5	3	16	8	16	6	39	14	35	18	21	8	24	17	185	93	
Delta.....	20	20	3	2	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	20	26	--	16	6	18	12	134	83	
Denton.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	8	8	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	123	123	
Dorchester.....	25	25	4	3	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	25	35	35	21	15	24	15	179	149	
Dover.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	3	3	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	73	73	
East Baltimore.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	7	15	66	66	61	61	33	38	42	42	302	310	
Easton.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	9	9	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	304	304	
Elizabeth.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	25	25	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	320	320	
Entaw.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	5	5	24	24	22	22	14	14	15	15	115	115	
Evergreen.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	75	75	
Fairfax.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	12	6	19	10	18	9	11	5	12	12	97	67	
Fawn Grove.....	25	25	4	3	5	3	16	12	24	17	39	33	35	28	21	16	24	18	193	155	
Federalburg.....	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	49	49	
Felton.....	20	20	2	1	4	1	12	1	6	1	28	4	26	2	16	2	18	16	133	48	
Finksburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	20	20	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	189	189	
First Church.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	184	184	

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Franklin City.....	25	25	4	4	5	4	16	8	18	9	39	20	35	17	21	10	24	...	187	97
Frederick.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	15	15	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	167	167
Georgetown, D. C.	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	7	7	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	386	386
Georgetown, Del.	19	19	3	3	5	5	12	12	6	6	27	27	24	24	17	17	18	18	131	131
Georgetown Circ't	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	5	10	5	19	12	18	9	11	8	12	9	95	65
Greenwood.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	13	13	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	165	165
Grove.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	3	28	10	26	8	16	10	18	18	136	88
Hampden.....	40	40	6	6	8	8	24	24	22	22	59	59	55	55	32	32	40	40	286	286
Harbeson.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	78	78
Harpers Ferry.....	15	18	3	1	4	4	10	10	4	2	25	10	23	6	15	5	17	4	119	60
Harrington.....	25	25	4	1	5	1	16	9	10	5	39	6	35	15	21	3	24	13	179	78
Heathsville.....	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	19	10	10	44	41	42	42	24	24	28	28	206	206
Howard.....	22	25	4	4	5	5	14	14	14	12	34	39	32	32	19	22	22	22	164	175
Hurlock.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	7	12	8	19	10	18	10	11	10	12	8	97	70
Indian River.....	5	5	1	...	2	...	4	...	4	...	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	7	45	12
Jefferson.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	12	17	90	90	84	103	52	52	58	58	416	445
Keen Memorial.....	17	17	3	3	4	4	10	10	15	13	24	24	20	20	14	14	16	16	123	118
Kemptown.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	17	17	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	144	144
Kennedyville.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	3	3	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	118	118
Kent Island.....	22	22	4	3	5	3	14	10	7	5	34	20	32	15	19	12	22	8	159	98
Lauraville.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	46	46
Laurel.....	35	35	5	5	8	8	22	22	8	8	50	50	46	46	23	28	36	36	238	238
Laurel Circuit.....	25	25	4	1	5	...	16	10	18	5	39	5	35	5	21	...	24	24	187	75
Lawsonia.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	48	48
Leeds.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	3	3	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	130	130
Leipsic.....	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	3	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	45	45
Lewes.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	43	43
Lewistown.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	10	3	9	4	9	3	5	4	6	6	54	35
Liberty.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	13	15	15	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	142	143
Libson.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	183	183
Lynchburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	4	4	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	173	173
Mardela.....	15	15	2	1	2	1	10	4	20	3	24	6	21	3	14	5	14	4	122	42
Mariners.....	20	20	3	2	4	2	12	5	6	3	28	17	26	11	16	6	18	7	133	73
Marley.....	6	6	1	1	2	1	4	4	3	2	9	1	9	2	5	10	6	...	45	27
Middleway.....	10	10	3	...	2	...	6	...	3	...	16	...	14	...	9	...	10	...	73	10
Millville.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	11	6	16	8	14	7	9	9	10	10	81	61
Milton.....	17	17	3	3	4	4	10	10	4	4	24	24	20	20	14	14	16	16	112	112
Montgomery.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	7	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	48	48	
Mt. Nebo.....	12	12	2	1	3	3	8	8	4	4	19	19	18	16	11	10	12	12	89	85
Mt. Tabor.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	4	4	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	156	156
Newark.....	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	7	10	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	386	419
New Church.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	8	8	25	25	23	23	15	10	17	17	123	118
Newmarket.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	16	16	47	47	44	44	26	38	30	30	224	236
Nichols Memorial	12	12	2	1	3	1	8	4	7	2	19	9	18	8	11	4	12	5	92	46
North Baltimore...	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	7	7	47	47	44	44	26	38	30	30	215	215
N. Carolina Avenue	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	9	9	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	161	161
Oak Grove.....	16	16	2	2	3	3	10	10	2	2	23	23	21	21	14	14	16	16	107	107

