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Special Committees

- Item of 1909—S. S. Committee Report:—G. W. Haddaway, E. D. Stone, W. W. Smith.
- Program for Session of 1910:—J. M. Sheridan, W. S. Phillips, T. O. Crouse, T. A. Murray, W. O. Atwood, Harry Gilligan.
- To Confer with Agent President's Parsonage:—J. D. Kinzer, F. C. Klein, Dr. E. B. Fenby.
- Supervisory Relation with Taylor Memorial Church:—J. W. Trout, J. S. Bowers, T. A. Murray.
- To Confer with Committee of New Jersey Conference:—F. T. Tagg, F. T. Little, F. T. Benson, C. F. Thomas, T. P. Fisher.
- On Resolution Concerning Conference Evangelists:—J. W. Kirk, L. F. Warner, F. P. Adkins.
- To Bear Fraternal Greetings to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—1911:—F. T. Little, J. S. Bowers, T. J. Wilson.
- Commission to Meet Like Commission from New Jersey Conference in Reference to Consolidation:—J. M. Holmes, J. W. Trout, W. S. Phillips, J. W. Hering, George G. Ackerman, J. W. Chapman.
- Delegates to World's Sunday School Convention to Meet in Washington, D. C.:—F. T. Benson, E. T. Read, E. D. Stone, W. O. Atwood, J. D. Steele.
- Conference Appointees on Executive Committee of the Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union:—J. M. Sheridan, ex-officio; Louis Randall, J. Bibb Mills, W. F. Spangenberg, T. J. Wilson.
- Corresponding Members of the Board of Foreign Missions:—F. T. Benson, J. L. Nichols, W. R. Graham.
- On Linthicum Heights Church:—J. S. Bowers, G. W. Haddaway, E. C. Makosky, W. W. Smith, J. W. Chapman, Jr.
- On Rule IV. of Manual: Clayborne Phillips, C. P. Nowlin.

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Preparatory Course

- S. J. SMITH-Binney's Theological Compend.
- T. O. CROUSE-The New Testament. English Grammar.
- W. M. STRAYER—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners. Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.
- J. L. MILLS—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church. Official Blanks.
- J. W. GRAY-Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences.

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

All students in the Preparatory Course are required to present a written sermon to the President of the Faculty on or before February 1st of each Conference year.

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS-Lewis' The Divine Credentials. Theology.
- J. L. ELDERDICE-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-J. H. Tuthill, L. E. Purdum.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Proofs of the Existence of God" to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st, 1911.

Second Year's Class

- D. L. GREENFIELD-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—E. L. Beauchamp, J. R. Horsey, J. R. Wright, M. E. Hungerford, A. J. Torrey, A. B. Dupuy.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to D. L. Greenfield on or before February 1st. 1911.

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-W. W. Johnson, G. E. Bevans.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement," on on or before February 1st, 1911, to F. T. Benson.

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

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 selections from Job.

- S. J. SMITH, in Greek-1st Peter, 1st chapter.
- J. L. MILLS 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, President.

J. S. BOWERS, Secretary.

JOURNAL

First Day-Wednesday

Baltimore, Maryland, April 6th, 1910.

The Eighty-Second Session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church began in the Broadway Church, this day at nine o'clock. President Sheridan called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional service, reading the One Hundred and Eleventh Psalm and the Fifteenth Chapter of St. John's Gospel. The Conference joined in singing Hymn 13, "O Worship the King all Glories Above." Following the prayer by the President, J. E. Maloy was called to the chair while President Sheridan read his annual report, (Report A), following which the President's character was passed. The Secretary moved that the Conference take a recess until the hour of the day at 10.30. The motion was withdrawn temporarily to entertain a motion instructing the Secretary to convey to S. J. Smith and J. L. Straughn, the sympathy and concern of the Conference in their affliction. The motion was passed and the motion of the Secretary being put, Conference adjourned at 10.20 o'clock until the order of the day.

At 10.30 o'clock the order was observed. H. L. Elderdice, Conference appointee for the sermon, was assisted by T. O. Crouse, W. M. Strayer and A. W. Mather. The Conference joined in singing Hymn 461—"Jesus, the Name High Over All." W. M. Strayer offered prayer and T. O. Crouse read a part of the tenth chapter of Matthew. A solo, "Shadow," was sung by W. B. Judefind. Hymn 320, "Take Time to be Holy," was announced and sung. H. L. Elderdice then preached the Conference sermon, taking as his text, Mark VI: 30-31, "And the Apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And He said unto them: 'Come ye yourselves apart unto a desert place and rest awhile'."

His subject was "An Adjourned Conference," and his message, "To Persuade Preachers to Spend More Time Resting with Jesus." The sermon concluded at 12.10, and after a solo by E. D. Stone, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by President Sheridan, assisted by J. L. Mills, J. E. Maloy, J. W. Gray, and W. M. Strayer. The session was concluded at 12.50 o'clock.

Afternoon

At two o'clock, the President called the Conference to order and called attention to two matters omitted from his report affecting release of B. W. Kindley from Cumberland, and the destruction by fire of the Georgetown, Delaware, Church, and by common consent, the two matters became a part of his official report.

The Roll of the Ministers was called by the Secretary.

The names of J. B. Jones and B. P. Truitt, who died during the year, were by motions of D. L. Greenfield and T. O. Crouse respectively, transferred to the Dead Roll. The Roll of Laymen was called. (See Roll).

The Secretary, as Committee on Credentials, on Transportation and on Publication of Minutes, read his report. A motion to adopt was made, but because of a question which the report raised as to the legality of the pastor being the presiding officer at membership meetings for the election of delegates, action on the report was deferred.

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

The report of the Committee on Conference Program was read by the Secretary and adopted. (Report P).

J. F. Wooden was excused from Conference sessions because of his father's illness. The order of the day for election of officers was deferred to consider a resolution of F. T. Tagg, that the Secretary of the Conference by telegram express to the Governor of Maryland the hope that he will not sign the Bill affecting the Local Option status in Washington County. (Resolution 1). On motion of the Secretary, the sixth pew was designated as the bar of the house.

The order was then observed. The vote for President was ordered and the following tellers were appointed: E. C. Makosky, R. K. Lewis, T. E. Harrison and J. W. Norris. One hundred and seventy-nine votes were cast as follows: J. M. Sheridan—141, W. R. Graham—26, J. M. Gill—2, G. Q.

Bacchus—1, J. W. Trout—1, J. S. Bowers—5, F. T. Little—1, J. W. Kirk—2. J. M. Sheridan was declared elected, who addressed the Conference, and at his request F. T. Little offered a prayer. By motion of G. Q. Bacchus, the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot for W. S. Phillips as Secretary of the Conference for the ninth year.

The following Stewards were elected for 1911: Conference, Clayborne Phillips; Church Extension, R. L. Shipley; Superannuate, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, H. O. Keen; General Home Missions, C. R. Strausburg; Education, E. L. Bunce; Our Church Home, B. F. Ruley; Bible and Tract, G. E. Brown.

A question arose as to the disposition of the Educational Assessments in the absence of the Steward, E. P. Perry. The Conference Steward was advised to forward checks to the Steward for his endorsement.

The Secretary appointed the following Assistants—J. H. Straughn, G. 1. Humphreys and G. J. Hooker.

- J. W. Trout announced that a Fraternal Committee of the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Conference had been appointed to visit this Conference and on motion the order of the day was suspended and an order of the day was fixed to receive the delegation at eleven o'clock, Thursday.
- T. H. Lewis inquired if suggestions to the Stewards were in order, and being so advised by the President, called attention to several discrepancies in last year's minutes between the pastors' and stewards' reports.

The vote of the Standing District Committee was taken and the tellers retired to count the ballot. The vote for the Committee on Appeals followed, the tellers being R. L. Shipley, J. M. Brown, Fred. P. Adkins and A. R. Lewis. They retired to count the vote.

- E. D. Stone, because of his work with the Conference Choir, at his request, was excused from service on the Committee on Young People's work.
- J. M. Holmes submitted a paper from Alexandria for the Church Extension Committee.

Dorsey Blake inquired if the alternate from Centreville, who was present, could be given a seat in the Conference until the arrival of the delegate on Saturday. After some discussion, J. W. Trout moved that the alternate be seated until the appearance of the delegate on Saturday. S. B. Tredway moved that the motion be amended to seat the alternate without reservation but later withdrew the amendment. J. E. Nicholson made the point that

the alternate automatically became the delegate in the latter's absence, when the Secretary was officially notified. The point was ruled out of order and by permission the original motion was withdrawn.

T. O. Crouse asked that the Conference rule as to the place where the collections for the special Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) Superannuated Fund should appear, and the Conference by a motion of F. T. Little ruled that they should not appear in the pastors' reports and only in the special report of T. H. Lewis, the Collector, with a foot-note at the place of the pastors' report, making due explanation.

The result of the ballot for the Committee on Appeals was as follows: J. L. Mills, W. M. Strayer and J. D. Kinzer, ministers, and A. R. Lewis, T. E. Harrison and H. K. Muller, laymen. The Standing District Committee vote was read: J. D. Kinzer, W. R. Graham and J. L. Straughn, ministers elected; T. P. Fisher, W. G. Baker and T. A. Murray, laymen elected.

The President appointed J. L. Ward as the successor of E. D. Stone on the Committee of Young Peoples' Work.

The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Rev. T. L. Garrison, representing Westminster College, Texas, to the President, who introduced him and extended the courtesies of the Conference.

J. W. Trout offered a resolution rescinding Resolution 13 of the Conference of 1906, affecting complimentary votes for pastors. No action was taken and after announcements Conference adjourned at 4.35 with benediction by F. H. Mullineaux.

Evening

Dr. J. M. H. Rowland presided at the evening session, devoted to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and addresses were made by Mr. J. T. Stone and Hon. J. W. Hering.

Second Day—Thursday

N. C. Clough led the morning devotional service and the President called the Conference to order for business at 9.30 o'clock. The Roll was called by the Secretary, following which the Roll of Charges was called for communications.

The motion that the Steward of Our Church Home Collection receive the amount for the President's Parsonage Guild was adopted.

The order of the day for the pastors to deposit reports was observed. The Stewards were given permission to retire.

The report of the Secretary of the Conference was taken from the table and that part of it affecting credentials was read. There was division of opinion in the Conference concerning the law governing the election of delegates where ministers presided at membership meetings and at his request the Secretary was permitted to withdraw the report.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory was read by J. L. Mills. A net gain of \$1,626.86 was reported for the year, which was credited to the capital stock. This is an increase over the gain of last year. The report announced the death of W. B. Usilton, President of the Board; the election of J. W. Chapman, Jr. to fill the vacancy in the Board, and the election of N. T. Meginnis, President of the Board. (See Report H). While the report was pending, F. T. Tagg and T. R. Woodford addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

H. L. Elderdice submitted and read the report of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and it was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report H).

The order of the day for eleven o'clock was the reception of the Delegation from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations presented Revs. Hugh Johnston, W. A. Koontz, and H. D. Mitchell. These ministers each addressed the Conference, bringing the felicitation and fraternity of their Conference. President Sheridan responded to the addresses. Rev. L. T. Widerman, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference and presented the interests of the Society.

A Committee of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, consisting of Rev. C. E. Guthrie, Rev. W. I. Kinney and Rev. J. O. Spencer, was introduced to the Conference and addresses were made requesting the Conference to co-operate in the movement to secure better Sabbath Observance in Washington. The time was extended and recess was taken at 12.05, with the benediction by Rev. Hugh Johnston.

Afternoon

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At two o'clock, the Conference resumed its session with President Sheridan presiding. A number of reports were referred without reading to various committees. G. A. Morris was excused from Saturday until Monday.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read, rejoicing in the various accomplishments of the year, and concurs in the recommendation that the name of Mrs. T. A. Reese be called at the Memorial Service. The President's recommendation that Wilton Heights be placed on the Roll of Charges was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. The report was then adopted. (See Report A).

The Committee on Official Relations made a partial report recommending the loan of J. M. Gill to the Board of Home Missions for work in Seattle, was adopted. (See Report M).

A letter from S. J. Smith, regretting his absence and giving expression of his faith in God, was read by the Secretary. At his request, the Conference joined in singing "The Old Time Religion."

D. L. Greenfield read the report of the Board of Managers of Our Church Home, requesting a regular assessment for the Home and calling attention to the new building for men. During the reading, F. T. Little was called to the chair. The report was referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies. (See Report L).

A resolution signed by E. C. Makosky, calling for the publication in the minutes of H. L. Elderdice's sermon, was adopted. (Resolution 2).

The President resumed the Chair.

Rev. Dr. Stultz, President, New Jersey Conference; Rev. Mr. Struthers, Secretary; Rev. C. D. Sinkinson and Rev. W. D. Stultz, an official committee, of the New Jersey Conference, were introduced and addresses were made by President Stultz and C. D. Sinkinson. F. T. Tagg made a motion which obtained, that the President appoint a committee of five to receive the communication of the committee and to report back to the Conference.

The Resolution rescinding Rule 13 of the Conference of 1906 was taken from the table. The Secretary made a motion that the rule under consideration be continued a part of the Manual. J. W. Trout explained that he had offered the Resolution simply to develop discussion and on motion of F. T. Little, it was laid on the table.

Rev. Dr. Henry Branch, Secretary of the Maryland Tract Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The order of the day at three o'clock was the Memorial Service. The Secretary made a motion that for this session of Conference only the names of those who had died during the year be called. The motion did not carry. The President appointed J. W. Kirk to call the Roll. D. L. Greenfield read the obituary of J. B. Jones, and appreciations were expressed by J. W. Gray, W. M. Strayer, J. E. Maloy, J. S. Scarborough and H. S. Johnson. T. O. Crouse read the memoir of B. P. Truitt, and addresses followed by T. H. Lewis, and J. M. Gill. F. T. Little spoke in memory of Mrs. T. A. Reese. (See Obituaries).

Following the Memorial Service, the President appointed F. T. Tagg, F. T. Little, F. T. Benson, C. F. Thomas and T. P. Fisher, the Committee to meet the representatives of the New Jersey Conference.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at five o'clock, W. M. Strayer pronouncing the benediction.

Evening

The Evening Session was devoted to the interests of Church Extension. J. S. Bowers was the Presiding Officer. F. T. Little and J. M. Sheridan were the speakers.

Third Day-Friday

F. S. Cain conducted the morning worship, and at 9.30 the President called the Conference to order for business and asked F. T. Little to the chair. The minutes were read, corrected and approved. The calling of the Roll was deferred until eleven o'clock.

T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, read the report of that institution. General improvements exceeding \$50,000 have been made, and the total present endowment is slightly over \$50,000. The report called attention to the forty years of service of Rev. J. W. Reese, and the report was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report H).

The Secretary called for reports.

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was read, showing total receipts and giving the financial statement of the year. (See Report A). The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society outlining the work done during the year and making special mention of the new Wilton Heights Church and the lot purchased on Monument Street; and asking for appropriations to the two new church enterprises, was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report F).

Rev. T. L. Garrison, representing the Westminster College, Texas, was given the floor of the Conference and made an address in the interest of his institution.

The order of the day at eleven o'clock being the roll call, it was abserved. On this final roll call the following had not responded: Ministers—J. L. Straughn, J. G. Sullivan, W. J. D. Lucas, S. J. Smith, E. H. Van Dyke, E. P. Perry, G. E. Bevans; Laymen—Frank M. Bell, W. H. Whitney, John B. Davis, John H. Russell, Thomas H. Moore, Perry W. Ruth, John W. Harkins, Herbert Leeds, L. K. Clifton, S. J. Minner, W. H. Short, Clinton B. Jarman, Nelson Johnson, E. S. Wilson, Milton Holt, R. C. Wood, F. A. Covington, J. W. Nichols, J. H. Bell, Archibold Todd, Jacob L. Johnson, David Ralph, Thomas C. Baile, Thomas Johnson.

J. E. Nicholson moved that the Secretary mark "present" all who reported to him in person, and the motion was adopted.

The report of the Secretary as Committee on Credentials was again taken from the table, and recommended that a rule be placed in the Manual affecting the law of the Church, that pastors shall not preside at the membership meeting for the election of delegates to Conference. The report was adopted. (Report B).

The report of the Treasurer of General Conference Expenses was read, stating the amount on hand and giving a list of the churches which have not yet paid their assessment. The report was amended, requesting the churches to make payment of the assessments this year. The report was so adopted. (Report Q).

An invitation from the Federalsburg Church to hold the next session of Conference in that church was read, and according to rule was laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

A resolution on Evangelism and the appointment by the Conference of ministers for special evangelistic work and of a Committee to superintend the work, was introduced, and on motion was referred to a special Committee of three. The Secretary called attention to the unfinished business of last session, which was the reports of the special committees.