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Special for Missions	Bible.	Tract.	Church Home.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Total Local Interest.	Total all Purposes.	Charge					
					As'd Paid.															
24	1	1	1	124	600	586	80	140	200	97	.....	1103	1227	.....	Franklin City			
75	1	1	17	261	600	600	100	105	140	40	.....	100	935	1346	.....	Frederick		
169	3	2	19	579	1200	1200	400	537	138	318	.....	337	2593	3559	.....	Georgetown, D. C.		
10	1	1	5	148	700	700	120	116	100	580	.....	150	1766	2000	.....	Georgetown, Del.		
10	.....	.....	.....	1 76	359	375	80	41	97	68	.....	.....	661	737	.....	Georgetown Circ't	
30	.....	.....	10	205	600	600	100	200	125	50	1750	.....	12	2825	3042	.....	Greenwood
28	.....	.....	1	122	459	436	75	32	91	130	.....	272	1937	2663	.....	Grove	
158	1	1	5	454	900	900	150	431	406	50	.....	.....	55	680	817	.....	Hampden
.....	2	1	1	82	400	400	50	57	20	40	.....	.....	175	517	754	.....	Harbeson
.....	.....	.....	2	62	350	350	50	57	20	40	600	.....	.....	1902	1996	.....	Harpers Ferry
11	.....	.....	5	94	700	700	120	165	77	240	.....	.....	95	930	1278	.....	Harrington
.....	1	1	15	223	600	600	100	125	10	125	.....	.....	170	1082	1431	.....	Heathsville
35	2	2	15	229	500	502	125	75	30	300	.....	.....	50	1031	1173	.....	Howard
22	.....	.....	.....	92	500	500	120	100	80	66	165	.....	10	100	122	.....	Hurlock
.....	.....	.....	.....	12	100	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	526	1509	2801	.....	Indian River
293	1	1	23	766	800	800	250	260	139	60	.....	.....	177	2172	2495	.....	Jefferson
23	1	1	3	146	750	750	144	216	97	600	.....	365	177	2172	2495	.....	Keen Memorial	
65	1	1	10	221	600	600	75	100	100	275	.....	.....	163	1150	1334	.....	Kemptown
8	.....	.....	.....	126	500	510	120	60	19	12	.....	.....	14	721	861	.....	Kennedyville
18	1	1	5	123	500	460	100	200	50	110	.....	.....	25	920	1083	.....	Kent Island
.....	.....	.....	.....	46	300	305	.....	106	59	2715	.....	.....	41	3185	3275	.....	Lauraville
112	1	1	5	357	800	800	150	200	80	.....	.....	20	189	1397	1943	.....	Laurel
50	1	133	600	475	125	119	80	25	146	110	109	990	1232	Laurel Circuit		
.....	1	1	5	55	500	503	75	116	21	.....	.....	.....	34	913	1106	.....	Lawsonia
23	1	.....	5	159	250	250	.....	43	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	316	356	.....	Leads
.....	.....	.....	.....	43	150	150	.....	100	30	100	.....	.....	.....	380	423	.....	Leipsic
13	.....	.....	.....	48	125	125	.....	29	27	240	.....	.....	46	421	515	.....	Lewis
26	1	.....	5	175	500	500	75	175	75	55	.....	.....	130	880	1185	.....	Lewistown
83	4	1	26	297	800	800	400	400	50	360	.....	.....	145	1417	1858	.....	Liberty
90	1	1	1	75	700	678	75	78	36	55	.....	.....	89	2175	2525	.....	Lisbon
30	1	1	1	82	800	800	100	162	143	275	43	1285	1403	Lynchburg		
10	2	39	600	600	75	144	47	54	28	920	1030	Mardela		
.....	5	.....	.....	63	600	600	75	144	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	395	437	.....	Mariners
24	10	2	5	153	350	341	.....	10	15	325	.....	.....	95	1573	1734	.....	Marley
20	.....	.....	.....	68	350	341	.....	10	15	325	.....	.....	.....	450	460	.....	Middleway
.....	85	100	100	43	105	821	179	95	1573	1734	Millville		
65	1	1	5	223	425	425	43	105	821	1483	34	2483	2570	Milton		
163	2	163	500	500	100	258	42	18	622	708	Montgomery		
43	280	309	52	61	200	10	550	615	Mr. Nebo		
41	10	237	350	352	110	48	43	248	2520	2966	Mr. Tabor		
.....	46	700	700	358	120	1342	432	3518	4517	Newark		
129	1	1	5	351	1200	1200	500	1202	476	140	100	13	1095	1276	New Church		
86	7	1	5	260	540	540	125	75	80	175	15	1515	1837	Newmarket		
7	119	700	750	120	250	200	200	112	12971	3028	Nichols Mem'l		
.....	550	525	120	50	34	2100	1581	636	4435	5442	North Baltimore
.....	1000	1000	600	1102	152	330	1070	149	3161	3570	N. Carolina Avenue
.....	325	325	75	41	34	20	46	40	541	700	Oak Grove

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns		Total.		
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	
Oxford.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	6	6	42	42	40	40	22	22	26	26	191	191	
Parksley.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	16	16	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	168	168	
Payson Street.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	93	93	
Pipe Creek.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	6	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	158	158	
Pittsville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	12	12	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	139	139	
Pocomoke City.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	10	30	66	66	61	40	38	15	42	20	305	254	
Pocomoke Cir.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	1	8	1	7	1	19	1	18	1	11	6	12	5	92	30
Potomac.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	5	28	28	26	23	16	15	18	18	133	128	
Powellville.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	3	3	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	105	105	
Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	48	48	
Quantico.....	15	15	2	1	2	1	10	1	10	1	24	5	21	5	14	1	14	1	112	31	
Queen Anne.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	6	6	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	108	108	
Reliance.....	16	16	2	2	3	3	10	10	11	11	23	23	21	21	14	14	14	14	116	116	
Rhode Island Ave.	80	80	13	13	17	17	49	49	28	28	111	111	114	114	56	94	88	88	556	594	
Rowlandville.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	8	...	24	12	21	...	14	4	14	6	110	51	
Salem.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	6	6	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	108	108	
Salisbury.....	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	20	21	44	44	42	42	24	24	28	28	216	217		
Seaford.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	30	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	185	185	
Sharptown.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135	
Snow Hill.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	9	9	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	178	178	
South Baltimore.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	8	8	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	26	177	179	
Starr.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	14	14	99	99	91	91	55	63	63	63	451	451	
Stewartstown.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	183	183	
St. James.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	8	8	47	47	44	44	26	36	30	30	216	226	
St. Johns.....	10	10	3	3	3	2	6	6	19	19	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	89	89	
Madi'n Ave.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	30	...	21	...	...	...	30	...	312	...
St. Lukes.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	18	18	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	187	187	
St. Michaels.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	5	5	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	132	132	
Susquehanna.....	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	19	8	8	44	41	42	38	24	20	28	24	204	189	
Talbot.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	2	6	2	19	2	18	2	11	2	12	2	91	28	
Trinity.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	11	11	42	42	40	40	22	22	26	26	196	196	
Union.....	13	13	2	1	3	2	9	6	6	3	21	14	20	9	12	5	13	5	99	58	
Union Bridge.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	9	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	136	136	
Violetville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	49	49	
Wallace Memorial.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	50	50	
Waltersville.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	11	11	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	163	163	
Warwick.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	3	3	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	130	130	
Waverly.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	7	7	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	92	92	
West Baltimore.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	30	30	99	99	91	91	55	63	63	63	467	467	
Westminster.....	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	8	16	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	387	395	
W. Wilmington.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	12	12	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	82	82	
Williamsport.....	10	10	3	1	2	1	6	6	5	2	16	7	14	7	9	4	10	5	75	43	
Wilmington.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	2	2	25	17	23	16	15	13	...	...	117	83
Wye.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	3	3	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	88	88	

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers	Probationers.	Probationers.				Full Members				Children Baptized.	Conversions.	Sunday School.			Y. P. S. C. E.					
			Received.	Elected to Members hip	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Decensed.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.			Decensed.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
Accomac.....	2	224	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	26	30	200	...	...	...
Alexandria.....	20	233	...	3	...	2	21	1	2	2	16	2	1	20	17	234	1	12	1	55	
Alnutt Memorial	2	25	523	21	...	6	3	...	8	...	24	25	1	43	25	435	1	00	1	50	
Amelia.....	11	139	...	...	...	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	6	2	29	...	...	...	...
Baltimore.....	1	5	187	23	23	23	...	...	...	29	28	3	30	23	200	3	66	...	...	...
Bedford.....	...	397	10	10	...	10	1	...	2	8	25	13	6	50	...	250	1	30	...	...
Belair.....	...	233	8	8	...	8	4	1	5	2	8	10	4	36	...	145	1	30	...	...
Bethany.....	1	108	...	...	...	6	4	9	...	1	11	...	1	15	41	200	1	10	1	20
Broadway.....	2	15	150	18	...	4	2	...	...	...	32	20	1	24	20	300	1	30	1	30
Brooklyn.....	20	95	37	17	...	20	5	...	1	...	33	37	2	19	35	115	1	35	1	47	
Cambridge.....	...	121	...	...	...	1	15	3	...	14	...	...	3	38	20	225	...	...	...	...
Campbell.....	...	157	...	...	...	20	...	...	3	16	16	33	4	20	94	216	...	...	...	...
Cannon.....	...	78	5	5	...	5	5	...	1	17	5	1	17	5	120	25	121	1	29	1	30
Ca.oline.....	1	143	20	23	...	39	3	2	3	5	49	33	3	32	23	164	2	77	...	...
Cecil.....	23	252	5	14	...	14	5	9	1	2	6	6	3	31	11	195	1	35	...	...
Centreville.....	1	2	142	7	5	10	1	5	1	...	3	16	1	14	6	115	1	35	1	31	
Cherrydale.....	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	1	5	28	...	...	...	...
Chesapeake.....	...	113	...	...	...	18	...	...	4	1	10	...	2	24	50	161	...	...	...	...
Chestertown.....	29	268	3	12	...	19	1	...	4	...	10	...	1	135	...	290	1	57	1	80	
Chincoteague.....	1	124	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	6	3	8	1	20	...	150	...	...	...	...
Christ Church.....	1	2	146	2	...	46	4	21	2	3	59	1	18	160	254	1	40	1	...	...
Clayton.....	5	165	...	3	...	1	...	4	2	...	1	1	2	25	2	175	...	...	...	...
Clinton Hill.....	1	1	123	...	...	8	4	8	2	...	15	...	1	32	72	350	1	50	1	35
Concord.....	3	338	7	...	...	65	3	1	3	10	18	20	3	25	2	240	2	70	1	25
Conquest.....	69	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	20	...	140	...	...	...	...
Crisfield.....	1	54	307	26	5	17	1	6	5	1	21	26	1	35	65	578	1	56	1	90	
Crumpton.....	...	85	...	...	8	1	2	3	7	5	2	1	2	16	...	50	...	...	...	...
Cumberland.....	1	250	1	1	...	12	10	2	...	3	70	5	1	20	50	200	1	100	1	18	
Cumberland Ct.....	...	109	3	3	...	45	2	1	...	7	32	54	2	18	45	150	1	75	...	...
Deer Creek.....	18	123	9	4	1	4	3	...	2	1	11	11	2	24	12	140	2	30	1	26	
Deer Park.....	1	10	258	...	...	23	2	...	...	22	23	4	50	10	325	2	63	...	...	...
Delmar.....	...	158	4	4	...	14	2	36	3	...	15	6	1	17	40	214	...	...	...	...
Delta.....	1	1	143	1	...	13	...	4	2	3	6	6	1	22	5	135	1	48	1	53	
Denton.....	...	1	165	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	2	33	...	236	2	60	1	40
Dorchester.....	1	288	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4	4	300	...	200	...	...	...	...
Dover.....	4	98	...	...	...	7	2	4	...	3	...	...	1	12	15	60	1	25	...	...
East Baltimore.....	16	216	16	28	...	1	41	5	6	...	5	8	1	18	...	153	1	25	...	...
Easton.....	...	210	5	5	...	9	6	39	8	...	5	5	1	24	21	175	1	46	...	...
Elizabeth.....	42	277	2	4	1	15	14	1	1	2	12	15	1	34	50	471	1	51	1	37	
Elutaw.....	...	80	7	7	...	7	5	8	1	...	2	7	1	8	4	86	1	36	1	24	
Evergreen.....	3	74	7	3	...	3	1	...	...	3	5	1	8	12	75	1	45	...	...	...
Fairfax.....	2	181	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	1	...	4	...	230	...	...	...	...	...
Fawn Grove.....	1	414	25	...	...	5	...	3	1	7	...	...	3	50	15	495	2	165	...	...
Federalburg.....	16	72	1	5	...	13	3	2	3	1	1	6	1	17	25	138	1	20	1	25	
Felton.....	...	122	5	22	1	29	3	1	...	24	4	3	26	150	...	...	...	...	...	...
Finksburg.....	24	420	24	27	...	42	4	23	...	1	16	46	4	44	5	395	4	130	
First Church.....	1	54	182	55	3	21	1	21	4	13	3	...	90	1	33	69	291	1	34	1	60