The report of the Board of Managers of Deaconess Work, that the Board had met and had organized, but had not been able to secure property or Deaconesses was read. (Report R). The report was adopted and on motion of A. W. Mather, the Secretary cast the ballot for the re-election of the managers whose terms expired with this Conference, as follows: T.O. Crouse, W. T. Ballard, N. T. Meginnis, Miss Carrie Thomas, Miss Fannie Deering.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, an order of the day for three o'clock Monday to consider the Deaconess Work was made and obtained. The President took the chair.

A resolution to appoint a Committee of three to bear the greetings and reciprocity of this Conference to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its next session was offered and adopted. (Resolution 3).

The Secretary read a letter from E. H. Van Dyke, reporting the work in Japan and sending his greetings to the Conference. The letter was referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report N).

A letter from E. P. Perry, stating that his absence was due to the illness of his wife and the building of the new church was read, requesting also that he be excused from the Conference, and the request was granted.

On motion of the Secretary the Conference gave way to the meeting of the Mutual Relief Association at 11.40 o'clock, resuming at 11.50, and after anouncements, took a recess with the benediction by Rev. J. W. Balderston.

Afternoon

A resolution offered by H. L. Elderdice was adopted opening the churches of the Conference to the representative of Westminster College. (Resolution 4).

The request of the Maryland Sunday School Association for the loan of B. W. Kindley was referred to the Committee on Official Relations. (See Report M).

The financial statement of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference was read and the Conference received it as a report. (Report C). T. H. Lewis, Collector of the \$10,000 Superannuated Fund requested the Board of Finance to audit his report and the request was granted.

The report of the Pulpit Supply Committee was read and accepted, after several modifications.

T. P. Fisher offered a resolution that the Board of Finance shall not increase the basis of assessments on any charge without first consulting the pastor and delegate from that charge. It was adopted. (Resolution 5).

There being no busingess on the table the Conference took up the order fixed for 3.30 and heard the representative of the Board of Education, Rev. Geo. R. Brown, Sec.-Treas., and Rev. C. L. Queen, Sec.-Treas. of the Board of Home Missions.

At 3.45 o'clock the business of the session was resumed.

The special committee on Taylor Memorial Church reported through J. W. Trout the advances made in that church this year. The report was adopted.

The Maryland Branch of the W. F. M. S. reported a successful year and the report was sent to the Committee on Missions. (See Report N).

On request of J. W. Kirk, a motion to reconsider the resolution adopted affecting any increase in assessments was made by A. A. Harryman. The motion did not carry, but on motion of F. T. Little, J. W. Kirk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, was given the privilege of the floor to discuss the matter.

The report of the Special Committee on Item of Sunday School Committee Report was read, which invites Sunday School workers to attend and take part in the Christian Endeavor conventions. The report was adopted. (See Report I).

- J. L. Mills was called to the Chair.
- T. R. Woodford, Agent, asked for information as to the manner of disposing of the publication by H. L. Elderdice on "The Call to the Ministry." G. W. Haddaway moved its free distribution among the pastors of the Conference. T. H. Lewis moved to amend that a charge of ten cents be made and to turn the receipts over to the Theological Seminary. J. W. Kirk offered an amendment to the whole that three copies be sent to each pastor and the remainder be placed on sale at ten cents per copy. W. S. Phillips offered as a substitute for the whole that it be placed on sale at ten cents per copy, and that each pastor of the Maryland Conference have what they

need free, the proceeds from sales going to the Seminary. Adopted. (Resolution 6).

The following committee on the resolution of Evangelism was read: J. W. Kirk, L. F. Warner, and Fred. P. Adkins.

Conference adjourned at 4.45 with the benediction by J. W. Kirk.

Evening

"Our Young People" was the subject discussed by Rev. C. H. Hubbell, Sec. of the Young Peoples Board, and F. T. Benson, President Maryland Conference C. E. Union. B. W. Kindley, Secretary of the Maryland Sunday School Association, was the presiding officer.

Fourth Day-Saturday

The Conference began business at the usual hour, with the President in the chair, W. P. Roberts having conducted the morning devotional service. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was submitted with the following items: 1, That J. H. Tuthill and L. E. Purdum be received on trial; 2, Recommending the acceptance of S. W. Rosenberger, transferring from the Muskingum Conference; 3, Reporting on the students in course, advancing to Second Year's Class, E. L. Beauchamp, J. R. Horsey, J. R. Wright, M. E. Hungerford, H. J. Torrey, H. B. Dupuy; to the Third Year Class, W. W. Johnson, and G. E. Bevans; passing out of course, J. E. Massey, E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester and P. L. Rice; 4, Recommending the ordination of E. L. Beauchamp; 5, That W. C. Mumford and E. W. Simms be placed in the hands of the President. The partial report was adopted by items. (Report E).

The report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference announced the expiration of term of Trustees and gave the report of the Treasurer, T. A. Murray, and the joint report of the Committee on Book Rooms. The report was adopted (Report C), and the following Trustees were reelected for the term of three years: F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin.

The following Committee to bear greetings to the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church at their next Session was announced by the President: F. T. Little, J. S. Bowers and T. J. Wilson.

There being no business before the Conference, a motion was made and adopted that the Conference adjourn one hour for Committee work. The vote stood 37 yeas, 10 nays.

The Conference resumed its session at 11.30 o'clock. The order of the day was the presentation of the Foreign Missions work by F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Missions Board, and of the Young People's work by C. H. Hubbell, Secretary of the Young People's Board. The order was observed. The time was extended. A further partial report of the Faculty, not concurring in the reception of A. A. Bichell, was adopted. (See Report E).

The partial report of the Committee on Official Relations, that the paper from Keen Memorial Church did not come under its jurisdiction, was adopted. (Report M).

The Home Missions Steward, C. R. Strausburg, submitted his report, which was adopted, that \$2730. had been paid, \$126. in excess of assessment. (See Report N).

A Resolution offered by C. P. Nowlin, that the Resolution of 1908 requesting each Ladies' Aid Society to pay \$1.00 each year to the President's Parsonage, be changed to read "each charge." It was amended to read that each charge pay only One Dollar (\$1.00) and not One Dollar (\$1.00) for each Aid Society. The Secretary further amended, that "each Society pay one dollar, except where there is more than one Society on a charge." The amendment was adopted, and then the resolution. (Resolution 7).

The Chairman of the Board of Finance submitted a list of those charges on which the Assessments would be increased, and asked that the pastors and delegates appear before the said Board to enter whatever objections they might have.

The report of the Special Committee to Confer with the Commission from New Jersey Conference was read, and recommended that because of the many conditions to be handled a Commission of six be appointed, consisting of three ministers and three laymen to take the matter in charge. The report was adopted. (Report S).

On motion the Conference adjourned until Monday morning, H. F. Wright pronouncing the benediction.

Evening

In the evening, an address was made by Mr. H. T. Yokoyama, a student in the Seminary on "Japan: The Mediator Between the Orient and the Occident."

Fifth Day-Sunday

The Ordination sermon was preached by S. B. Tredway, his subject being "The Inner Life"; his text, John 15:6, "If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

At its conclusion, the Secretary by order of Conference, presented E. L. Beauchamp to the President, who, assisted by W. M. Strayer, F. T. Tagg and W. S. Phillips, ordained him to the office of Elder in the Church of Christ.

Evening

The service in the Conference Church in the evening was the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Broadway Church. Addresses were made by licentiates of the Church: J. M. Holmes, F. T. Little, C. S. Arnett, A. A. Harryman, C. K. McCaslin and W. S. Simms.

Sixth Day-Monday

The morning worship was led by W. L. Hoffman.

The President called the Conference to order for business at the regular time and immediately called F. T. Little to the Chair. The minutes were read and approved. Committee reports were called for.

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension, recommending the usual assessment of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for Church Extension purposes, was adopted. (Report F).

Miscellaneous business was called for. C. P. Nowlin, Superannuate Steward, stated that a balance of One Hundred and Two Dollars (\$102.00) was left from amount appropriated to the late Mrs. Ellegood, and that there were no claimants. He was instructed to place the sum in the treasury.

The delegate from Towson was excused from the session of Conference.

C. P. Nowlin presented a resolution that the Superannuated Fund Steward be authorized to reserve One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each year for emergency cases. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 8).

Because of the President's difficulties in interviewing ministers and delegates, T. H. Lewis offered a resolution that for succeeding Conferences

there be a standing rule ending the session of Conference on Friday and Saturday at noon, and that the President receive ministers Friday afternoon and delegates Saturday afternoon. Dorsey Blake moved to amend that the rule apply to the next Conference only. A further motion was to the effect that the resolution and amendment be referred to the Program Committee. The motion to refer was lost. The amendment did not carry and the original resolution was adopted. (Resolution 9).

- F. T. Benson, President of Maryland Conference C. E. Union, read a paper from that Union, urging each pastor to organize Endeavor Societies in each church and adding a question to the pastor's personal report blank, inquiring if societies are organized. The paper was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.
- B. A. Bryan, Collector Superannuated Fund dues, reported \$92.25 in hand and was ordered to pay the amount to the Steward.
- T. O. Crouse called attention to Regulation 2, item 6, of the Manual, affecting secret voting. He moved that the words "secret voting" be struck out. The order of the day was deferred, and when, after discussion, the question was put, it failed to carry.

The order of the day was observed and the invitation of Federalsburg to entertain the next Conference was taken from the table. The invitation was supplemented by addresses by the delegate and pastor and was accepted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Literature and Education reported, calling attention to the excellent work of the Book Concern as embodied in that report; also rejoicing in the continued usefulness and growth of Western Maryland College as outlined in its report. Referring to Westminster Seminary, the report recommends generous gifts to its endowment and equipment, the loan of H. L. Elderdice as President of the Seminary and the same assessment as last year. The report was adopted. (Report H).

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies commends the work of Our Church Home and recommends an assessment of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for the Home. The report was adopted. (Report L).

At 12.05 o'clock, Conference took a recess.

Afternoon

The President called the Conference to order at two o'clock. The order was observed, the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society. The Conference resumed at 2.25 with F. T. Little in the Chair.

T. H. Lewis submitted his report of the \$10,000 canvass for the Superannuated Fund Society. The report reviews the origin of the effort and reports the following totals: From pastors, \$1844.35; from Sunday Schools, \$807.64; from Ladies Aid Societies, \$293.50; from Mr. Baker's appeal, \$1740.00; from congregations, \$5638.84; total received, \$10,324.33. Total due from congregations, \$408.06; a grand total of \$10,732.39. Following the reading of the report, the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund Society, T. A. Murray, was called and the amounts paid over for investment. The report was adopted. (See Report G). H. L. Elderdice offered a resolution, wherein the Conference records its sincere gratitude to T. H. Lewis for the achievement. It was adopted by a rising vote and the Conference remained standing to sing the Doxology. (Resolution 10).

The report of the Superannuates Committee was read by A. W. Mather, Chairman. It recommends a continuance of the same assessment of \$4500.00, and enters the names of S. J. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Jones and Mrs. B. P. Truitt on the list of beneficiaries; it recommends also that each pastor be assessed one-half of one per cent. for investment purposes. The list of appropriations followed. The recommendation of the \$4500. assessment was adopted and the remainder of the report was laid on the table for twenty-four hours, according to rule.

The report of C. P. Nowlin, Superannuated Fund Steward, was a financial statement of receipts and disbursements and was adopted. (See Report G).

The order of the day at four o'clock was a consideration of the Deaconess work. On motion, it was deferred until 10 A. M. Tuesday, in order to take up the report of the Committee on Moral Reform. A further order was made for 4.30 Monday to receive the new members of Conference.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was then read expressing indignation at the defeat of the State Wide Local Option Bill; recording unshaken confidence in the Anti-Saloon League; endorsing the bills in Congress seeking the proper observance of the Sabbath; appointing G. W. Haddaway and Daniel Baker to act on the Board of Managers of the Anti-

Saloon League and commending Senator Harper for his stand on temperance principles. The report was adopted. (Report K).

The special committee to consider the paper on Evangelism reported through J. W. Kirk, Chairman, its inability to concur in the plan of the paper referred to it. J. F. Bryan moved that the report be recommitted with instructions to formulate a plan of evangelism and to report Tuesday. J. L. Nichols offered a substitute that the report be re-committed with instructions to report a plan to combine the office of Conference Evangelist with that of Superintendent of Church Extension. The substitute was adopted.

The following were introduced. Rev. U. S. G. Rupp of the Lutheran Church, Superintendent Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League, and Miss Anna M. Forest, Field Agent of the W. F. M. S.

A resolution signed by E. C. Makosky, laying an additional amount of \$1500.00 upon the District for Church Extension purposes, was not adopted.

The request of the First Church, Wilmington, to be left without appointment, was granted.

At 4.30 o'clock, J. L. Mills, Secretary of the Faculty, presented J. H. Tuthill and L. E. Purdum to the President, who, by fitting remarks, formally received them into the Conference.

S. W. Rosenberger, a transfer from the Muskingum Conference, was also introduced.

Conference adjourned at 4.50 with the benediction by W. R. Graham.

Evening

"Evangelism" was the subject discussed at the evening session, presided over by J. W. Kirk. Addresses were made by H. O. Keen, L. B. Smith, J. L. Ward and R. L. Shipley.

Seventh Day-Tuesday

J. D. Smith conducted the morning worship and the President called the Conference to order at the accustomed time. Following the reading and adoption of the minutes, J. L. Mills was called to the chair. ing Christian Endeavor offerings to missions was taken from the table. The Secretary moved to amend that all monies up to \$25.00 be applied to the Christian Endeavor Missionary. The amendment carried, and the resolution so amended was adopted. (Resolution 13).

The Committee on Missions brought in a supplementary report. It was adopted, carrying with it the following matter: that in reference to the paper sent that Committee from the Laymen the Conference pledges itself to the Laymen's Work and the increasing of Missionary contribution; also that pastors bring the movement to the attention of the officials of their Churches. The supplemental report was adopted. (Report N).

Rev. Frank R. Isaacs was introduced to the Conference.

G. A. Morris presented a resolution instructing pastors to give public appreciation to their congregation of the satisfactory conclusion of the Ten Thousand-Dollar canvass for the Superannuated Fund Society. It was adopted. (Resolution 14).

The Church Extension Collector, F. M. Clift, reported One Hundred and Five Dollars (\$105.00) in hand. His report was accepted.

G. W. Haddaway moved to continue T. H. Lewis as Collector for the amounts already pledged but not paid to the Ten-Thousand-Dollar fund. The motion prevailed.

The resolution of J. H. Straughn, requiring pastors to preach special sermons on the assessments, was amended so as to require that the interests be presented and was so adopted. (Resolution 15).

An additional report of the Faculty recommends that licenses for administering the Ordinances be granted to J. H. Tuthill, J. A. Dudley, R. W. Coe, J. R. Wright, L. E. Purdum, A. B. Dupuy, J. R. Horsey, F. W. Obee, V. A. Miller, M. E. Hungerford, A. J. Torrey, W. C. Mumford, E. W. Simms and R. Y. Nicholson; also the ordination of W. S. Simms. The paper was adopted on two items. The report of the Faculty was then adopted as a whole. (Report E).

The Church Extension Steward, R. L. Shipley, reported a total of \$4729.27 paid in. It was adopted. (See Report F).

A resolution by C. P. Nowlin, expecting pastors who have not yet paid their 2 per cent. on the Ten Thousand Dollars to do so this year, was adopted. (Resolution 16).

W. R. Graham read as information to the Conference the status of the various bequests to the Conference of the late Mrs. Ellegood.

The report of B. F. Ruley, Church Home Steward, was read, showing a total paid by the Conference to the Home of \$878.16. It was adopted.

By request of F. T. Tagg, the Conference decided to hear J. W. Hering in the interests of the Church Home, but Dr. Hering was not present at the time.

The special Committee reported that the President appoint a Church Extension Evangelist if, in his judgment, a satisfactory man be available, at a salary of \$1,000 and traveling expenses; that he work under the direction of a special Committee to be appointed by the President. It was adopted by items, and then as a whole was adopted. (Report T).

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was taken from the table. It refers to the work of the Baltimore City and the Washington Societies and makes appropriations. The following recommendations occur: Placing Wilton Heights on the Roll of Charges; changing name of Heathsville to Northumberland; placing Cherrydale and Selbyville on list of Charges and attaching Fairview Heights to Lynchburg. H. S. Johnson moved to amend that \$150 be appropriated to Accomac for new Church at Greenbush. It was lost. J. F. Bryan moved to add "Reliance \$100. if they raise \$500." Amendment was put, the vote doubted and carried by a vote of fifty to thirty. L. B. Smith moved to amend the item of Christ Church that they receive \$1,000—\$200. this year, and \$800. in two annual installments if they build this year and raise \$5,000. It was adopted. R. T. Tyson moved to amend that the Taylor Memorial receive \$300 instead of \$100. It was adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole. (Report F).

By motion, the Chairman was instructed to appoint ushers for the evening session.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken from the table and considered by items. The recommendation that pastors pay onehalf of one per cent. of salary for investment purposes was lost and the report as a whole adopted. (Report G).