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CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers.	Probationers.	Full Members.	Probationers.			Full Members.			Children Baptised.	Conversions	Schools.	Sunday School		Y. P. S. C. E.								
				Received	Ejected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.				Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.			
Franklin City ...	1	6	222	6					2	26	1	6	450	40	400								
Frederick		201	22	20		2		20		2	18	22	4	60	35	271							
Georgeto'n, D.C.		5	276	7	11			15	1	8	7	1	20	8	1	19	131	1	49	1	40		
Georgeto'n, Del	1	25	162	24	5			16			2		10	40	1	24	36	195	1	48	1	27	
Georgeto'n Cir.	2	23	167	13	2	5		2					7	38	14	3	32	16	209				
Greenwood		29	208	19	9			20		2	2	2	47	3	49	25	270	1	15	1	46		
Grove		3	24	449	6	3	1	4	6	2		6	1	26	10	1	40	93	385	1		2	98
Hampden		56	208	56	22	2		22	6	12	4	10	23	72	3	30	58	200					
Harbeson		99	20	20				24	1	1	2	20	11	2	15	8	93					1	32
Harper's Ferry..		52	247					7	12	49	3	13	1	224	15	245	2	60	1	30			
Harrington			365					12	4	12	4	9		35	2	20	100	3	100				
Heathsville		5	205	9	10			15	5	2	5	22	10	4	34	20	206	3	60	1	20		
Howard		26	140					2	3		2		7		3	35	20	265	2	60	1	28	
Hurlock			47					4				5	4	1	7	4	72						
Indian River...	1	4	241	48	44			61	7		2	15	4	52	2	46	12	241	1	79	1	48	
Jefferson	3	27	198	65	37	1		34	2	45	2	1	34	150	2	42	62	328	1	40			
Keen Memorial	1	26	442	11	5	8		5	2	5	5	13	20	4	30		340	1	25				
Kemptonw...		3	119	2	4	3		4	2	1	3	1	2	1	15		66	1	24				
Kennedyville...			128					2	2			10	2	1	16		75	2	30				
Kent Island		10	79	9				18	1	1	1	18	14	1	12	50	108	1	45	1	49		
Lauraville	2	20	236		2			53	3	2	1	1	15	61	1	18	25	185	1	41	1	50	
Laurel	2	4	308	5		1		1	61	3		7	18	4	68	5	355						
Laurel Circuit		3	75	37	9	20		9	2		2	4	39	1	13	20	100						
Lawsonia		4	151	4				2	3	3	1	1	5	2	20	5	88	1	30				
Leeds			43					2				2		1	7	5	50						
Leipsic			25		17			12	2			10	28	11	1	8	40	80					
Lewes		10	150	5	2			9	5		1	5	12	2	23	5	163	2	82				
Lewistown			234					8	4		4		5										
Liberty		6	285	15	13			17	2	4	4	2	12	15	4	39		279	1	20			
Lisbon			107					2			2				1	12	7	60					
Lynchburg			285					61	1		2	17	39	47	4	38	42	370	2	77	3	142	
Mardela		4	185					2			1		8	1	1	17	122						
Mardela		1	69					3			3		3	3	2	12	50	100					
Mariners		3	39						3		3		4	1	1	4		53					
Marley		1	35	140	31	1	1	1	2	5	1	2	49	6	3	47	105	315	2	68			
Middleway		51	118	51	1			13	1		6	15	34	1	14	15	124	1	31				
Millville		16	115	8				16	1	1	5	31	5	81	4	28	31	166	1	25			
Milton	2	17	148	17	1	1		15	2	1	2	5	26	65	2	16		178	2	55			
Montgomery		1	131	12	11			16			1	4	15	1	18	16	84	1	36	1	35		
Mt. Nebo			212	3	3			1	10	29	7	2	5	4	1	27	32	138	1	61	1	35	
Mt. Tabor			229		5			6	1		4		3	5	3	29	20	205					
Newark		16	364	33	21			21		50	7	3	7	50	4	45	10	300	2	50	1	25	
New Church...			229		5			24	2	2	1		9	31	3	23	43	162	1	40			
Newmarket		16	364	33	21			11	2		5				1	18	33	174	1	34	1	62	
Nichols Memo'l		6	160	8	9			2			2												
North Baltimore		1	187		1			11	2		5												
N. C. Avenue ...	1		227					36	4	5	5	1	13	40	1	22	6	221	1	52	1	35	

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CHARGE	Unstn.	Min and Preachers.	Probationers.					Full Members.					Sunday School			Y. P. S. C. E.						
			Probationers.	Full Members.	Received.	Admitted to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
Oak Grove.....	1	4	160	17	16	2	19	3	6	8	15	23	1	12	17	53	1	47	1	38		
Oxford.....	20	160	3	1	3	3	3	6	8	4	1	1	20	16	105	1	47	1	38			
Parkley.....		238					1	1	2	1		236	20	330	2	110	1	59				
Paysou Street.....		64					10	1	9	4	1	15	4	154	1	25	1	35				
Pipe Creek.....		219					7		2			232	2	117	1	48	1	13				
Pittsville.....		300	12	12			18	64	2	18	36	430		230								
Pocomoke City.....	1	10	274	9	7		8	2	4	2	6	10	2	31	15	210	1	30	1	45		
Pocomoke Circ'l.....	3	22	149	23	10		13	3	3	7	21	330	20	150	1	30						
Potomac.....		3	114	5	2		7	25	2	21	9	231	34	159	2	30						
Powellville.....		138	3	3			3	5	10	1	6	10	14	4	50							
Prince George.....		4	103	6	4		8	3	2	3	3	9	2	14	5	69						
Quantico.....		5	189	8	7		8	4	2	1	7	14	20	18	156	2	76					
Queen Anne.....	1	2	149				15	8	2	4	22	2	15	13	120	2	40	1	15			
Reliance.....	22	276	52	28	1		1	47	2	1	221	57	336	96	327	1	39					
R. I. Avenue.....	1		550	35	35		63	10	15	120	40	1	56	104	622	2	125	1	180			
Rowlandville.....		142					9	1	2	4	7	13	332	10	130	1	40					
Salisbury.....	10	286	9	11			42	4	28	2	3	4	30	1	28	86	405	1	80	1	53	
Salem.....	11	128	22	11			11	1	2	2	8	25	1	15	4	106	1	40	1	20		
Seaford.....		294					51	430	2	2	15	42	1	22	33	300	1	55	1	84		
Sharptown.....	1	171	2	2			8	1			12	3	2	40	14	302	1	35				
Snow Hill.....	84	351	84				8	3	29	2	9	2	135	3	30	60	235	1	35	1	51	
South Baltimore.....	3	8	147	5	4		18	7	10	2	2	12	16	1	25	46	165	1	55			
Starr.....	40	288	10	8	3		1	26	7	2	6	35	20	1	26	23	225	1	44	1	25	
Stewartstown.....	2	9	244	9	9		3				4	11	8	10	2	34	70	245	2	60	2	35
St. James.....		1	244	5	5		4	4		1			6	2	26	25	160	2	60			
St. Johns.....	1	21	103				2			1	3	1	1	21	35	365	1	42	1	62		
St. Lukes.....	3	23	120	24			1	5	131	3	8	24	1	26	25	368	1	39				
St. Michaels.....	2	14	131	1	4		5		1	10	1	2	25	2	45	140	2	45				
Susquehanna.....	1	13	208	13				29	2	11			3	37	2	164	2	44				
Talbot.....	11	79	11	5			6		1	1	5	40	3	21	4	123						
Trinity.....	12	241	32	20			21	1	3	3	12	40	2	21	25	225	1	30				
Union.....	6	166	6					9	50	3		26	3	32	35	183	2	43				
Union Bridge.....		167	6				7	1		1	7	10	2	32	10	180	1	90	1	10		
Violetville.....	1	25	61	18	1	2	1	4	2		6	17	1	25	20	100	1	24	1	60		
Wallace Memo'l.....	10	89	18	10			12		1	4		13	1	18	12	160	1	68				
Waltersville.....	1	92	180	2	4		4	5	4	42	10	2	35	30	20	1	20	1	40			
Warwick.....	1	112	4	2		6	1	6	5	21	3	6	3	22	4	68	1	56				
Waverly.....	1	9	88	28	42		42	1		1	3	10	1	121	57	217	1	52	1	45		
West Baltimore.....	2	11	445	14	18		30	12	6	25	14	1	52	104	505	1	70	1	75			
Westminster.....		291					8	2	3	6	2	1	154	20	166	1	83	1	50			
West Wilming'n.....	3	42	63	41	6	40	20	3	22		60	1	27	18	212	1	27	1	30			
V. Williamsport.....		90					2	1	1	2	2	4	3	25	150	1	24					
Wilmington.....	1	106	4	8			13	2	7	1	1	8	3	11	15	63	1	25				
Wye.....	15	103	14		1		12	9	7	1	3	13	2	12	10	60	1	25	1	26		