The report of the Committee on Official Relations brought in their completed report giving the Honor Roll of Charges, recommending loan of B. W. Kindley to the Maryland Sunday School Association and omitting the status of ministers. It was adopted. (Report M).

A resolution signed by C. P. Nowlin grants an additional appropriation of \$100 to Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell. It was adopted. (Resolution 17).

J. L. Mills moved that the relation for J. D. Kinzer for the ensuing year be that of a Supernumerary, a member of the East Baltimore Quarterly Conference, and that G. E. Bevans' relation be that of "no appointment at his own request" to attend school.

On motion, Conference adjourned with benediction by Avery Donovan.

Evening

After the song service, President Sheridan took the Chair at 8 o'clock.

- J. W. Trout was recognized and made an appeal for St. Luke's Church and secured One Hundred and Twenty-seven Dollars and Thirty-seven cents (\$127.37).
- J. L. Mills, Secretary of the Faculty, made a motion to proceed to the ordination of W. S. Simms. In the meanwhile, J. M. Gill was granted personal privilege and talked of the work he was entering upon in Seattle. The Conference joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."
- W. S. Simms was, by the Secretary, presented to the President for ordination, who, assisted by J. L. Mills, F. T. Little, D. L. Greenfield and W. S. Phillips, ordained him to the Order of Elder in the Church of Christ.
- R. L. Shipley, Church Extension Steward, by common consent added \$3.00 to his report.
- J. D. Smith made a request to be left without appointment for one year and the request was granted.
 - G. L. Wolfe was given a Supernumerary relation.

The Secretary moved that the President be prepared to read his Plan of Appointments at 10.00 o'clock. It prevailed.

The report of the Board of Finance that it had audited accounts referred and had found them correct; also giving the list of Assessments, and the report was adopted. (Report D).

- E. T. Read offered a resolution, affecting Rule 5 Section 2, calling for a Committee that it become a standing Rule and was adopted. (Resolution 18).
 - F. T. Little was called to the chair.
- C. M. Elderdice offered a resolution amending Sections 1 and 2, Rule 7, concerning devotional exercises of the Conference. The Secretary amended to strike out the preamble and to begin sessions at nine instead of 9.30 o'clock. The maker of the resolution withdrew the preamble. J. E. Nich-

olson moved to lay the resolution on the table. The vote was doubted and on a rising vote the motion to lay on the table carried.

At 9.20 o'clock, the Conference gave place to a meeting of the Church Extension Society. Conference resumed at 9.40 with President Sheridan in the chair.

The Secretary offered a resolution of thanks to the railways for reduced rates, for the typewriting and adding machines, for the splendid entertainment of the Conference by Broadway Church and for the work of the reporters. It was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 19).

The Conference Choir reported its organization: E. D. Stone, Leader; J. H. Straughn, Assistant; C. M. Elderdice, Organist, and F. C. Klein, Manager. A collection of \$14.00 was received for the Choir. The report was adopted.

The President announced the appointees on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union. (See list of Special Committees).

The President read his Plan of Appointments, (See Report A), having stated his inability to appoint a Church Extension Evangelist.

The Eighty-Second Session of the Maryland Annual Conference came to an end at 10.45 by motion of the Secretary. The Conference sang the Doxology and was dismissed with the Benediction by President 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:-

"Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

We assemble in this the eighty-second session of our beloved Conference to record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of His Providence and grace during the past year; to consider what has been accomplished in the extension of Christ's Kingdom through the various lines of christian activity represented in the organizations and institutions of the Conference, and to plan for larger things for the future.

Before entering upon a review of the year's work, we pause to record the departure out of this life of two of our faithful co-laborers in the gospel ministry, and the peaceful closing of the lives of two of the widows of our deceased ministers.

On October 12th, 1909, Rev. John Bayley Jones, after nearly fortynine years of faithful service, and while still in the active work as pastor of Brooklyn charge, ceased his labors on earth, and entered upon his reward in heaven. Brother Jones possessed a strong personality and marked characteristics. He was true to his convictions, abundant in labors, and loyal to his denomination. Almost his last words were expressions of interest, solicitude, and admonition for the future welfare of the Methodist Protestant Church. In the sessions of this Conference he uniquely filled a place entirely his own, and frequently enlivened the sessions by his humor or repartee. We shall miss him from our annual gatherings. He served his Lord and church well, and has left behind the record of an upright and useful life.

On the morning of March 1st, 1910, after a long and heroic struggle to regain his health, and after six weeks of patient suffering in the Union

Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, Rev. Benjamin Parker Truitt peacefully entered into that rest which remaineth to the people of God. Brother Truitt spent twenty-three years of his life as a member of this Conference. His sincere and exemplary christian life, his modest demeanor, his unswerving devotion to Christ and the church, and his untiring labors, gained for him the affection and appreciation of all his brethren. He ended his labors at a time when, from a human point of view, his services were greatly needed. His sun went down while it was yet day.

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On May 24th, 1909, the spirit of that saintly woman, Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, widow of Levi R. Reese, D. D., passed from its frail tenement of clay to join the redeemed and glorified throng above. The Methodist Protestant Church was never enriched with a more beautiful, consecrated, or unselfish life than was hers.

On September 29th, 1909, Mrs. Rebecca Ellegood, widow of Rev. J. H. Ellegood, departed this life at her late home in Quantico, Maryland. Sister Ellegood was a devoted christian woman, who shared the labors of the itinerancy with her lamented husband, and after his death manifested an active interest in the local church where she resided. Her love for the denomination was sincere and ardent. In her will she made small bequests to the church in Milton, Delaware, to the Superannuated Fund, and to the Church Home.

While we keenly feel the loss thus sustained by the church, we bow in humble submission to the Divine Will. "For we know that if our earthly nouse of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Obituary Committees were promptly appointed, and are ready to report at this Conference.

Unsupplied Charges

At the close of the Conference, a year ago, there were fewer charges left without pastoral supply than for a number of years. The only ones to which pastors were not appointed were Mt. Pleasant, which is the new mission in Washington, D. C., Quantico, Frederica, and Wilmington.

On April 16th, 1909, W. A. Hodges, a Seminary student, was appointed to Mt. Pleasant. He spent his vacation on the charge. There was not much accomplished during the summer months, and since his return to the Seminary this Mission's progress has not been very encouraging. The ministers of Washington, with local supply, have done what they could to maintain the work. The District of Columbia Church Extension Society has recently become interested in this enterprise, and we believe next year will bring forth better results.

On April 16th, 1909, J. W. Gibson was released from West Wilmington, and appointed in charge of Quantico. He remained until the latter part of September, and did what he could to keep the people together. Since then they have had no supply, except a few services held by Revs. C. M. Zepp and N. C. Clough.

On April 16th, 1909, J. A. Dudley, a Seminary student, was appointed to assist Rev. W. L. Hoffman on Potomac Circuit, and has continued that relation up to the present date, in connection with his studies at the Seminary.

Frederica remained unsupplied until February, when Rev. W. P. Roberts began holding services there.

Wilmington has followed the course of the two previous years, and engaged the services of Rev. G. L. Wolfe, who has either preached himself, or secured the assistance of someone to fill the pulpit.

In July, 1909, Rev. S. J. Smith, pastor of Harrington, on account of ill health, was granted a vacation by the church, his pulpit being filled by neighboring brethren until September 1st. Since that time I have provided a supply for each Sunday, and also for three weeks during the revival. I here record my gratitude and that of Harrington church to the brethren who have promptly and cheerfully responded to these calls, and have so acceptably preached on this important charge. There was but one disappointment in the seven months in which this work was thus carried on. The sympathies of the entire Conference have gone out to our beloved brother Dr. Smith in his illness, and fervent prayers have been offered for his restoration to health, and that the grace and comfort of the Gospel might be his in the time of his affliction.

During a great part of the Conference year, Rev. B. P. Truitt was not able to preach. In commendation of the people of First Church, Washington, I gladly make mention of the loving sympathy and generous support they gave him through his entire affliction. Such display of true christian spirit and thoughtful generosity are sure to bring rich blessings upon the church. Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, a local minister of our denomination in Washington, kindly gave Brother Truitt assistance in the beginning of the Conference year. He preached when Brother Truitt was not able to do so, and from the time he entered the hospital to the close of the Conference year, he took full charge of the Sunday services, and preached most acceptably.

Changes

In April, 1909, Rev. Eben N. Baldwin was appointed temporary supply of West Wilmington, and preached regularly until July. Brother Baldwin is popular with the West Wilmington people and his services were appreci-

ated. On September 1, 1909, Rev. S. W. Rosenberger, a member of the Muskingum Conference, applied to me for work. He presented his transfer, duly signed by the President of that Conference, and I appointed him to the pastorate of West Wilmington. He has done most efficient and acceptable work. He is a graduate of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and will apply for admission into this Conference.

G. G. Jones of the Seminary was appointed April 16, 1909, in charge of Lewistown, and has continued to serve that work.

On August 23rd, 1909, Rev. S. Ensminger resigned as pastor of Salem charge to resume his former position as an instructor in Kansas City University, and on September 11th. Rev. J. H. Tuthill, of New York, was appointed in charge of the work. He is a graduate of the Seminary, and holds local preacher's license from Taylor Memorial Church. Brother Tuthill is an applicant for admission into the itinerancy of this Conference.

On October 27th, 1909, Rev. J. W. Gray was appointed to fill the vacancy at Brooklyn, occasioned by the death of Rev. J. B. Jones, and has acceptably filled the pulpit and cared for the interests of the church.

Rev. B. W. Kindley, having been elected Superintendent of the Maryland Sunday School Association, was on December 1st, 1909, with the consent of the Quarterly Conference, released from the pastorate of Cumberland Church. On the same day, with the consent of the Quarterly Conference of Cumberland, E. L. Beauchamp was given charge of Cumberland Church for the balance of the Conference year, and W. A. Hödges from the Seminary was appointed to assist in the work of both charges.

Immediately upon the close of the last session of this Conference, information came to me from a reliable source seriously involving the moral character of C. E. Redeker, who had asked the Conference for his papers of withdrawal, but which had not been issued by me. Accompanied by Rev. F. T. Little, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate previous rumors, I confronted said C. E. Redeker with the information. He promptly and voluntarily surrendered his credentials, and without coercion on my part signed the following paper:

"Baltimore, Md., April 14th, 1909.

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"I hereby surrender my credentials, and withdraw from the ministry of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and from membership in the said church.

"I hereby promise not to perform any ministerial functions, or to preach the gospel until I have established a character in some recognized christian denomination."

(Signed) C. E. Redeker, F. T. Little, Test.

(Signed) J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Little, Test.

In view of certain conditions I deemed it advisable to publish the above in the Methodist Protestant, and also to print it in the Conference Minutes. His credentials are now in my possession.

On April 1st, 1910, Rev. W. B. Elliott was granted his release from Grove Circuit, and given a testimonial of withdrawal from this Conference and the Methodist Protestant Church.

Institutions and Societies

Western Maryland College has continued its important work to the denomination. It is being more and more recognized outside of our church as one of the most prominent and successful educational institutions in the State. From the beginning it has had the endorsement and support of this Conference. Without the support of the Conference it could never have survived and developed as it has. It is true, however, that the interest shown and the support given are being returned to the church in the many educated young people, who are rendering valuable services to the denomination, and giving it increasing prestige.

Westminster Theological Seminary

The work and influence of this institution is being felt in a marked degree, not only in our own Conference, but in nearly all the Conferences of the denomination. We must have an educated and trained ministry. We cannot expect to maintain our position as a denomination, and attain to the greatest usefulness without it. Young men coming from the churches into the Conference need, not only the advantages of the college, but a theological course as well.

The graduating class this year is composed entirely of college graduates, and is the first to graduate under the new curriculum, which provides a three-year course for college graduates instead of two as formerly. This new departure will raise the standard of the Seminary, and better qualify the graduates for their life work. While the Seminary has always had the hearty endorsement and support of this Conference the time is upon us when steps should be taken towards securing a creditable endowment. It is to be hoped that the way will soon be opened for some definite steps to be taken in this direction.

The Church Home

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This institution, while it has done a work of sufficient interest and importance to command the attention and commendation of the Conference, is still embarrassed by the lack of funds. Those who have had it in charge have labored under many discouragements. We trust the churches will finally come to appreciate this benevolent cause, and extend aid commensurate with its needs.

During the last year the building has been enlarged at an expense of \$4,200.00 and the Board of Managers is now prepared to care for persons of both sexes. This institution should particularly appeal to those who, in their wills, are providing for charitable and philanthropic work. In addition to the small legacy of Sister Ellegood, the Home will receive this year a bequest of \$1000.00, from the estate of the late John A. J. Dixon, a charter member of South Baltimore Church.

Rev. F. T. Tagg has been appointed by the Board to collect the cost of the above named improvements, and hopes to be able to present this to the churches during the ensuing year.

Home and Foreign Missions

The General Home Missions work of our denomination has, in recent years, been placed upon such a solid basis, so enlarged its sphere of activity, and instituted measures for the establishment and growth of the church in many sections of this great country, that it has gained the confidence of the Annual Conferences and succeeded in increasing its income. Never before were there so many opportunities for the erection of churches in important centers, thus furthering the cause of evangelical christianity, and bringing our own denomination into prominence by the erection of strong churches in many of the large cities of our land. The opportunities for such aggressive work call for a more liberal support of this cause. The Easter service does not come at the most opportune time for this Conference, and still it should be generally availed of to increase our offering to Home Missions.

The Foreign Missions work, during last year, has received a great impetus by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, a greater than which has not been inaugurated within a century. The scope of this movement is to carry the gospel to the entire world within a generation in obedience to the great command of our Lord to preach the gospel to every creature. It has already resulted in a gratifying increase in the offerings of our churches in Baltimore and Washington, and it is to be hoped that the public meeting arranged by the programme committee, to be held during the session of this Conference, will be profitable in that it will give information and arouse enthusiasm throughout the Conference. The laymen in all our churches should be interested in this forward movement. The slogan cry of the efficient Secretary and Treasurer for 1910 is \$50,000.00 for Foreign Missions. With the laymen interested this should be easily attained. This year will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Children's Day service. We trust that the day will not only be universally observed, but that it will prove successful in awakening a deeper interest among the children, and increasing the offering to this great cause. One great need in our churches is information. The mission study classes will largely supply this. We believe this department of the mission work should receive more attention from our pastors than it does. The organization of such classes will surely awaken interest in missions in any church. The prompt forwarding of money when collected, will also greatly facilitate the work. The Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria branches of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society have successfully prosecuted their work for the year. An increase in auxiliaries permanently established would advance the receipts and accomplish far more than is now being done. These branches represent many noble women who have worked faithfully in the cause of missions. The Washington branch of the Women's Home Board has been organized for several years, and though it has not made much progress it has done some definite work. It deserves the sympathy and assistance of this Conference.

Church Extension

This interest was strongly emphasized in my report a year ago, and an earnest effort was made to enlist the Conference more thoroughly in behalf of this great cause. Throughout the year this important matter has been presented to our people at the time of my official visitations. Our pastors generally realize the necessity of aggressive measures being instituted to awaken the churches, and establish new organizations in favorable Numerous opportunities present themselves, but the lack of funds and workers prevent us from entering many inviting fields. I urge the agitation of this subject so as to awaken the churches and secure the needed funds. Where churches cannot directly co-operate with either the Baltimore City or the District of Columbia Church Extension Society, they should be on the alert, and ready to occupy new openings by organizing Sunday Schools and establishing preaching places as the basis of permanent organizations. The increased activity in Baltimore alone during the past year resulted in adding to the church property to the value of \$11,500, nearly one half of which has been paid. The District of Columbia Church Extension Society is planning for large achievements during the coming year. Every enterprise of this character does not rapidly grow, and occasionally there is failure. Such experiences are in all the undertakings of life. We should, therefore, not be discouraged if in some instances we do not succeed, but press with vigor on until the present number of our churches is largely increased. I appeal to every minister and layman of this body to take into prayerful consideration this work which is of supreme importance.

Our Young People's Work

A very interesting department of work in the Methodist Protestant Church, promising great results for the future of the denomination is the one entrusted to the Board of Young People's Work, established by the last General Conference. This embraces every phase of work in the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Societies. This intelligent, practical, and systematic movement will mean more for the future of the church and Christ's kingdom than even the wisest and the most far-seeing can now comprehend.

The Sunday School, as an essential factor in training the young, is generally established throughout the Conference. According to our last year's minutes there were 298 churches and 282 Sunday Schools. With nearly 30,000 Sunday School scholars, and 3,636 officers and teachers, the magnitude of this work can readily be seen. In visiting many of the schools I have been impressed particularly with the need of competent teachers, more effective organization, and modern methods. In many of our schools the Word of God is taught by those untrained and incompetent. We hail, therefore, with joy the establishment of teachers' training classes. This movement has not more than started. We thank God for the start, and trust that it will be taken up and pushed by our pastors until teachers' training classes are generally organized.

The other department of this Board, as above stated, is that of the Christian Endeavor Society. In traveling the District, I have noticed at least two things relating to Christian Endeavor: First,-the almost unlimited field as represented in the thousands of young people of our churches. They are young people of character and intelligence, many of them having had the advantages of high schools and colleges, and most of them not unwilling to enlist in religious work. Second,-the small extent to which Christian Endeavor has touched the young life of the church. Last year's report shows 130 Christian Societies and 46 Junior Societies, with a combined membership of 8,207. This is only about one fourth the membership in the Sunday Schools. There are 168 churches without Christian Endeavor Societies, and 232 without Junior Societies, and in many of the churches where societies are reported there are hosts of young people having no part in this great work. Oh that this young life might be fired with zeal for Christ and the church, and be fully enlisted in service for the King. If our young people are thus to be developed a large part of the work will devolve upon the younger ministers.

I direct special attention to the following: First,—the Conference Union. There is need of closer organization. Earnest effort should be made to bring all the societies into active relation with the Union. The spirit and scope of Christian Endeavor is two-fold, denominational and interdenominational. The intention is that neither shall detract from the other. It is eminently proper and necessary that loyalty to the local church and denomination shall be insisted upon. The president of the Union is strongly emphasizing this.

Second,—There is, as already shown, need of an increase in the number of societies, especially in the country churches.

Third,—The proper financial support of the Union. We trust this Conference will adopt measures to this end.

Fourth,—The hearty co-operation of all the societies in the support of Rev. Leigh Layman, the Union's missionary in Japan.

Deaconess Movement

This movement has not made the advancement which we had hoped during the year. The Board has not been able to secure a competent woman, one willing to devote herself to the cause. Surely, if the movement be of God, and be needed in the Conference, the way will be opened for us to engage in this enterprise. There should be united prayer by our pastors and people, and agitation of the subject on the part of the Conference with the view of obtaining a suitable Deaconess Home.

The Book Concern

The year's work of the Baltimore Book Concern, 316 N. Charles St., is gratifying. The action of the Directory in occupying the entire first floor of the building has met with universal approval. It gives a store and head-quarters of which we all feel justly proud. Although a large rental was sacrificed in making this change, the business of the Concern has been so increased that no loss was sustained thereby.

The book supply business shows an increase over the previous year with a net profit of \$1,626.00, which amount is added to the capital stock. The circulation of the Sunday School periodicals continues to increase with a net profit for the year of \$1,420.00.

We regret that the report of the agent on the publication of the Methodist Protestant is not so encouraging. The mailing list is 179 less than a year ago. The chief purpose for which the Book Concern is conducted is the circulation of our own literature. There is a lamentable lack of appreciation on the part of many of our church people of their church paper. Nothing adds more to the intelligence and devotion of people to their own denomination than familiarity with their literature, and particularly their church periodical.

Superannuated Fund

There is cause for gratification and thanksgiving that the effort, under the direction of Rev. T. H. Lewis, to raise \$10,000.00 for the Invested Fund of this society has been successful. It is another instance of what can be done by planning and enthusiastically enlisting the Conference in a worthy cause. The increased demand upon the fund by reason of sickness and death in the ranks of our ministers during the year proved clearly the wisdom of thus adding to the fund, and the necessity of even further increasing it.

The Society during the year received a bequest from the estate of the late John A. J. Dixon of \$2,000.00 to be applied to the Invested Fund.

President's Parsonage Guild

The friends, who for eight years have supported this Guild, and cared for the interior of the President's parsonage, deserve the commendation of the Conference. Recently an effort was made to assist in this cause by securing an annual contribution of one dollar from each of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Conference. This is a small amount, but the aggregate would be sufficient to meet all demands. I am informed that 12 have responded to this appeal, and I am sure a number will yet do so during the Conference session. A word from the pastor would be sufficient to insure the payment of this amount.

Buildings and Improvements

The following new churches have been opened or dedicated during the year: Harmony, Rehoboth, Fairview Heights, Eutaw, Wilton Heights, St. Harmony church on Williamsport Circuit was dedicated in June. It is an excellent brick building and cost \$3500.00. This entire amount was provided for at the dedication. The completion of this church has given the people of the charge great encouragement. Rehoboth is a small frame church on Whaleyville charge, and cost \$1000.00. Fairview Heights is in the suburbs of Lynchburg. It is a frame building, and including lot is worth about \$3500.00. The Eutaw church is built of stone. It is beautiful in architecture, complete in all of its appointments, and reflects great credit upon the liberal and devoted people of that charge. The cost, including lot, was \$17,500.00, on which has been paid \$8,500.00. The wisdom of this advanced step has already been clearly demonstrated in the large increase in every department of the church. At Wilton Heights a stone chapel has been erected which cost \$7,500.00. The society has raised \$1300.00 in cash. The Baltimore City Church Extension Society is supporting the enterprise. There is a membership of 46 with 180 Sunday School scholars on the roll. It bids fair to soon grow into a selfsupporting church. The congregation was formally recognized by the Quarterly Conference of Christ's Church held November 23rd, 1909. They ask to be placed upon the list of appointments at this Conference. George E. Repp has been elected as their representative. A lot in East Baltimore, costing \$2,700.00, was donated by St. John's Board of Benificence and a friend, on which has been erected a portable church at a cost of \$900.00, for the new church enterprise known as St. Paul's. A few members, and a Sunday School with an average attendance of 50, have been gathered. Those informed think the outlook is hopeful.

An organization has been effected in Selbyville, Delaware, of 37 members, and a Sunday School of 100 scholars. Subscriptions have been received amounting to \$2,500.00. A lot costing \$800.00 has been purchased and paid for. The appointment has been attached to Whaleyville. They have promised \$300.00 on pastor's salary for the ensuing year. It is a very promising field.

A subscription amounting to \$5,000.00 was taken during the year for the erection of the main building at Newark, N. J. Plans are being drawn and the work will be completed during the coming year. The Parksley church, burned last October, will be replaced by a larger edifice which will cost not less than \$12,000.00. They have \$5,000.00 in hand, and the work will be started by May the first. The late Dr. Asa H. Linthicum of Anne Arundle County, Md., who died a year ago, by will, placed in the hands of his nephew, Hon. J. Charles Linthicum, the sum of \$2,000.00, to be applied to religious purposes in his native county. The money will be used in the purchase of a lot, and the erection of a Methodist Protestant church at Linthicum Heights, a rapidly growing community on the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Road. The church will cost about \$5,000.00. Plans are being prepared, and the erection of the building will be begun at an early day. There have been three parsonages built during the year and three purchased. Union Circuit has erected a parsonage in Hebron which cost \$1.900.00. Greensboro has built a parsonage which, with lot, also cost \$1,900.00. The one at Cannon cost \$1,200.00. The Quarterly Conference of Fairfax Circuit has purchased a house in Vienna, Va. for \$1,000.00, which is now occupied by the pastor. Salisbury, in the early part of the year, sold their old parsonage, and purchased a beautiful home in the very best part of the town. The price paid was \$8,000.00. St. John's, Baltimore, has recently bought a home on St. Paul St., for which they paid, \$7,-000.00. These are all excellent houses, a credit to the charges, and will add to the comfort of the ministers who will occupy them.

Alnutt Memorial has remodeled its Sunday School rooms and beautified the audience room. The amount expended was \$4,000.00. Evergreen has spent \$2,800.00 in the erection of a Sunday School room, and improving the entire building. Hurlock has been rebuilt, with Sunday School room added, at a cost of \$5,015.00, of which \$2,165.00 has been paid. Howard Chapel on Lisbon Charge has been remodeled and enlarged. The cost was \$4,200.0 of which \$3,200.00 has been raised. The improvements made at Johnsville on Liberty Circuit amounted to \$850.00. North Carolina Avenue, Washington, spent \$900.00 on their church property. The parsonage improvements at Milton, Delaware, cost \$575.00. Christ Church, Baltimore, paid the balance of \$700.00 on their debt, and burned the mortgage. On October 31st, our people at Snow Hill burned a mortgage and notes aggregating \$11,500.

This splendid property is now free from debt, and stands as a monument to the faith and devotion of those who initiated the movement and carried it to a successful completion. The Conference has watched with intense interest Starr church, Baltimore, in its legal struggle, to change its location, and free itself from the restrictions which have always prevented it from accomplishing its full work in this great city. All are gratified at the verdict of the courts giving the congregation a fee-simple title to the property without the embarrassments of any restrictions whatever. This action marks a new epoch in the history of this church. Lots have been purchased at a value of \$6,000.00 at Mont Alto, a suburb of Baltimore, and as soon as matters can be adjusted a new church and parsonage will be erected. The field for a large and aggressive church is promising, and the people are full of inspiration and hope. Much of the success of this entire movement is to be attributed to the energy and judicious management of the pastor. Elizabeth, N. J., has subscribed on its debt this year \$2,200.00, and \$650.00 of this amount has been paid. Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia, has paid \$1,000.00 on debt. Oak Grove church, Virginia, has been enlarged at a cost of \$1,500.00. Delmar has reduced its debt \$1,525.00. This church is still very heavily encumbered with debt, and seriously needs the support of the Conference in its trying experience. Calvary church, Canton, has reduced its debt \$1,528.00. The past year has been one of marked prosperity, and more fully demonstrates the wisdom of this new church project. Improvements to the church property in Pocomoke City were made to the extent of \$1,650.00 and promptly paid. Broadway church, Baltimore, has made improvements which cost \$1,200.00. Clayton, Delaware, has finished paying its debt. Reliance, Delaware, has paid debts amounting to \$600.00. Michaels has reduced its debt \$900.00. Accomac has made improvements to the extent of \$600.00. The improvements at Crisfield, and amount paid on debt total \$800.00. Keen Memorial has paid on improvements and debt \$850.00. The improvements made at Sharptown cost \$700.00. Circuit reports improvements amounting to \$500.00. The church property on Finksburg Circuit has been improved to the extent of \$885.00.

Last November, our church in Georgetown, Delaware, was destroyed by fire. A new brick structure is now in course of erection, to cost not less than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000). The cash and subscriptions now in hand amount to nearly Three Thousand Dollars.

Plans are ready for a new church at Brookville on Howard Circuit, which will cost not less than \$3,000.00. Lumber is on the ground and work will be started immediately upon the adjournment of Conference.

Most of the charges have raised money either for improvements or payment of debts. The entire amount for both purposes is \$95,857.93.

Pastors' Salaries

While the increase in pastors' salaries has not been as large as during the two previous years, we are gratified to state that the churches generally are coming to realize that with efficient service rendered adequate support should be given. It has been both my duty and pleasure to keep this before the churches and insist upon an advanced step in every instance where it has seemed possible. Not having received all the return postal cards sent to the pastors, a complete report cannot be made, but according to reports given, 27 charges during the past year made an advance amounting to \$2,596.00, and for the ensuing year 20 report an increase of \$1,770.00. It is to be hoped the latter amount will be further increased as the pastors enter upon their work next year. In most of the churches there has been a response to Conference action on this important matter, but we regret to state that in some instances there has been either a manifest indifference or opposition. It is difficult for some to realize that it is to their advantage as well as to the pastor's to take this forward step.

St. John's Board of Beneficence has made generous donations to various purposes and liberally supported the work of the Church Extension Society of Baltimore City. Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies have continued to contribute to the Conference interests. Special mention should be given to the Pipe Creek Society. The assistance given by it enabled me to meet several emergencies such as annually occur in the Conference.

Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese's annual contributions to the many interests throughout the Conference have been greatly missed. Particularly is this true of the sum placed in the hands of the President of the Conference for distribution. This has produced great embarrassment, and prevented the President from assisting our needy pastors as he has previously done. For more than fifty years almost every deserving cause was aided by her munificent gifts. She lived in the simplest and most economical manner, and gave annually the residue of her income to the church. The church will honor itself, not only by cherishing her memory, but by giving some definite expression of its appreciation of her beautiful christian character and noble benefactions. I therefore respectfully recommend that at the memorial service her name be called with the names of the ministers who have died during the year.

Evangelism

We all recognize the fact that too much importance can not be given to this subject. A writer says "The conversion of men is so fundamental and imperative that without it there would be no other work to do. This precedes all else, and all else is built upon this." Just in proportion to the interest taken and zeal manifested can the church claim the blessing of God. We note with gratification the special call in certain quarters of our denomination for an evangelistic campaign for 1910 looking to the conversion of 25,000 souls. While naming a specified number may not appeal to all of us, we rejoice in any effort calculated to arouse the church to more vigorous activity for the salvation of men.

The revival work in the Maryland Conference in the preceding year was phenominal. The year just closed does not indicate such large results in this respect. It is to be recalled that the extreme weather conditions during the winter seriously interfered with the holding of religious services. According to the estimates given there have been 2,144 conversions and 2,309 received into church fellowship. We have been pleased to observe the tendency of the ministers to assist one another in revival efforts. This mutual co-operation was pleasant to the pastors and profitable to the churches. We trust that this will become more general in the future, particularly among the younger ministers.

Temperance

This cause is so indissolubly interwoven in the very life and progress of the church that a reference to it here is not only in order but necessary. The greatest curse to the country, and one of the greatest hindrances to the progress of christianity is the legalized liquor traffic. The church is only fulfilling the purpose for which it was established when it is actively engaged against this iniquitous business.

The Maryland Conference and its constituency stand for every department of the great temperance cause in our state and nation.

The most prominent feature of temperance activity in Maryland has been that represented by the Anti-Saloon League in its commendable and heroic efforts to secure the passage by the legislature of its Local Option bill, which provides for a submission to the people of the question whether the saloon shall or shall not continue in their midst. We regret that the legislature by formal action refused to adopt this democratic measure, and we deplore the fact that church members voted against the bill, and against the right of the people to protect themselves from this gigantic evil. It is assumed that this Conference will continue to give its unqualified support to the temperance forces in the effort to secure the early passage of such laws as will finally eliminate the saloon and its attendant evils.

I have striven to faithfully administer the affairs of this office, have given careful consideration to the welfare of my brethren in the ministry, and have earnestly labored to promote all the interests of the entire church. I make grateful acknowledgment to Almighty God for his providential care and manifold blessings extended throughout the year, and to the many friends, especially the ministers and their families, who so graciously ministered to my comfort and aided me in my travels.

Praying that the God of all grace may guide us in our deliberations to wise conclusions, and that his blessing may attend our efforts for the extension of His kingdom in the ensuing year, I am,

Your fellow-laborer in the Gospel.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report submit the following:

We have read the President's Report with great interest and profound gratitude. The year has been one of general peace and prosperity. God has richly rewarded the labour of His servants and the Church has made steady progress. New churches have been built—others have been greatly improved. Parsonages have been built or purchased, burdensome debts have been cancelled, new and promising fields have been entered, and while we have not had extensive revivals, yet, we have had fruitful services that have resulted in the addition of more than two thousand to our Membership Rolls.

The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have continued their assistance to our Pastors and Churches and we would make grateful acknowledgment of their generous benefactions. We express our gratification at the intelligence of the bequests made to the Superannuated Invested Fund by Mrs. Rebecca Ellegood and Mr. J. A. J. Dixon; also to the Church Home by Mr. J. A. J. Dixon. We are also pleased to learn of the provision made by Dr. Asa H. Linthicum, by which a Methodist Protestant Church is made possible at Linthicum Heights.

We heartily commend the work of the Conference Parsonage Guild, and ask for this organization the generous aid of all our people.

The Wilton Heights congregation having been formally recognized as a Methodist Protestant Church, in accordance with its request, we recommend that it be placed on the Roll of Charges.

Among the names of those who have departed this life during the year, we find that of Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese. Hers was indeed, an unselfish and consecrated life, a life of saintly devotion to the service of her God.

Believing that it is the desire of the Conference to give some definite expression of its appreciation of her beautiful Christian character and noble benefactions we concur in the recommendation that at the Memorial Service her name be called with the name of the ministers who have died during the year.