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENT 1907-08										
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Accomac	2	1	1	6000	800		3100	20	22	7	5	14	10	34	32	19	22	165
Alexandria	1	1	1	17000	2300	1750	7000	17	20	5	4	12	12	28	26	16	18	141
Alnutt Memor'l	1	1	1	55000	6000		14800	25	65	15	13	42	22	99	91	55	63	465
Amelia	4	4	1	4025	925	800	900	9	15	3	2	10	2	24	21	14	14	105
Baltimore	3	3	1	6000	2000		5500	10	20	5	4	12	10	28	26	16	18	139
Bedford	6	6	1	10000	1000		1900	28	28	8	6	19	13	44	42	24	28	212
Belair	4	4	1	15000	7000		9500	20	28	8	6	19	8	44	42	24	28	207
Bethany	1	1		4000		475	3000	7	10	5	2	6	10	16	14	9	10	82
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000		8500	14	25	7	5	16	15	39	35	21	24	187
Brooklyn	2	2	2	15000	4500		5500	19	20	5	4	12	6	28	26	16	18	135
Cambridge	3	3	1	6000	2000	550	6000	12	30	8	6	20	12	47	44	26	30	223
Campbell	6	6		4188				16	10	5	2	6	11	16	14	9	10	83
Cannon	1	1		1700			1600	3	8	2	2	4	6	9	9	5	6	51
Caroline	4	3	1	4500	1000	21	2600	6	25	7	5	16	8	39	35	21	24	180
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000		10000	9	22	7	5	14	10	34	32	19	22	165
Centreville	1	1	1	13500	2500		6500	28	20	5	4	12	6	23	26	16	18	135
Cherrydale	1								2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	14
Chesapeake	2	2	1	6000	2000		5420	4	22	7	5	14	8	34	32	19	22	163
Chestertown	1	1	1	30000	5000		15340	37	60	15	13	38	15	90	84	52	58	425
Chincoteague	1	1	1	2000	1000		1500	2	20	5	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	137
Christ Church	1	1		8000		3000	3500	15	12	3	3	8	13	19	18	11	12	99
Clayton	3	3	1	9000	1700	530	6700	12	25	7	5	16	9	39	35	21	24	181
Clinton Hill	1	1		29000		12500	13000	1										
Concord	3	3	1	4700	500		2500	20	25	7	5	16	12	39	35	21	24	184
Conquest	2	2		4000		225	2250	6	10	3	2	6	7	16	14	9	10	77
Crisfield	1	1	1	30000	2000		12000	21	45	10	9	28	29	66	61	38	42	328
Crumpton	2	2	1	3500	1000		1612	4	15	3	2	10	3	24	21	14	14	106
Cumberland	1	1	1	14000	5000	4500	1000	20	25	7	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	182
" Cir.	2	2		2000			1600	12	5	2	2	4	8	9	9	5	6	50
Deer Creek	2	2	1	4000	1500		2700	7	15	4	2	10	7	24	21	14	14	111
Deer Park	4	4	1	6700	1600		650	10	19	5	4	9	16	24	22	14	15	128
Delmar	1	1	1	5000	1800		4200	15	25	7	5	16	11	39	35	21	24	183
Delta	1	1	1	6000	2500	875	2900	8	20	5	4	12	7	28	26	16	18	136
Denton	1	1	1	16300	5500	8200	14300	10	43	7	7	26	24	64	59	35	42	308
Dorchester	2	2	1	6000	2500		4650	11	20	5	4	12	12	23	26	16	18	141
Dover	4	4	1	6000	1500	40	6500	40	25	7	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	182
Dover	1	1		6000	100		2175	7	10	5	2	6	3	16	14	9	10	75
East Baltimore	1	1	1	25000	1200	650	6000	15	45	10	9	28	8	66	61	38	42	307
Easton	1	1	1	15000	2000		9000	35	45	10	9	28	9	66	61	35	42	308
Elizabeth	1	1	1	16300	5500	8200	14300	10	43	7	7	26	24	64	59	35	42	308
Eutaw	1	1	1	1500	2500		2700	11	19	5	4	9	5	24	22	14	15	117
Evergreen	1	1		2500			1800	5	10	5	2	6	4	16	14	9	10	76
Fairfax	4	4		5000			4000	10	12	4	3	8	12	19	18	11	12	99
Fairview	1	1		1800			1000	1										
Fawn Grove	3	3	1	29000	1000	1800	7155	20	25	7	5	16	25	39	35	21	24	197
Federalburg	1	1	1	6000	2000	300	4400	7	6	2	2	4	7	9	9	5	6	50
Felton	3	3	1	2500	1800	1100	1800	2	20	5	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	137
Finksburg	4	4	1	18000	2000	335	11700	19	25	7	5	16	20	39	35	21	24	192
First Ch'h (Newark)									60	11	13	38	18	88	80	50	54	412
First Ch'h (Wash.)	1	1	1	30000	5000	3319	5500	17	25	7	5	16	15	39	35	21	24	187

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	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Franklin City...	4	4	1	7000	800	.....	3100	20	25	7	5	16	20	39	35	21	24	192
Frederick	4	4	1	5500	1500	.....	4700	21	22	7	5	14	14	34	32	19	22	169
Geo'town, D.C.	1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	11100	35	55	13	12	36	7	86	79	49	54	391
Geo'town, Del.	1	1	1	3500	3500	1500	3400	9	19	5	5	12	10	27	24	17	18	137
Geo'town Cir't	3	3	...	3200	.....	.....	2100	2	12	4	3	8	10	19	18	11	12	97
Glenburnie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	48
Greenwood	3	3	1	10000	2000	230	9300	27	22	7	5	14	14	34	32	19	22	169
Grove	4	4	1	6600	6000	.....	.....	8	18	5	4	10	11	25	23	15	17	128
Hampden	1	1	1	16700	1500	.....	12650	12	40	10	8	24	19	59	55	32	40	287
Harbeson	3	3	1	3000	1000	.....	600	3	10	5	2	6	10	6	14	9	10	82
Harpers Ferry...	2	2	1	6000	5000	.....	2600	5	18	5	4	10	5	25	23	15	17	122
Harrington	2	2	1	15000	1675	450	8400	20	25	7	5	16	12	39	35	21	24	184
Heathsville.....	5	5	1	14000	1600	400	1000	30	28	8	6	19	5	44	42	24	28	204
Howard	4	3	1	7200	3100	.....	9750	26	22	7	5	14	10	34	32	19	22	165
Hurlock	4	4	1	4500	1400	100	3800	9	12	4	3	8	13	19	18	11	12	100
Indian River...	1	1	...	500	.....	.....	.....	2	5	2	2	4	4	9	9	5	6	46
Jefferson	2	2	1	21000	4500	.....	13800	38	60	15	13	38	12	90	84	52	58	422
Keen Memorial	1	1	...	15000	.....	2100	4000	3	18	5	4	10	16	24	20	14	16	127
Kempdown	4	4	1	8000	1000	.....	8300	30	20	5	4	12	17	28	26	16	18	146
Kennedville...	1	1	1	4750	1200	.....	4000	15	18	5	4	10	3	25	23	15	17	120
Kent Island	2	2	1	7000	1800	.....	.....	14	22	6	5	14	4	34	32	19	22	158
Lauraville	1	1	...	6200	.....	2550	3500	1	5	2	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	47
Laurel	1	1	1	7000	3500	1200	6800	12	35	8	8	22	9	50	46	28	36	242
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	5800	2000	350	6200	24	25	7	5	16	18	39	35	21	24	190
Lawsonia	1	1	1	3500	800	500	2900	2	8	2	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	50
Leeds	2	2	1	7000	3000	.....	6562	6	20	5	4	12	4	28	26	16	18	133
Leipsic	1	1	...	3000	.....	.....	1500	1	6	2	2	4	3	9	9	5	6	46
Lewes	1	1	...	650	.....	.....	300	2	5	2	2	4	4	9	9	5	6	46
Lewistown	2	2	...	2500	.....	.....	1734	...	8	2	2	4	8	9	9	5	6	53
Liberty	4	4	1	9600	2000	.....	6280	15	20	5	4	12	16	28	26	16	18	145
Lisbon	4	4	1	5500	1500	465	4700	28	25	7	5	16	14	39	35	21	24	186
Lynchburg	1	1	1	20000	5000	1000	5500	8	25	7	5	16	3	39	35	21	24	175
Mardela	4	4	1	8500	1000	600	1000	20	17	5	4	10	19	24	20	14	16	129
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1500	246	4000	2	20	5	4	12	6	28	26	16	18	135
Marley	3	2	...	3000	.....	.....	1600	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleway	1	1	1	2500	550	.....	1200	1	10	5	2	6	3	16	14	9	10	75
Millville	3	3	...	4000	.....	1021	2950	3	10	5	2	6	16	16	14	9	10	88
Milton	1	1	1	3200	1200	741	2800	7	17	5	4	10	6	24	20	14	16	116
Montgomery ..	4	4	...	5600	.....	42	4400	7	5	2	2	4	8	9	9	5	6	50
Mt. Nebo	2	2	...	4700	.....	.....	4000	...	12	4	3	8	9	19	18	11	12	96
Mt. Tabor	1	1	...	9500	.....	.....	4500	10	22	7	5	14	4	34	32	19	22	159
New Church ...	3	3	1	6000	2000	300	3000	16	18	5	4	10	10	25	23	15	17	127
Newark	1	1	1	35000	7000	.....	18000	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newmarket	4	4	1	12000	2000	300	6900	14	30	8	6	20	15	47	44	26	30	226
Nichols Memo'	3	3	1	5750	1500	800	3000	12	15	4	2	10	8	24	21	14	14	114
Norths Baltim'e	1	1	1	36000	6000	7200	19500	31	35	8	8	22	9	50	46	28	35	242
N. C. Ave	1	1	...	40000	.....	5500	11000	30	25	7	5	16	11	39	35	21	24	183
Oak Grove	1	1	1	1500	1100	.....	1500	22	16	4	3	10	3	23	21	14	16	110