J. W. BALDERSTON, Chairman.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

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Baltimore	I. F. Wrigh	t 6	Fawn GroveG. J. Hooker	1
Bedford	.F. M. Clif	't 1	FederalsburgC. M. Elderdice	3
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Centreville		200	GreensboroC. R. Strausburg	T.
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Chesapeake			Grove D. C. Custis (supply)	1
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Christ Church			A. R. Corn (supply)	1
ClaytonW.			HarringtonL. A. Bennett	1
Concord	100		Howard C. E. Dryden	3
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	MarleyJ. W. Norris	1	Union Bridge. J. McLain Brown	2
	MiltonF. A. Holland	1	Violetville, M. R. Evans (supply)	1
	Montgomery. P. D. Davis (supply)	1	Wallace Memorial,	
	Mount Nebo. W. A. Sites (supply)	2	M. E. Hungerford	$\frac{2}{2}$
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	Mount TaborE. L. Beauchamp	1	Waverly, W. F. Bauscher (supply)	1
	New ChurchG. H. Stocksdale	4	West Baltimore E. C. Makosky	2
	New MarketH. W. D. Johnson	3	C. S. Arnett, supernumerary	3
	Nichols MemorialG. F. Farring	4	WestminsterD. L. Greenfield	4
	Northumberland J. E. Massey	2	West Wilmington, S. W. Rosenberger	1
	North Baltimore T. O. Crouse	2	Williamsport, F. W. Obee (supply)	2
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	Potomac W. L. Hoffman	2	Pres. Theo. Sem H. L. Elderdice	14
	Powellville, E. W. Simms (supply)	2	Prof. W. M. Col E. A. Warfield	4
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	SeafordJ. E. Litsinger	3	J. A. Weigand	22
	SelbyvilleA. H. Green	1	W. J. D. Lucas	19
	Sharptown C. K. McCaslin	2	J. G. Sullivan	11
	Snow HillGeorge Hines	1	W. D. Litsinger	7 6
	South BaltimoreJ. F. Bryan	1	S. A. Hoblitzell	5
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	St. Luke'sJ. W. Trout	ı	ginia Conference.	

OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

Credits and Receipts 1909-10 April 6, balance cash in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank....\$619 78 May 7, cheque from Harry L. Rial, agt. Glens Falls Fire Insurance Co., a drawback Nov. 27, cheque an account from Pres. J. M. Sheridan. 200 00 April 5, bills baid by President during the year turned in by him as cash payment April 5, cheque from President J. M. Sheridan 517 75 \$1381 21 Disbursements 1909 April 29, cheque to T. A. Murray, Treas., on Loan....\$500 00 Nov. 29, cheque to T. L. Jones & Son for repairing, etc. 44 95 Dec. 2, cheque to J. G. Leffert, spouting, repairing, etc. 28 57 Dec. 24, cheque to H. E. Karr, Receiver, settlement of the Mullers painting bill 50 00 1910 Mch. 15, cheque to J. S. Clarke. Collector, water tax... 8 64 April 1, cheque to T. A. Murray, Treas., Interest to date on \$3609.15, Parsonage Loan 180 45 Apr. 5. Bills paid by President during year as follows: Patrick Trainor for repairing hot water spigot . . . 60 2 00 C. W. Simpson & Co., sash, locks, etc. S. B. Sextan Co., cleaning and repairing range.... 4 55 S. B. Sextan Co., repairing furnace 7 35 Patrick Trainor, closet seat and lid 4 00 S. B. Sextan Co., repairing, etc. for furnace 4 50 J. M. Sheridan, removing front steps, etc. 2 00 Con. Gas. Elec. Light & Power Co., gas heater . . . 4 75 3 25 April 5, cash balance in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank . . 535 60 \$1381 21

President's collections during Conference year, \$3003.; 34 of which for Parsonage Fund, \$750.75.

JARRETT N. GILBERT, Agent.

Report B

Of the Secretary

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

As your Committee on Credentials, I report that certificates of delegates-elect have been received from all the charges except Middleway, Mt. Pleasant, Prince George, and Williamsport. Of the 137 received, all are in proper form and according to law, except twenty-six of them, which state that the election was by qualified members, at a meeting presided over by the Pastor. As your Committee knows of no law that permits the Pastor to preside at such an election, he is constrained to bring this to your atten tion. He does not care to report these Delegates illegally elected, thus denying to them membership in the Conference, preferring that you should decide upon that point. It does seem, though, that this Conference should take some action clearly defining its attitude and requirements in this matter.

Therefore, your Committee recommends that this be incorporated in the Manual as "Regulation XIX—ELECTION OF DELEGATES. This Conference recognizes and emphasizes the Disciplinary law (Pages 69-70; 1908 Edition) for the election of Delegates to the Annual Conference, which prohibits a Pastor presiding at such elections. When the Delegate is elected by the qualified members of the several churches of a circuit under the direction of the stewards, the Pastor shall sign the certificate as Chairman of the Quarterly Conference."

As your Committee on Transportation, I have to report that the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic and the Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Railways granted concessions in fare to those attending this session. No reduction or concession could be secured from any of the roads forming the Trunk Line Association without a guarantee that one hundred tickets would be sold. This was found impracticable.

As your Committee on Publication of Minutes, I report as per my financial statement, following:

THE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

1909-10	
Balance in hand at last session\$ 80	
From Clayborne Phillips, Conference Steward 391	00
Advanced assessments from several charges 37	
From sale of 1909 Minutes 5	25

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Printing and distributing 2,000 copies Minutes\$310	90
Incidentals—Bibles, printing, postage, etc 88	07
Secretary's compensation	00
Printing Dr. Elderdice's "Call to the Ministry" 48	00
Balance on hand to date 42	26

\$514 23

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

April 5, 1910.

Report C

Of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference

The Trustees of the Conference are:

- J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, N. T. Meginniss and J. W. Hering, whose terms expire in 1912.
- J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, T. A. Murray and Rowland Watts, whose terms expire in 1911.
- F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin, whose term expires at this Conference.

We recommend that these vacancies on the Board be filled by the Conference.

We submit herewith the report of the Treasurer, T. A. Murray, and the report of the Joint Committee on Book Room, 316 N. Charles Street.

J. L. MILLS, President.

OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for Year April 1909-1910
Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of
Maryland Annual Conference

General Fund

Dr.	
To Balance as per last report\$160 2	7
To Interest on deposits 5 7	3
To Commissions from Trust Estate 61 0	5
	- \$227 05
Cr.	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box paid 5 0	0
By Expenses of management 15 0	0
Balance on deposit	5
38	- \$227 05

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

Dr.				
To Balance as per last Report	\$2093	02		
To Income on Investments received			\$1140	00
To Interest received on Deposits			81	38
	\$2093	02	\$1221	38
Cr.				
By Income paid Mrs. Drinkhouse per Vouchers By Trustees Commissions on Income (carried to cred	 lit		\$1160	33
of General Account as above)			61	05
By Balance on deposit to credit of Principal		02		
	\$2093	02	\$1221	38
Respectfully submitted	,			
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THOMAS A. MU	JRRAY,	Trea	surer.	
April 6th, 1910.				
OF AGENT OF BALTIMORE BOOK I	IRECTO	RY		1
Receipts				
1909				
Mar. 1, Balance as per last report	\$136	0.2		
S. Janowitz & Sons, rent for 6 months				
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Disbursements				
Mar. 17, Insurance on building, to H. L. Riall	\$112	50		
Apr. 7, Joint Com. meeting (Mr. Benjamin)		80		
June 2, Insurance on building, Germania Fire Ins. (
July 19, T. A. Murray, Treas., Int. Drinkhouse Fun				
Sept. 27, Trustees Md. An. Conf. account				
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1910				
Feb. 28, Property improvement and expense	60	0.0		
			\$996	02
Feb. 28, 1910, balance Trustee account due us			\$155	43

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

March 1, 1910.

Report D

Of the Board of Finance

The Board of Finance respectfully submits the following:

We have examined the reports of the Agent of the President's Parsonage, and of the Secretary of the Conference, and have verified the additions and audited the accounts as far as we have had vouchers.

We have laid the assessments upon the charges, and herewith submit the list.

J. W. KIRK, Chairman.

Report E

Of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

We recommend the following brethren for reception on trial—John Hughlett Tuthill, and Lewis Edward Purdum.

The Transfer papers of Silas W. Rosenberger, being in proper form, we recommend that his transfer into this Conference be ratified.

We recommend that the students of the First Year's Class: E. L. Beauchamp, J. R. Horsey, J. R. Wright, M. E. Hungerford, A. J. Torrey, and A. B. Dupuy, be passed to the Second Year's Class.

We recommend that the students of the Second Year's Class—W. W. Johnson and G. E. Bevans, be passed to the Third Year's Class.

We recommend that the students of the Third Year's Class—J. E. Massey, E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester and P. L. Rice, having met the requirements, be passed through the course of study.

We recommend for Ordination—E. L. Beauchamp, on giving promise in open Conference to continue the studies of the course.

We recommend that William C. Mumford and Ernest W. Simms be placed in the hands of the President.

In reference to the application of A. A. Bichell for membership in this Conference, we report unfavorably.

We recommend the following brethren to receive license to administer the Ordinances—J. H. Tuttle, J. A. Dudley, R. W. Coe, J.R.Wright, L.E.Purdum, A. P. Dupuy, J. R. Horsey, F. W. Obee, V. A. Miller, M. E. Hungerford, A. J. Torrey, W. C. Mumford, E. W. Simms, R. Y. Nicholson.

We recommend for Ordination-W. S. Simms.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

J. S. BOWERS, Secretary.

Report F

Church Extension

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Church Extension submits the following report: We recommend that Five Thousand Dollars be levied upon the Conference district for Church Extenson.

The reports of the Baltimore City and of the District of Columbia Church Extension Societies referred to us, have been carefully considered and we are gratified with the splendid information these reports furnish. We record our thanks to Mr. John T. Carter; and the other benevolent persons, whose names we do not mention, for the splendid opportunities they have furnished our denomination for advanced movements in Church Extension work in Baltimore City. We recommend the adoption of both reports, except that item which refers to the appropriation of money to Wilton Heights. This has been considered in another part of this report.

Boundaries

We recommend that Wilton Heights Church, having been formally recognized by the Conference, be placed upon the Roll of Charges.

2nd, That the name of Heathsville Charge be changed to Northumber-land.

3rd, That Cherrydale be detached from Potomac Charge and known as Cherrydale Station.

4th, That Selbyville be joined to Millville Circuit and constitute a charge to be known as Selbyville.

5th, That Fairview Heights be joined to Lynchburg Station.

Appropriations

Alexandria on interest	75	00
Baltimore City Extension Society for St. Paul's Church on salary	500	00
Baltimore Circuit for Towson Church	250	00
Belair, last installment	250	00
Bethany on salary provided it is supplied with a married man	175	00
Calvary, last installment	300	00
Cannon on salary	50	00
Cherrydale on salary	150	00
Christ Church \$200 this year, and \$800 in two annual installments,		
provided they proceed to build this year and raise \$5,000	200	00

	Conquest on salary	75	00
	Crumpton on salary	50	00
	Deer Creek on salary	50	00
1	Delmar on interest provided they raise \$800. on debt	200	00
/	District of Columbia Church Extension Society to be used for Mt.		
	Pleasant Mission provided said society contribute a like amount	300	00
	Eutaw	200	00
	Evergreen on salary	75	00
	Felton on salary	50	00
	Greensboro on salary	200	00
	Howard, for new church enterprise at Brookville	100	00
	Hurlock, for Unity Church provided they raise \$500.00	100	00
	Lewes on salary	50	00
	Linthicum Heights, we recommend the appointment of a special		
	committee to confer with the Legal Representative of the Es-		
	tate of Dr. Linthicum and an appropriation of	500	00
	Mt. Nebo on salary	50	00
	Parksley \$800. in four annual installments for building new church	200	00
	Reliance, in two installments, provided they raise \$500. this year	100	00
	Snow Hill, 3rd installment	250	00
	St. Luke's, 2nd of three installments	200	00
	St. Michaels provided they raise balance of debt	250	00
	St. Michaels for purchase of Church at Claiborne	50	00
	Selbyville on new church provided they proceed to build a church to		
	cost not less than \$6,000.00		
	Taylor Memorial on interest	300	00
	Whaleyville on salary		00
	Williamsport on salary	75	00
	West Wilmington on salary	75	00
	Wilton Heights provided they raise at least \$250. on church debt		(500)500
	To cover deficiency on last year's collection	414	10000000
	We recommend that the Steward be instructed to borrow the	\$414.	.91
	deficiency of this year's appropriation.		

E. C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

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To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

We come again to submit to you some facts concerning our work of the past year.

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

J. S. BOWERS, Chairman.

You will remember that we called your attention in our last report to the fact that Mr. John T. Carter, a large real estate owner whose tract

of land is known as Wilton Heights, had offered to us a splendid lot for Church purposes, provided we erect upon said lot a church building not to cost less than three thousand dollars within a period of three years from the time of the execution of the deed. Immediately after Conference, without money, but with a measure of faith we entered upon our task. Bro. T. R. Woodford, known to you all, moved into this locality with his family. He and his wife became interested in this new enterprise and utilizing the leisure which rightfully belonged to him, he and his wife began to missionary the community. Plans for a suitable church were secured and the work begun. This building, costing \$7,500, has been completed, and is ample for all present purposes. On Sept. 12, 1909, an organization was formed with a membership of 32. This has grown from time to time and now numbers The Sunday School numbers 190, the Junior Christian Endeavor, 40, and the Ladies Aid Society, 73. So you see that in the short space of about six months a completed building and a splendid organization have been added to our growing list. To accomplish this task we placed a mortgage of \$3,500 upon the property and gave our note for \$1,500, making a total indebtedness of \$5,000. We most respectfully request the Conference to appropriate \$1000, to this work, to be paid on the debt, in four annual installments, provided the organization shall pay a like sum.

Brother Woodford and his wife have rendered splendid service and they have many times received our thanks. It is our judgment that any attempt at this time to sever these pleasant and profitable relations would be hazardous.

We report with gratitude the splendid gift to our denomination of a corner lot on East Monument St., this City. This gift came from those whose large beneficence has frequently made success possible. A portable church building was erected upon this lot and since the work began Brother W. A. Melvin has been superintending it. A Sunday School has been organized and there is promise of growth in this rapidly developing section of our city.

We request an appropriation of \$500. for this work provided it can be supplied with an unmarried man.

We greatly regret that Waverly does not make satisfactory progress. Long wounded by intense strife, her future is in jeopardy.

We recommend that a pastor be appointed to Waverly under the direction of this Society.

We regret that Dr. Kinzer has not had vigorous health during the year and that he has thus been prevented from doing large things in connection with his office. We ask that the appropriation made to this Society last year be paid to its treasurer.

We record our gratitude to the ladies whose labors have always helped us and whose hearts are always responsive to our needs.

JOHN S. BOWERS, President.

OF THE STEWARD

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Balance from last year\$110 27					
From assessments on Distri					
From Annual Dues	****		105 00	\$4733	27
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	Dis	burs	ements		
Appropriations to charges,	1909-1	910	***************	\$5144	18
				\$ 411	91
Paid in	Appro	opri	ations 1909-1910		
Baltimore City Ch. Ex. Soc.	\$300	00	Lynchburg	125	00
Baltimore Circuit	250	00	Mt. Nebo	40	00
Belair	250	00	Mt. Tabor	50	00
Bethany	200	00	Montgomery	100	00
Calvary	350	00	North Carolina Avenue	100	00
Cannon	50	00	Payson Street	100	00
Conquest	100	00	Powellville	50	00
Crumpton	50	00	Potomac Circuit	200	00
Deer Creek	50	00	Reliance	100	00
Denton	100	00	Snow Hill	250	00
Dover and Leipsic	100	00	St. Michaels	250	00
Eutaw	200	00	St. Lukes	200	00
Evergreen	100	00	Taylor Memorial	300	00
Federalsburg	50	00	Whaleyville	300	00
Felton	50	00	Church Extension Society	of	
Greensboro	250	00	the District of Columbia	229	18
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Lewes	200	00		\$5144	18
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Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia 70 85			82		
R. L. SHIPLEY, Steward.					

Report G

Superannuates

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee respectfully reports:

1st. We recommend that \$4,500 be assessed on the District.

2nd. That Rev. S. J. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Jones and Mrs. B. P. Truitt be granted a superannuate relation

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Appropr	Mrs. C. H. Littleton 175
Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell\$400 Rev. W. D. Litsinger 400	Mrs. W. F. Livingston 75
Rev. W. J. D. Lucas 300	Mrs. J. H. McFaden 150
Rev. R. S. Rowe 400	Mrs. E. R. McGregor 75
Rev. W. M. Strayer 450	Mrs. A. D. Melvin 375
Rev. J. L. Straughn 400	Mrs. C. B. Middleton 125
Rev. S. J. Smith 500	Mrs. H. E. Miskimmon 125
Rev. J. G. Sullivan 250	Mrs. W. J. Neepier 150
Rev. J. A. Wiegand 275	Mrs. J. E. Read 100
Mrs. D. Bowers	Mrs. John Roberts 225
Mrs. J. W. Charlton 175	Mrs. D. A. Shermer 75
Mrs. C. T. Cochel 75	Mrs. G. J. Smith 150
Mrs. H. C. Cushing 150	Mrs. C. M. Thompson 175
Mrs. W. T. Dumm 225	Mrs. B. P. Truitt 350
Mrs. J. L. Elderdice 200	Mrs. S. G. Valiant 100
Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell 250	Mrs. A. J. Walter 250
Mrs. W. J. Floyd 150	Mrs. P. L. Wilson 125
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson 150	Mrs. R. S. Williamson 225
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert 125	Mrs. J. B. Jones 150
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore 100	Youngest orphan child of T. E.
Mrs. R. L. Lewis 250	The second secon
Fund paid 100 per cent. on app	VIII
	A. W. MATHER, Chairman.
OF THE	STEWARD
Rec	eipts
	\$ 15 31
July 20, check from T. A. Murray, Ti	
Nov. 3, check from T. A. Murray, Tr	
Jan. 24, check from T. A. Murray, T	
Apr. 6, check from T. A. Murray, Tr	
Apr. 7, cash from District	4159 00
Apr. 11, Annual Dues	
Diahu	\$9282 75
July 24, checks to Claimants	
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Jan. 24, checks to Claimants	
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Apr. 11, thecks to Claimants	1000 00

Apr. 12, check to Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell, spec. action of Conference	100	00
Apr. 12, Invested Fund	1232	50
Apr. 12, Emergency Fund subject to check	100	00
40	\$9282	75

C. P. NOWLIN, Steward.

OF THE AGENT

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—The President of the Conference in his report to the session of 1909 recommended an increase of the assessment for Superannuated Fund of \$500., and that ten per cent. of the amount collected be turned over to the Treasurer of the fund for investment. This recommendation was approved by the Committee on the President's report, and gave rise to some discussion in the Conference, which was finally concluded by the adoption of the following substitute for the item of the President's report and several other resolutions:

"Resolved, That we will during this year raise Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for investment for the Superannuated Fund Society, and that we appoint T. H. Lewis our agent to seek to accomplish this object. That we as n.inisters and laymen will earnestly co-operate in this work as he shall request, and that our pulpits shall be open to him for the presentation of this subject," signed J. L. Mills, G. W. Haddaway.