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total for General Interests

	1907	1906	Increase	Decrease
President	\$ 2983	\$ 2988	\$	\$ 5
Conference.....	442	432	10	
Ministerial Education	572	561	11	
Seminary.....	1766	1935		169
College.....	1154	1274		120
Superannuates	4010	4083		73
Church Extension.....	3608	3672		64
Home Missions.....	2661	2345	316	
Foreign Missions.....	2809	2851		42
Special for Foreign Missions.....	5618	6982		1364
Bible	292	381		89
Tract	253	354		101
Church Home.....	757	654	103	
Total	26925	25512		1587

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary.....	\$80590	\$79388	\$ 1202	\$
Parsonage Rent.....	16403	14797	1606	
Current Expenses.....	29081	26977	2104	
Sunday School Expenses.....	14741	13892	849	
Building and Improvements.....	41456	71894		30438
Paid on Debt.....	31808	18890	12918	
Miscellaneous.....	16885	11336	5549	
Total for Local Interests	230964	237174		6210
Total for all Purposes.....	257889	265686		7797

Assessments

President.....	\$ 3011	\$ 2981	\$ 30	
Conference.....	809	481	328	
Ministerial Education.....	629	629		
Seminary.....	1895	1903		8
College.....	1380	1322	38	
Superannuates.....	4526	4534		8
Church Extension.....	4173	4189		16
Home Missions.....	2537	2544		7
Foreign Missions.....	2891	2897		6

CLAYBORNE PHILLIPS,
Conference Steward.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Membership

	1907	1906	Increase	Decrease
Unstated Ministers and Preachers.....	70	71		1
Probationers.....	1495	1308	187	
Full Members.....	25572	25398	174	
Probationers Received.....	1442	1436	6	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	849	1080		181
Probationers Withdrawn.....	12	17		5
Probationers Discontinued.....	153	135	18	
Probationers Deceased.....	10	11		1
Full Members Received.....	1925	2258		333
Full Members Withdrawn.....	368	336	32	
Full Members Discontinued.....	972	692	280	
Full Members Deceased.....	307	240	67	
Adults Baptized.....	250	263		13
Children Baptized.....	1579	1654		75
Conversions.....	2724	2696	28	
Sunday Schools.....	277	275	2	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	3568	3418	150	
New Scholars.....	3472	3559		87
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	27455	26495	960	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	137	141		4
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	5047	4846	201	
Junior C. E. Societies.....	65	69		4
Junior C. E. Members.....	2698	2901		203
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Juniors } for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 804	\$ 922		\$ 118

Property

Appointments.....	294	291	3	
Churches.....	2904	2904		
Parsonages.....	105	105		
Value of Church Property.....	1752912	1661950	90963	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	245460	227310	18150	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	143925	124530	18905	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	795680	733886	61794	
Subscribers to <i>The Methodist Protestant</i>	1989	2053		64

H. L. SCHLINKE,

W. P. ROBERTS,

Committee on Statistics.

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. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and the pastor of the church where the Conference is held

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 as 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.
8. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.
9. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

10. 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.

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

12. 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. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$600 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

RULE II—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:—

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative 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 the 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 a member of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blank to all ministers who are not pastors on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.
13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference' substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

COMMITTEES.

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

RULE IV—STANDING COMMITTEES:—

1. Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

2. Itinerary and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sunday Schools—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 3 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, 3 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.
21. Committee on Transportation.
22. Committee on Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
23. Committee on Our Church Home.