The lay delegates of the Conference called a special separate session for the consideration of this matter and reported to the Conference that the following resolution had been adopted:

"Resolved, Tl at we, the lay delegates of the Maryland Annual Conference, do hereby pledge ourselves to assist Dr. T. H. Lewis in every way possible to raise the \$10,000. for the Superannuated Invested Fund," signed, Albert Hamlin, Acting President; William Adolph, Acting Secretary.

Later in the session the following paper was presented to the Conference by T. H. Lewis, and adopted:

"As the Agent for the increase to the Superannuated Fund I desire to ask the Conference to consider the following suggestions:

"1. That Sunday, July 4th, of the present year, be named Veterans Day, on which day pastors are to preach on the subject of the obligations of the Church to those who have been worn out in her service, but that the regular assessment for Superannuates be raised in the usual way and not on this Sunday.

"2. That on Veterans Day a collection be taken in all our Sunday Schools and that each scholar, teacher and officer be asked to give four cents for the increase to the Superannuated Fund.

"3. That in every church the ladies be asked to co-operate in some way

agreeable to them for the increase of the fund during the coming summer.

"4. That all ministers of the Conference in the active work be asked to give two per cent. of their salary for the coming year to this fund."

The movement being thus authorized and adopted, I entered upon the work immediately upon the rise of Conference. But I soon discovered that success was impossible unless more active agents than one could be enlisted. I applied to Mr. Daniel Baker and he consented to send out personal letters to a few laymen asking for contributions of \$100. each. He paid the expenses of this effort and secured \$1740. as the result.

I applied to a number of our ministers to visit the charges and present the cause and received assistance from the following: The President of the Conference and Brothers Benson, Clayton, Crouse, Graham, Haddaway, Hines, Makosky, Melvin, Mills, Randall, Read, Tredway, Trout, Warner, and J. A. Wright each gave one Sunday; Brothers Anstine, H. L. Elderdice and Holmes each gave two Sundays, Dr. F. T. Tagg gave two Sunday mornings and Dr. Greenfield gave one Sunday and two Sunday mornings. In addition to their services, Brothers Anstine, Benson, Graham, Haddaway, Melvin, Mills, Sheridan, Tagg and Warner made no charges for their expenses.

The interest has been presented to one hundred and eleven of our congregations, and the total amount paid by these to date is \$5,638.84, in addition to the amount secured through Mr. Baker. The Sunday Schools of 112 charges responded to the appeal of Veterans Day with a total contribution of \$752.64, and the Sunday School at the College contributed \$50, making a total from Sunday Schools of \$802.64. The ladies of nineteen of our charges responded to the appeal for their co-operation with a total contribution of \$293.50.

One hundred ministers of the Conference in the active work responded to the appeal with a total contribution of \$1,839.35, representing one per cent. of the salaries of those receiving \$500. or less, and two per cent. of the salaries of the others. To this has been added \$130. from a friend to pay one per cent. for those whose salaries are \$500. or less.

There is a balance unpaid of the subscriptions made by the congregations of \$403.06.

The expenses of the campaign of every sort have been met without taking any of the money contributed to the Fund.

These are the bare facts of the report, and, as I desire to read the detailed statement to you, I might conclude with this. But I feel that you will induge me in some brief reflections.

This has been a notable effort of our Conference in several particulars.

1. We have done what we set out to do and in the time appointed. We have raised "during this year ten thousand dollars for investment for the Superannuated Fund Society." The money is in hand and will be presently given over to the Treasurer of that Society.

2. I have not kept a list of all the

individual contributions to this lund, but calculating from some data I have I feel quite sure that this money has come from not less than five thousand persons. No person has given more than two hundred dollars and only two have given that much; not more than fifteen persons have given as much as one hundred dollars; and in one collection which I took of less than twenty dollars there were 165 separate pieces of money. 3. The appeal to the Sunday Schools did not diminish the College Collection, nor the Children's Day offerings, and, without the actual results before me, I am yet confident that it will appear that none of the general collections have suffered on account of this extra effort among our congregations. So much to encourage those who think we cannot build up one interest without damaging another.

- 4. One recommendation I have to offer. In order to provide for a steady increase of the Invested Fund to keep pace with the increase of the number of Superannuates, I think the recommendation of the President should be adopted, that, beginning with the next Conference, one-tenth of the amount received from the annual collections shall be added to the Invested Fund. The interest from the amount received this year will more than make up for this deduction.
- 5. Finally, I think it not unlikely that some good brother will feel like offering a resolution of thanks to the agent. If so, I beg him to forbear. I say this, not affecting indifference to your appreciation, but because I would have this services accepted as it has been given, in the ordinary routine of Conference obligation. And I would have my younger brethren remember that this is not the first time such a thing has been done by members of this Conference, nor is it the last opportunity they will have to do it again, and to do it better.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, Agent.

Detailed Report of Special Collection for Superannuated Fund

CHARGES	Pastors 2%	sunday Schools	Ladies Aid	Mr. Baker	Congrega- tions	Total	Due
Accomac, H.S.Johnson	15 00	10 48			38 75	64 23	3 00
Alexandria, J.M. Holmes	16 00				19 (0	38 25	8 50
Alnutt, J.S Bowers	28 00	11 00	5 00	100 00	116 25	260 25	24 75
Amelia, H.B.Jester	7 00	6 00				13 00	
Baltimore, H.F. Wright	13 00	2 50			75 00		
Bedford, A.H.Green	13 20				93 79	114 68	
Belair, H.L.Schlincke	14 00	4 34			32 42	50 76	
Bethany, P.W.Crosby	14 40	4 08				18 48	
Broadway, W.A. Melvin	20 00					25 01	
Brooklyn		5 00			43 28	48 28	
Buckeystown, L.F. Warner	20 00	11 40	51 25	400 00		587 65	
Calvar , J.R.Garr	12 00					17 00	
Cambridge, J.L. Ward						100 69	1 91
Campbell, J.R. Wright	2 00					2 00	
Cannon, P.L.Rice	4 00	2 60				6 60	
Caroline, C.Maddox		3 64			25 04	28 68	
Cecil, J L Elderdice	7 00	4 75	1 00		9 00		
Centreville, Dorsey Blake	14 00	5 00	10 00		50 72	79 72	4 28
Chesapeake, C.M. Compher	5 00				41 56	54 56	
Chestertown, F.T Little	22 0		l	200 00	812 55	546 55	
Chincoteague, F.J. Phillips		3 00				3 00	
Christ Church, L.B.Smith	14 0					89 75	
Clayton, W.N.Sherwood	12 0					12 00	
Concord, F.M.Clift	5 0					15 00	
Conquest, A.B.Dupuy		3 : 5	10 00)		13 15	
Crisfield, L.Randall	24 0					142 55	
Crumpton, J.E. Nicholson						7 66	
Cumberland, B.W Kindley		5 80)			21 30	
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Deer Creek, C.J. Burdette						6 00	
Deer Park, E.O.Ewing					37 78	58 78	
Delmar, J.A. Wright						20 00	
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Georgetown, Del., E.P. Perry	14 00					19 00	
Georget'n Cir, W.C. Mumford						10 00	
Greensboro, F.A. Holland	6 00	3 52			**********	9 52	
Greenwood, A. W. Mather	12 00					62 00	•••••
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Kent Island, T.H. Wright	5 00					10 31	
Laurel, Avery Donovan	18 00				103 06	121 06	9 50
Laurel Cir., G.R.Donaldson	13 00	6 25				38 00	3 00
Lauraville		1 52				1 52	
Lawsonia, E S. Fooks	16 00					21 00	
Leeds, C.E.McCullough	12 00						
Lewes, W.W.Johnson	10 00					19 75	
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Lisbon, C.P.Nowlin	14 00					164 86	
Lynchburg, J L. Nichols	18 00					69 34	
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Mariners, G.R. Hodge	10.00					26 68	
Marley, C.R. Strausburg	12 00		•••••		9 65	25 85	
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Milton, J.D.Smith	12 00				•••••	12 00	
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Mt. Tabor, G.Q.Bacchus	12 00					116 00	
New Church, G.H. Stocksdale	12 00					23 00	
New Market, H.W.D. Johnson					25 00	56 00	
Nichols Memo., G.F. Farring	4 00	4 00				8 00	
North Balto., T.O. Crouse	24 00	5 00		290 00	300 25	619 25	23 00
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Parksley, G.M. Clayton	20 00					74 00	
Payson St., E.L.Bunce					17 00		
Pipe Creek, G.J.Hill	12 00					174 00	
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Seaford, J.E. Litsinger			10	64				31	50	42	14	50
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Violetville, W.S. Hanks	5	00	3	32				l		8	32	
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Report H

Of Committee on Literature and Education

I. LITERATURE.

We are gratified to learn that the Sunday School periodicals and merchandise department of our Book Concern has made a net gain of \$168.86, and this, too, notwithstanding the additional expenses incurred in the opening of the larger store, the wisdom of which is evidenced by the greater volume of business transacted, as shown in the increase of \$235.78 over the net profits of the previous year.

The continued and increased loss sustained in the publication of the "Methodist Protestant" is a deplorable fact that may well occasion great solicitude. We know of no better method to secure for it the large circulation it deserves than that which publishers of other denominational periodicals declare to be the most effective, viz: that eternal persistence on the part of Pastors in presenting the claims of their Church paper, which is the price of success.

We call attention to the pamphlet, "The Call to the Ministry" by Dr. H. L. Elderdice, prepared in response to the action of our last Conference. A copy of this booklet should be in the hands of every minister, as an invaluable aid to him in the preparation of sermons on this vitally important subject. It should also be largely circulated among the young men of our

churches, in the hope that those whom God is calling to the ministry may find in its pages those helpful suggestions which they feel they need, and for which they search elsewhere in vain.

Rev. Chas. M. Elderdice is also the author of a small volume, "The Shepherd Psalm," which aside from its literary excellence, we commend because of its devotional value.

II. COLLEGE.

We congratulate the President and General Management of Western Maryland College upon the completion of the Library and Administration Building, with its suitable offices, vacuum heating system, lighting plant, and other improvements amounting to \$51,000.

We are gratified with the increase of the Endowment Fund, made by the payment of over \$700.00 on previous subscriptions, the Conference collections of this year, and the approaching completion of the \$10,000 gift of the Alumni Association. We urge our people to cooperate with Dr. Lewis in his efforts to complete the raising of an Endowment Fund of \$100,000.

It affords us great pleasure to note the increasing influence of our college, which has now a total enrollment of 232 students, twelve more than last year. When we consider the growth during the past forty-three years, and the place which it now holds in the confidence and esteem of the community, surely we have every reason for confidence in its future.

The long continued connection of our honored and beloved Prof. J. W. Reese, with our College, a period of forty years, merits more than passing mention. We recommend that this Conference show its appreciation by sending him greetings and congratulations for the most faithful and efficient services he has rendered.

III. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We are pleased to learn that Westminster Theological Seminary reports the largest enrollment in its history, the student body being widely distributed throughout many states, and even in Japan, which furnishes us the first native male Japanese to be educated in this country by our Church.

We rejoice that there has been received, in response to the Silver Jubilee call, \$271.57 more than the \$7,000.00 asked for. We also feel grateful for the continued interest manifested in the scholarship fund.

We hope that the time has now come when our people are willing and ready to concur in the recommendations made by the Board of Governors, urging our people to plan "for the permanency and higher efficiency of our Theological Seminary by increasing its Endowment Fund, both by immediate gifts and future legacies."

We recommend that this Conference adopt the recommendations made by the Board, viz:

- 1. That generous responses be made to future appeals in behalf of the Library, the Scholarship and the Endowment Fund.
- 2. That pastors be diligent in the search of Godly young men who give promise of being valuable candidates for the ministry.
- 3. That the same assessment as last year be levied upon the district, and that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year.

We acknowledge receipt of a letter from Dr. Stephens, President of Kansas City University, setting forth the present condition and prospects of this growing Western University. We express our hearty sympathy with his work, and are sure that our brethren will extend to him such aid as lies within their power.

Respectfully submitted.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

J. L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

We submit herewith as part of our report the statement of our Agent, by which you will see we are enabled to record a net gain for the year closing Feb. 28th of \$1626.86, which is credited to our Capital Stock.

This is very gratifying when we remember that we are still publishing the Methodist Protestant at a loss of \$679.13, and that because of opening the larger store, we have been compelled to increase our expenses materially.

That we would be able to pay these additional expenses the first year was a doubtful question when we decided to make the venture, and that our income shows an increase of \$235.78 over the net profits of last year, demonstrates the fact that our Agent is capable of enlarging the business, and of wisely and economically building it up, as we believe on a sure foundation.

Every Methodist Protestant must feel a worthy pride in visiting our Book Room and knowing it is all our own.

The continued loss sustained in the publication of the Methodist Protestant has given us great solicitude, and we ask a full consideration of this question by the Conference, hoping that some new methods may be suggested by which to reduce or overcome future losses.

We report the loss our Book Concern has sustained in the death of Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, one of our most liberal contributors and staunchest friends of the Methodist Protestant; and of Wm. B. Usilton, who for six years was our honored president, whose labors and counsel aided much in making our work successful during that transition period. At a meeting

of the Directory in March, suitable resolutions were adopted, James W. Chapman, Jr., was elected to fill the vacancy and N. T. Meginniss was elected President of the Board.

We thank all our patrons for what they have enabled us to do, and again call upon our ministers and laymen to continue with greater zeal to press the claims of the Methodist Protestant, and to advertise and support our own Book Concern.

If ours and the other patronizing Conference will do this, we believe that the time is not far distant when we will be able to pay over a handsome surplus to the General Conference, for the upbuilding of our Church and the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

N. T. MEGINNISS, President.

J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

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OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

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Trustees of Maryland Annual Conference 155 43	
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T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—I herewith submit a report of my work as a member of this Conference for the past year, the twenty-fourth year of my connection with Western Maryland College as President.

I reported last year the beginning of the erection of a Library and Administration Building. This building has been completed and is now occupied, with greatly increased facilities for our Library, and also for the first time, suitable offices for the President and Treasurer. It is the most ornate and most expensive of all our buildings. In connection with its erection it became necessary to make changes in our heating plant, which finally resulted in the installation of the most complete vacuum system plants to be found in the State. New boilers and an additional lighting plant were installed and we now have capacity both for heating and lighting all our buildings in the most economical way. The entire expenditure on these improvements was about \$51,000.

Our endowment fund has been increased this year by the payment of some subscriptions made in the campaign of last year, amounting to \$994. There are still some subscriptions unpaid and perfectly good, but they have been delayed to accommodate our friends, and I expect to receive at least \$500. more from this source. I append the list of payments for this year, giving credit to the charges, and I request that they be published in the minutes. The Conference Collection for this year amounts to \$1430.00. The whole amount of our endowment fund at present is \$53,000.00. In addition to this, our Alumni Association is now completing the collection of their gift to the endowment of \$10,000., and this will be paid over in June next.

Our policy has been and, for some years, will be not to use either principal or interest of this fund. And with the Conference Collection continued and the interest of the fund added to the principal we look forward to a time not so far future as the beginning of this fund is past, when our endowment will amount to \$100,000. Then the College may begin to use the interest for expanding its work and increasing its facilities.

The attendance this year shows an increase of twelve students over last year, and a total of 232. But we are still not filling our capacity, and I hope we may continue to receive the help of the pastors in securing students. We have employed an agent to travel in West Virginia, and one to travel in North Carolina during the summer. If we could secure one for Maryland we would put him in the field at once, but we hesitate to ask for another of our Maryland Conference pastors when it seems that they are so much needed in the work of the pastorate. Still if it shall be the pleasure of this Conference to give us a man for this work, we will be glad to have him.

The work of instruction has gone on about as usual. We feel that we are well equipped for excellent Collegiate work and our faculty is harmonious and capable, the students satisfied and our affairs have moved on with their accustomed smoothness and efficiency. It must be a pleasure to all friends of the Church to note the increasing influence and good repute of the College. The work begun forty-three years ago under such discouraging circumstances has grown beyond the dreams of its founders. We have every reason for confidence in facing the future, for the College was never better prepared to do good work and never enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the community in a greater degree than it does at present.

One item of interest I will add. Professor J. W. Reese completed a period of forty years' service in the chair of Latin and Greek in the College on the 26th of last February. He is still in the active discharge of his duties, but his friends paid him the honor of a testimonial banquet to mark the occasion to cheer him with the thought of their appreciation before the time of his retirement shall come. His is a very remarkable record, not equalled perhaps in this State. I suggest that it would be a gracious act if the Conference should send him greetings and congratulations, for although rot a member of our Church, he has given us the most faithful and efficient service and has become almost as well known to the members of this Conference as if he belonged here.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS. President.

Report of Contributions to the Endowment Fund of Western Maryland College subscribed in the special campaign of last year and paid since Apr. 1909

Broadway	\$22	00	Pittsville		35	00
Caroline	1	00	Pocomoke City		22	00
Chestertown	80	75	Queen Anne's		3	50
Crisfield	25	00	R. I. Avenue		145	00
Denton	50	00	St. John's		76	50
East Baltimore	2	00	St. Luke's		16	00
Fawn Grove	11	50	Salisbury		127	50
First Church, Washington	15	00	Seaford		4	50
Georgetown, D. C.	7	50	Susquehanna		. 9	50
Greenwood	25	50	Trinity		8	00
Mariners	7	50	West Baltimore		53	75
Mt. Tabor	73	00	Westminster .	25	. 125	50
N. C. Avenue	20	50				
North Baltimore	26	00			\$994	00

OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

In submitting the 28th Annual Report of the Westminster Theological Seminary the Board of Governors has the pleasure of presenting the following facts:—

1st. The enrollment of students has been the largest in the history of the institution, the number registered during the year being 41, an increase of six over last year's registration.

2nd. The distribution of this student body is wide-spread, one of the number being a member of the United Brethren Church, the remaining 40 representing the following 14 Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church:—Japan 1, Texas 1, Georgia 1, Indiana 1, New Jersey 2, Ohio 2, Alabama 2, Pennsylvania 2, South Carolina 2, Muskingum 3, North Carolina 3, New York 3, West Virginia 4 and Maryland 13.

3rd. The graduating class is composed of the following members: Frederick William Obee, a graduate of Kansas City University and a member of the Ohio Conference; Lewis Edward Purdum, a graduate of Western Maryland College, and a member of the Maryland Conference; George Grover Shurtz, a graduate of West Lafayette College and a member of the Muskingum Conference; and Hobun Tomikichi Yokoyama, a graduate of Kansas City University, and the first native male Japanese to be educated in this country by our church. He expects to return as a missionary to Japan under the direction of our Board of Foreign Missions. This is the smallest graduating class for eight years, but the loss in numbers is far more than compensated for by the degree of scholarship attained, as this is the first class to graduate under the advanced curriculum which requires college graduates to remain three years in the Seminary.

4th. Lectures 1909-1910. Rev. A. F. Hess, Ph. B., B. D., Buckhannon, W. Va., Genesis in the Light of Science, and The Boy Problem; Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., Baltimore, Md., The Minister Among His People; Rev. R. M. Andrews, Henderson, N. C., The Coming Minister and A Minister's Black List; Rev. R. C. Burch, Daleville, Pa., Vision and Talent; Rev. R. K. Lewis, Havre de Grace, Md., Work; Rev. J. C. Broomfield, Fairmont, W. Va., The Missionary Cycle; Rev. L. Emory Bennett, Westminster, Md., A Reverent Ministry; Rev. C. L. Queen, D. D., Adrian, Mich., The Work of Home Missions; Rev. Geo. H. Miller, Steubenville, Ohio, The Aim of Preaching and The Minister as a Pastor. D. L. Greenfield and E. T. Read have given series of valuable lectures.

5th. In addition to those whose contributions to the Library Fund were mentioned in the last report, the following have made donations either in books or cash:—F. H. Mullineaux, A. W. Mather, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Julia Coon, Mrs. Floyd, J. L. Nichols, J. F. Wooden, C. M. Cullum,

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J. L. Straughn, F. M. Clift, E. S. Fooks, J. E. Litsinger, J. D. Kinzer, C. M. Elderdice, Dorsey Blake, and Louis Randall. A. J. Torrey, G. W. Hines and E. T. Read have subscribed for periodicals for the reading room; the class of 1904 has established an alcove in the Library as a memorial to their deceased classmate, E. E. Parsons; and T. A. Murray has given \$100.00 for a bookcase for the Library as a memorial to his father, who was a Professor in the Seminary 1883-4, and 1887-8, and a charter member of the Board of Governors until his death, 1882-1899.

6th. We make the following report with reference to the Silver Jubilee Fund:—Barnesville, N. J. \$3.78; Westville, N. J., \$5.60; J. A. Selby, W. Va. \$10; J. H. Clark, W. Va. \$5.00; Alexandria \$23.52; Nicholls Memorial \$23.00; Union Bridge \$14.50; Sam's Creek \$28.25; Georgetown \$5; Harbeson \$3.35; Lewes \$7.00: Milton \$8.00; Snow Hill \$6.00; Total \$143.00. Previously acknowledged \$7,131.57; Grand Total \$7,271.57. A call was made for \$7,000.00 for new buildings, and we have received \$271.57 above that amount.

7th. We report a continued interest in the scholarship fund. The following contributions having been received this year:—Alumni \$200.; Broadway \$146.50; Trinity \$12.00; J. D. Baker \$100.00; Cash \$100.00; Caleb Freeland \$100.00; Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse \$100.00; Rhode Lsland Ave. \$100.00; Mrs. Mary E. Baile (legacy) \$100.00; Alabama Conference \$80.55; L. H. Custis \$50.00; I. C. Sterling \$50.00; T. W. Mather \$50.00; J. S. Topham (loan) \$50.00; Friends \$52.50; Interest \$84.52; Total \$1,-184.97.

8th. At the last session of the Conference the Board of Governors recommended: "That our people plan for the permanency and higher efficiency of our Theological Seminary by increasing its Endowment Fund, both by immediate gifts and future legacies." The Committee on Education reported: "We most heartily concur in the recommendations made by the Board of Governors, and hope they will be faithfully and thoroughly carried out."

We report that the Board of Governors did not deem it wise to take any step in this direction because of the action of the Conference in calling for a Whirlwind Campaign for the raising of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Superannuated Fund Investment. The right of way was given to this important interest, but now is the time for aggressive work to insure the stability and high efficiency of this, another important, interest.

The Board desires to express its keen appreciation of the hearty cooperation rendered by pastors and churches in every appeal that has been made in behalf of the Seminary, and respectfully recommends:

1st. That generous responses be made to future appeals in behalf of the Library, the Scholarship and the Endowment Fund.

2nd. That pastors be diligent in the search of Godly young men who

give promise of being available candidates for the ministry.

3rd. That the same assessment as last year be levied upon the district and that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

OF THE EDUCATIONAL STEWARD

			1910)	1909		Increase	Decre	ase
Ministeria	l Education	\$	587	00	\$ 602	00	*	\$15	00
Seminary			1791	00	1588	00	\$203 00		
College			1421	00	1563	00		142	00
		Respe	ctful	ly sı	bmitted				

E. L. BUNCE, Steward.

Report I

OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Your Committee on Young People's Work present the following report:

Sunday Schools

We believe that the great work which the Sunday School is doing in the training of the child, is most successfully accomplished when the school is thoroughly organized along the lines as advocated by our Board of Young People's Work and the National Sunday School Association. This plan of organization is complete in its grading from the Cradle Roll to the Home Department, with special emphasis upon the Beginner's Department, the Adult Department and Teacher Training. We would emphasize the motto: "Every member of the church in the Sunday School."

We wish to express our hearty appreciation of the work of the Maryland Sunday School Association and endorse it as a safe, energizing agency; and commend to our schools, within the state of Maryland, the newly elected field secretary, Rev. B. W. Kindley, one of our own members, and wish him Godspeed in his work for the Kingdom.

The World's Sunday School Convention, of which the Rev. B. F. Meyer, of London, is president, will begin its sessions in Washington, D. C., May 19th. This is one of the greatest gatherings of religious interests in the

world; and this one promises to be the largest and best ever held. Prominent speakers from all over the world will be on the program, and its enrollment of delegates will belt the globe.

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From the pastors' reports we note that there are 281 schools, having an enrollment of 30,645 scholars, and 3,636 officers and teachers. There were 4,130 new scholars received during the year. The increase over last year is 1,371 scholars. These are very encouraging figures.

Christian Endeavor

Our denominational Christian Endeavor work is recognized and endorsed by the General Conference. Our Maryland Conference Union deserves the earnest support of all our pastors, for only can it become a great power, as it is made a large factor in our church development. The most important work which the Union has ever undertaken is that of supporting Rev. L. Layman, our Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor missionary. The sum of only \$400. has been contributed by the societies since Oct., 1909; and inasmuch as most of this is from a few, and the stronger of the societies, it is not a very encouraging showing, in the face of the earnest appeals which have been issued by the officers of the Union. We urge pastors to arouse interest among their Endeavorers in this matter, confidently believing that where the pastor takes an active interest the society will generously respond.

The next Denominational Union Convention will be held at Atlantic City, May 26-30, 1910. We trust that a large number of our endeavorers will attend, and carry back to their societies much inspiration and information to strengthen the work.

We record our high appreciation of the splendid work of the Board of Young People's Work, and commend our most efficient general secretary, Rev. C. H. Hubbell. He is establishing strongly the work of the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor in the smaller conferences, and increasing the efficiency of the work where it has been in operation, by presenting new plans and attractive services. Brother Hubbell is most anxious to be of service to our schools and societies; and will cheerfully send any information or suggestion desired. The Board is supported entirely by fireewill offerings.

There are reported this year 134 Y. P. S. C. E. having an enrollment of 5,853 members. There are 70 Junior Societies, with 2,982 members. This is an increase of 4 Y. P. S. C. E. and 320 members; and 4 Junior Societies and 308 members. There are 34 charges having no Y. P. S. C. E., and this, together with the fact that some charges, where there are three or four churches, have only one society, shows a field for an increase in number of societies.

We respectfully offer the following recommendations, most of them the

same as stated by the President of the Conference, in his annual report:-

- 1. That the pastors be urged to bring before the teachers associations of the schools on his charge the advantage of the grading of the school, specially advocating the Beginners' and Adult Departments and the Teacher Training classes.
- 2. That one offering a year from our Sunday Schools be given to the Board; and that wherever possible the program furnished free by the Board be used by our schools in a special service.
- 3. That the President of the Conference appoint 5 delegates, 3 ministers and 2 laymen, to attend the World's Sunday School Convention to be held in Washington, beginning May 19th.
- 4. That pastors urge their Endeavor Societies to contribute at least \$1 annually to the support of our Conference Union; and to respond to the request of the Board which asks for an annual contribution averaging 5c per member. For the support of our missionary, Rev. L. Layman, we earnestly urge the pastors to see that their societies contribute to this cause.
- 5. That each pastor of a charge having no Y. P. S. C. E. or Junior Society do his best to organize such; and that this question be inserted in the Personal Report blank: "Have you a society of Christian Endeavor, both Junior and Young People's in every church on your cahrge? If not, why not?"

E. T. READ, Chairman.

OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ITEM OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

At the last session of this Conference, the following recommendation in the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was referred to a special Committee to report to this Conference;

"We recommend the formation of a Sunday School Union of the Maryland Annual Conference, to work in co-operation with the Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union, to aid the great and important interests of our Sunday School work. And we suggest that a Joint Convention be held with that organization, thus avoiding the holding of an additional Convention, and affording a larger attendance and increased interest in the Christian Endeavor work, and that the President of the Conference appoint a Committee to co-operate with the Christian Endeavor Convention in this movement."

We recommend: that the Sunday School workers be invited to attend and take part in our Conference Christian Endeavor Conventions.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

Report K

Of the Committee on Moral Reform

The evils of intemperance are so widespread and numerous and the attitude of those who are in sympathy with the liquor traffic is so insolent and shameless that it is well to remind ourselves as Christians and citizens that almost every problem which engages our attention is aggrivated and made more difficult by this colossal wrong.

We are all agreed that this evil must be removed if we are to redress wrong, relieve suffering, compose social unrest, dethrone political venality and corruption and advance the principles of righteousness and peace. We do not see how any man can be rated as a desirable member of the Church, who is in sympathetic alliance with the saloon.

We are not in sympathy with the contention that divides the forces in the temperance ranks and who waste their strength and enervate their influence in conflicts over methods until the enemy defeats the principle for which they stand. We must, as a Church, unite our strength with that of every friend of temperance in declaring for the Gospel of total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the State. Let us utter boldly our persuasion that the Twentieth Century is not the age, either for the Saloon, which in the paralogy of that Institution is called the "Poor Man's Club" or for the Club, which, in too many cases, may be called the "Rich Man's Saloon."

The Pulpit must declare against it; the Pew must work and vote against it until no man can be elected to a legislative position, who will not consistently support every rational method to exterminate it.

We express our deep feeling of indignation and outrage over the action of the recent Legislature of Maryland in refusing, not only to pass the State-Wide Local Option Bill, but in repealing such a measure, and thereby taking self-government away from a County which already had it.

We unqualifiedly condemn the insolence of the attempt to prevent the citizenship of the State from ascertaining the attitude of Legislative candidates upon this question of fundamental morality. In our judgment, the timore City. While recognizing that the Church as an ecclesiastical body any Legislative candidate who will not agree to give him the right to vote effectively against the Saloon.

We declare our intention to keep up with increasing vigor the fight for the right to vote against the Saloon anywhere in this State, including Baltimore City. While recognizing that the Church as as ecclesiastical body should not go into partisan politics, we proclaim our conviction that the Great Father of the Church charges her members in their individual capacity as citizens with the responsibility of securing through nomination by their respective parties and election by the people of clean, strong men, who can be trusted to stand against any pressure for legislation, which fairly reflects the attitude of the Church upon this question.

We record our unshaken confidence in the Anti-Saloon League and its efficient officers as our own instrumentality for co-operation with other denominations who stand for temperance and reiterate our purpose to stand by the management of the League until the victory which it is forcing against the united Liquor interests is fully won. We recommend that all our Churches open their pulpits regularly once a year to its representatives for the furtherance of the purposes above set forth.

Closely allied with the spread of the Saloon is the desecration of the Sabbath Day. Wherever a man is found who wants to modify our Sabbath laws in the interest of business or pleasure, you will find a friend of the Saloon. The efforts to force match games of baseball upon Baltimore on the Sabbath Day have so far been thwarted by the firm attitude of the Baltimore County authorities, and we can commend them heartily for their unflinching integrity and respect for the decent observance of the Sabbath Day. The same struggle is now existing in the District of Columbia, where, on the one hand a determined effort is being made to so modify the Sunday laws as to permit business houses, places of amusement, saloons, and baseballs to conduct their enterprises almost without restriction. On the other hand, the Bill known as Senate Bill #404, introduced by Mr. Johnson of Alabama, March 22nd, 1909, seeks to place certain restrictions into the law so as to prevent the utter desecration of the day.

This Bill is now in the Committee Rooms of the House of Representatives. The enemies of the Bill are trying to keep it there to smother it. It is therefore important to urge upon our Representatives from Maryland to take a firm and active stand in favor of the Bill, and to do all in their power to rescue it from the Committee Room. We advise our people to write or to telegraph to their respective Representatives to give the Bill their prompt and cordial support.

We endorse the Gallinger-Bennett Bill, which is designed to give the people of the District of Columbia, protection against the saloon. This ought to have our hearty endorsement, since the District of Columbia is in the bounds of this Conference. This measure is now in the District of Columbia Committee of the Senate of which Hon. John Walter Smith, United States Senator from Maryland, is a member, and Senator Smith ought to be asked to support it.

The new Inter-State Shipment Bill H. R. 23, 641, introduced by Mr. Miller of Kansas, is the Anti-Saloon League's ultimate proposition. It proposes to put intoxicating liquors into a special class and provides that the Inter-State Commerce character of this class of articles shall terminate upon their arrival within the State in which the place of destination is situated and before delivery to the consignee.

We appreciate the visit and the Mission of the Committee of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in bringing to our attention the conditions in the District of Columbia, which call for protest and amendment.