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 sustains 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 the 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 previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto requests it, or unless another 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. 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 same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and the time and place for Memorial Services for the deceased shall be fixed.

RULE XXVIII—At 10.30 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon. On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday.

RULE XXIX—At 2.30 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. Superannuate Fund Steward. 6. Foreign Missionary Steward. 7. General Home Missionary Steward. 8. Education Steward. 9. Our Church Home Steward. 10. Bible and Tract Steward. The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant. 11. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen. 12. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX—Examination of Official Character. At 10.00 o'clock Thursday morning 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

RULE XXXI—The Conference shall be opened on the first day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer. On each day following there shall be held a devotional service lasting 30 minutes, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M.

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, 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 the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

RULE XL—The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

RULE XLI—The assessment of \$3000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: Seventy-five per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. Twenty-five per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan.

RULE XLII—In all cases of the trial of a minister, the Secretary of the Trial Committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges, and specifications, a copy of the finding, or verdict of the Committee—and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference.

RULE XLIII—All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Character for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuate Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward, Educational Steward, Our Church Home Steward, and Bible and Tract 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 on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, and bring into 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, whenever 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 baptised, and if not, to administer the ordinance 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 Preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given 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—
 - a. From pastor and associates.
 - b. From superannuates.
 - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 - d. From class leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.
 - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorters' and preachers' 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 the 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.

1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.
2. 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 2 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

TITLES AND DEGREES.

Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraph, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for church extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.
2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the conference year.
3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.
5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members'" at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.
6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.
7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.
8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members
9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.
10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.
11. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.
12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.
13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.
14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.
15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions

16. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATE FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuate Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuate list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuate Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act accordingly.

4. The Committee in making appropriations shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference. 2. The value of said service to the Conference. 3. The size of family. 4. The peculiarities of location, etc. 5. Ability to contribute to self support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuate Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuate Fund Society.

5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

6. The Steward of the Superannuate Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuate Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5 in addition to the Superannuate Collection, to assist any person who may be placed on the Superannuate List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuate Fund Society shall furnish Superannuate Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year;

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuate relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children, respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
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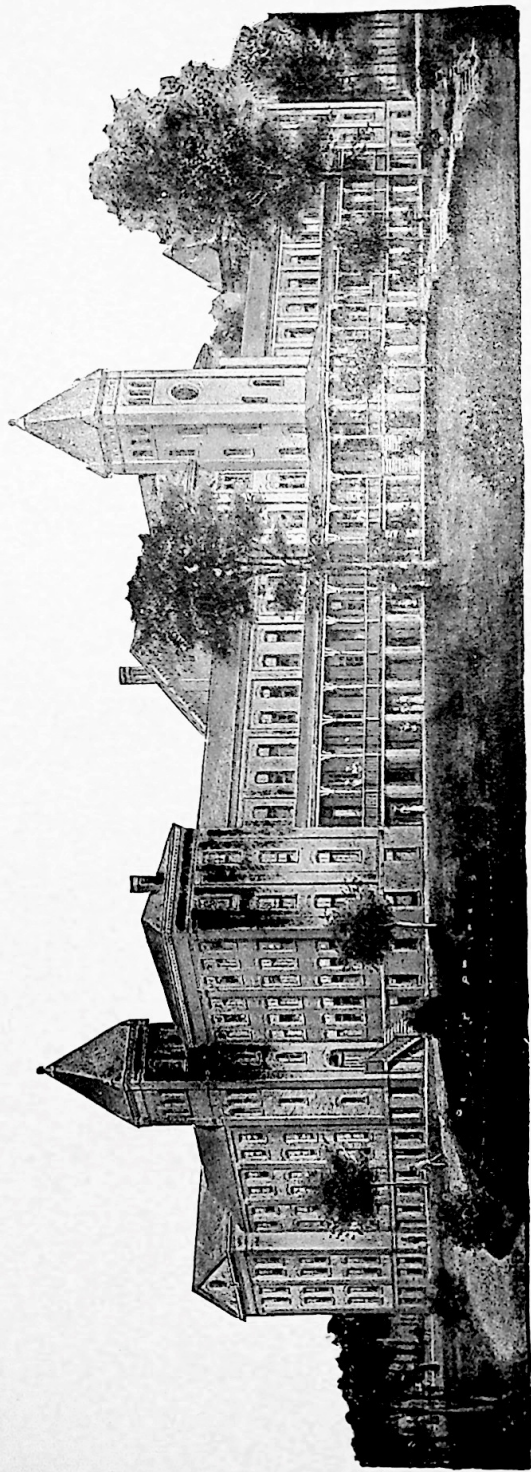
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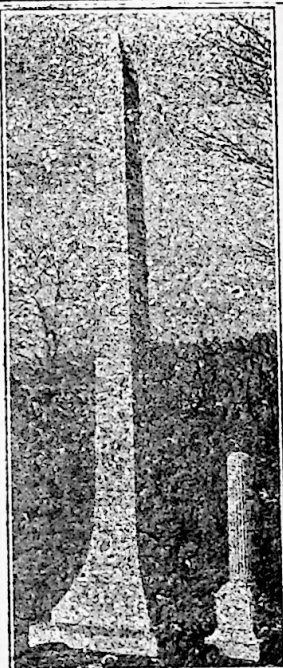
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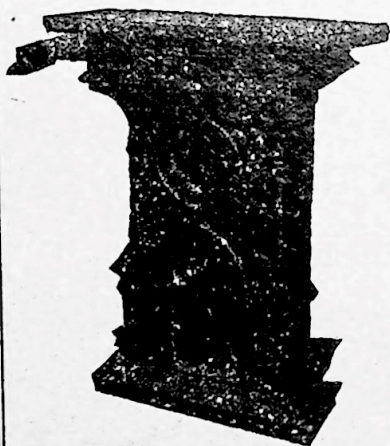
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