The Anti-Saloon League of Baltimore requests that two members of this Conference be appointed to act on their Board of Managers. We suggest the names of Rev. G. W. Haddaway and Mr. Daniel Baker. We also suggest that during the coming year a sermon be preached on Temperance, on Sabbath Observance and on the Right of Self-Government.

We suggest that as far as possible, a system of Conventions be organized to bring the moral forces of Districts and Counties together for instruction and education on these subjects, and that methodically arranged programmes be prepared to make the Convention interesting and illuminating, especially to young men who have but recently begun to exercise the right of suffrage. We suggest that the subject of Temperance and Sabbath Observance be also brought before our Sunday Schools and Endeavor Societies with a view to training our children and young people to a more conscientious regard for the Sabbath, and to a more positive attitude against the Saloon.

We heartily commend Senator J. Frank Harper, a member of this Conference, who, as a Representative in the Maryland Legislature, has stood steadily and firmly by his temperance principles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. T. TAGG, Chairman.

Report L

Benevolent Agencies

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies submits the following:

The agencies for the perpetuation of benevolences in the Maryland Conference should receive the continued support of all our churches. The Maryland Bible and Tract Societies have been represented by Rev. L. T. Weiderman and Rev. Henry Branch, agents of these organizations which are doing successful work in increasing the circulation of the Holy Scriptures and religious literature. Your committee recommends that collections be continued for these interests. The claims of our Church Home, for adequate support from this Conference, are perhaps more imperative now than

at any time in its history. For several years the Home has been receiving voluntary contributions which have not been sufficient to pay its necessary expenses. The Home has been carefully and economically managed by the Board of Managers and the ladies at Westminster; and they should be generously sustained by this Conference in their noble work.

That men, as well as women, might be received as inmates, it was necessary to add a new building which has been substantially erected at a cost of \$4256.98. Of this amount \$2000.00 are due the Westminster Savings Bank; and in addition to this loan \$2550.00 must be raised to return to the Church Home Treasury the amount advanced from that, to the payment of the building. We call the attention of the Conference to these amounts of indebtedness and suggest that a plan be formulated for their liquidation as soon as possible.

That the Home may receive an assured and sufficient support we recommend that \$1500.00 be assessed annually on the district.

W. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

OF BOARD OF MANAGERS, OUR CHURCH HOME

Westminster, Md., April 5th, 1910.

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

Dear Brethren:-

The Board of Managers of the Church Home, in submitting its report through the Executive Committee, wishes to call the special attention of the Conference and the Church, to the needs of the Home.

We would state first of all, that the Home is fulfilling the purposes for which it was opened, and is, as far as we know, fully meeting the expectations of the church in this regard. The location is ideal, the buildings, as they are now arranged, are well suited to the work, and all who visit the Home declare it to be in every respect a most suitable place for those who are sheltered by this beautiful charity of the church.

Two things are absolutely necessary for the Home, and for the proper conduct of its affairs.

First, an amount of money must be raised to pay off the debt we owe to the Westminster Savings Bank, amounting to \$2000. This money was used in the new building at the Home. Then the sum of \$2550 must be raised to return to the Church Home Treasury, the amount advanced from that, to the payment of the building. We hope the Conference will formulate some plan to accomplish this desirable purpose.

Then the matter of maintenance is, if possible, more important, certainly more urgent, than the debt. The Home must not be permitted to run in debt, in its current expenses. This, in a little while would be ruin-

ous. As the benefits of the Home are extended, the expenses necessarily increase. We have now, 11 inmates, 9 women and 2 men, and within a short time we will have this number increased to 13, ten women and 3 men. This would make with the Matron and other help, a family of 15 or 16 persons. It is impossible to maintain the Home, with that number of persons in it, and at the present price of living, at a per capita cost of less than \$100.00. This would mean that we must have for the current support of the Home, not less than \$1500. per year. And this, we respectfully suggest must not be left to an uncertainty, in the matter of raising the amount.

No management could be more careful and economical than that which Mrs. Grimes, the President of the Ladies' Board, gives to the Home. And these ladies ought to be sustained in their voluntary and valuable work, rendered to this important institution of our church.

We ask the Conference to place the Home, upon the assessment list of the Conference, believing that is the only method of certain support. We herewith submit the report of the Treasurer, and other matter of information.

The New Building

The Board of Managers, recognizing the original purpose of the Conference, in providing for the reception of men, as well as women, in the Church Home, and there being no accommodations in the main building for this purpose, held a meeting for the consideration of the subject of a building in which aged men might be accommodated. After carefully considering the subject, concluded that it was necessary to do so, and to enter upon the work at once, as there were at the time, two applications pending for the admission of men. They directed the Executive Committee to secure plans, and as soon as it could be done, to have the building erected. The Committee proceeded to carry out the wishes of the Board, and the result is a substantial brick building, in every way suited to the purposes of the Home, and greatly increasing our facilities for the work.

The cost of the building is herewith submitted.

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

Cost of New Church Home Building

\$9000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, Treasurer.

OF TREASURER, OUR CHURCH HOME

Westminster, Md., April 5th, 1910.

To the Md. Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Dear Brethren:-

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of Our Church Home for the year ending April 5th, 1910.

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Amount in hands of Treasurer, April, 1909	\$ 672	28
Amount received from Conference Steward	561	95
Amount of bequest of Mr. Dixon		
Amount of entrance fee, Mrs. Griffeth	. 300	00
Amount of entrance fee, Mr. Jackson	300	00
Additional amount paid by Mr. Jackson	512	08
Additional amount paid by Miss Griffeth	100	00
Balance of entrance fee, Mr. and Mrs. Dail	200	00
Sundry amounts received from friends	11	00
	\$3657	31

Dr.			
Amount paid to Lady Visitors\$ 900	00		
Amount paid to Building Fund 2550	00		
Amount of sundry expenses	33		
Amount in hands of Treasurer 81	98		
		\$3657	31

Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President of the Board of Lady Visitors, will show by her report the receipts and expenses for the current year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HERING, Treasurer.

OF BOARD OF LADY VISITORS, OUR CHURCH HOME

We are sorry to report that of one hundred and fifty-eight charges we have only received \$320.96 from thirty-three appointments. We regret this as it embarrasses us in our work and we must borrow from permanent fund. We love our Church and we ought to love the Home. As true and loyal Methodist Protestants we ought to work more effectively for its support. Bro. Cathell, Georgetown, R. I. Ave., Starr, St. Lukes, Crisfield, East Baltimore, Uniontown, Mrs. Walker, Central, and others sent fine donations and we were thankful.

In hands of Treasurer, April, 1909\$	22	97		
Received during year	320	96		
Borrowed from permanent fund	900	00		
Special from Mr. Topham	25	00	6	
Special from Prof. McDaniel, W. M. C. S. S	2	50	4	
Mr. G. J. Jackson	1	00		
Mrs. Cunningham	5	00	\$1277	43
Expenses for the year\$	1112	00		
Coal bill in full	131	42		
Balance in Bank	34	01	\$1277	43
Respectfully submitted,				
Mrs. E. O. GRI	MES,	Pre	sident.	
OF STEWARD, OUR CHURCH HOM	E			

Receipts fo	r year	ending	April,	1910			٠.		•		 ٠.	•		٠	. \$	878	16	
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B. F. RULEY, Steward.

OF THE BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

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Bible		5 00	\$171	00-\$14	00
Tract		1 00	\$136	00\$5	00

G. E. BROWN, Steward.

Report M

Of Committee on Official Relations

Your Committee on Official Relations begs leave to submit the following report:

Having examined all reports, it is with pleasure that we report no serious charges against the character of any of the brethren of this Conference, but regret that we are compelled to report that thirty-two charges

have not elected a lady visitor to our Church Home, that twenty charges are not, or, are but partially incorporated, and that forty-six charges have not paid their assessments in full.

The following charges are entitled to be mentioned on the Honor Roll

of our Conference, they having paid their assessments in full.

Accomac, Alnutt Memorial, Amelia, Baltimore, Bedford, Belair, Bethany, Broadway, Buckeystown, Calvary, Cambridge, Cannon, Centreville, Chesapeake, Chestertown, Christ Church, Baltimore, Concord, Conquest. Crisfield, Cumberland, Deer Creek, Delta, Denton, Dorchester, East Baltimore, Easton, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Eutaw, Evergreen, Federalsburg, Felton, Finksburg, First Church, Newark; Frederica, Frederick, Georgetown, D. C.; Georgetown, Del.; Greenwood, Harbeson, Heathsville, Howard, Hurlock, Indian River, Keen Memorial, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Lauraville, Laurel, Leeds, Leipsic, Lewes, Liberty, Lisbon, Milton, Mount Nebo, Mount Tabor, New Church, New Market, Nichols Memorial, North Carolina Avenue, North Baltimore, First Church, Washington; Oak Grove, Oxford, Parksley, Payson Street, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Potomac, Prince George, Queen Anne, Reliance, Rhode Island Avenue, Salem, Salisbury, Seaford, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Starr, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Johns, St. Lukes, St. Michaels, Taylor Memorial, Trinity, Union, Union Bridge, Wallace Memorial, West Baltimore, Westminster, West Wilmington, Whaleysville, Wye. Twenty-six of these Charges having overpaid their assessments.

We find that twelve ministers, beneficiaries of the Board of Ministerial Education, have not, or have but partially met their obligations. Twenty Charges made no report as to furnishing of discipline and eight brethren admit that they have made no effort to secure subscriptions to the Metho-

dist Protestant.

'We recommend that the request of the Maryland Sunday School Association for the loan of B. W. Kindley be granted, and that the relation of the following brethren is recommended as follows: Supernumerary—C. S. Arnett, G. R. McCready. Superannuates—J. G. Sullivan, J. A. Weigand, W. J. D. Lucas, R. S. Rowe, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Straughn.

We have carefully considered the paper presented by the Board of Home Missions, referred to us, asking the loan of Rev. J. M. Gill, for the work at Seattle, Washington, and, while deploring the loss of our brother from the ranks of our Conference even for a short while, we recommend that the request be granted.

As to the communications relating to Keen Memorial Church, it is the sense of your Committee that they do not present a case within the jurisdiction of this Conference.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.

Report N

Missions

OF THE COMMITTEE

We note with deep interest the great progress made by the Board of Home Missions during the past year; and the many opening fields of usefulness offered to our church; and we would most earnestly urge that every pastor use his utmost endeavors in collecting the full amount of his assessments for this work. We are also gratified in a profound measure for the great work done by our missionaries in Japan during the past year. would earnestly pray that the great effort now in progress by our missionaries in Japan to bring into the Kingdom of our Lord this present year at least one thousand souls be accomplished. We highly commend the Children's Day services prepared by the Board of Foreign Missions, and would suggest that our pastors call the attention of their congregations to the different cuts contained in the service, for they speak for the work in unmistakable tones. We note the splendid work done by the Maryland, Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, and extend to them our heartiest sympathies in their work. We would recommend that the pulpits of our Conference be opened to the different representatives of these boards whenever and wherever practicable. recommend the present relations of Rev. E. H. Van Dyke to the Board be continued.

The Maryland C. E. Union has continued to support its missionary, Rev. Leigh Layman, and we urge every Society to share in this work. We extend to Rev. Hobun Yokoyama, a Japanese student, who will graduate at the Westminster Theological Seminary in May, our cordial greetings and extend to him our prayers in his life's work as he returns to his own native land. We welcome home Miss Anna L. Forrest, returned missionary of our church, in our midst and wish for her an enjoyable and helpful sojourn while in the homeland.

By an oversight the Conference failed to elect three corresponding members of the Board of Foreign Missions at the last session as ordered by the General Conference. We recommend that they be elected at this session.

We commend the Easter service and offering for the work in the Home land, both as means of enlarging funds and for their educational value.

We wish to commend the work which Rev. A. N. Ward has done in the city of Seattle, Washington, and pledge our best effort and most earnest prayers to Rev. J. M. Gill, who goes to that important work.

In reference to the Resolution of the Laymen's Missionary Movement,

we recognize the fact that every Methodist Protestant Church is a Missionary Society, whose God-assigned mission is to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and that each member is obligated to actively share in carrying out this Commission, we therefore recommend:

First: That we recognize it to be the present duty of the church to undertake to carry out the commands of Christ in the extension of His kingdom throughout the world in this generation.

Second: That we rejoice that the laymen of the churches of America are most heartily co-operating with their pastors and Foreign Mission Boards in the attempt to speedily evangelize the world.

Third: We recommend that the Conference's corresponding members of the Board of Foreign Missions co-operate with said Board in enlisting the men of all our churches to undertake their full proportion of world responsibility.

Fourth: That we recommend the appointment in every church of a Missionary Committee of men who shall conduct a campaign of Missionary Education, encourage the formation of Mission Study Classes, and who shall organize and conduct a personal canvas of every member of the Church to the end that a systematic contribution to the cause be made by everyone.

Fifth: That we strongly urge the adoption of the weekly system of Missionary Offering as the most scriptural, fair, economical and productive method, believing that when properly introduced and worked, it will secure the largest possible educational, financial and spiritual results.

Sixth: We recommend all our Churches, Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies be requested to increase their offerings this year that at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) may be realized by the Denomination for Foreign Missions so as to provide the Missionaries land and buildings now so greatly needed in our Japan work.

Seventh: We recommend the Pastor to take the initiative, but not to assume the entire responsibility; that he call together his officials for an informal conference and present a definite course of action as follows: That he preach a sermon on "Giving, the Mission of the Church," or some kindred subject and that wherever possible subscription cards be passed through the congregation and a personal canvas made by the Committee of men for monthly offerings for the evangelization of the world. That the matter be kept before the Church during the canvas; the Missionary Committee having charge of the work and seeing to the payment of the same in co-operation with the plans of the Board of Foreign Missions.

J. M. GILL, Chairman.

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OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS STEWARD

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Childrens Day	31	95	00	3984	00		789	00
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H. O. KEEN, Steward.

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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APRIL

OF THE STEWARD OF GENERAL HOME MISSIONS

Assessed on District	\$2604 00
Amount Paid	2730 00
In excess of Assessment	\$ 126 00
	. R. STRAUSBURG, Steward.

Report P

Of the Program Committee

Your Committee respectfully submits herewith the printed program for the Eighty-second session of our Conference.

That the business of the Conference may be dispatched orderly and expeditiously, we recommend,

1. That all applications from charges for aid from the Church Extension and Superannuated Funds—and all other matters of business from the charges or others requiring consideration at the hands of a committee—if possible, be submitted to the Conference not later than Thursday morning.

2. That the several Boards, Agents, Standing Committees, etc., shall report on the days designated as follows:

WEDNESDAY-The President, Secretary, and Committee on Program.

THURSDAY—Agent of President's Parsonage, Board of Managers of Our Church Home, Board of Publication and Book Concern, Conference Trustees, Baltimore City and District of Columbia Church Extension Societies, Educational Endowment Society, Western Maryland College, Theological Seminary, W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S., and Committees on President's Report and Obituaries.

FRIDAY—Committees on Itinerancy and Orders, Education and Literature, Benevolent Agencies, Young People's Work, Pulpit Supply.

SATURDAY-Committees on Moral Reform, Missions, and the Stew-ards.

MONDAY—Committees on Church Enterprises, Superannuates, Church Extension, and Board of Finance.

TUESDAY-Committees on Official Relations, Statistics.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Report Q

Of Treasurer of General Conference Fund

Balance reported April 13, 1909\$252	26
	82
Cash in hand to date\$261	08

The following sixteen charges have failed to pay their assessments to date: Amelia, \$3.00; Campbell, \$4.00; Cannon, \$1.00; Cecil, \$5.00; Cherrydale, \$1.00; Delmar, \$5.00; Fairfax, \$4.00; Georgetown Circuit, \$4.00; Harbeson, \$4.00; Lynchburg, \$5.00; Montgomery, \$1.00; Pocomoke Circuit, \$4.00; Potomac, \$4.00; West Wilmington, \$4.00; Williamsport, \$4.00; Wilmington, \$4.00; with the request that these amounts from the several charges be forwarded to T. R. Woodford, Treasurer, 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

T. R. WOODFORD, Treasurer.

April 8, 1910.

Report R

Of Board of Managers Deaconess Work

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

The last annual conference elected a Deaconess Board, and directed that it proceed to select a Deaconess, trained in the work, who should under the direction of the Board superintend the practical work of organizing the movement in the Maryland Annual Conference; and that a suitable building be acquired for the purpose.

The Board met early in the year, and organized as directed by the Conference. A proposition was made with respect to certain property that was supposed to be suitable for the work of the home; but, after careful deliberation, the proposition was deemed impracticable.

The effort to procure a deaconess, trained in the work, has not been successful. Trained deaconesses are in great demand, and denominations that have them are not willing to give them to service in other denominations. Efforts were made to secure untrained women to be trained in some school under the direction of the Board. But interviews and correspondence

with about ten yielded no results. Some were willing to "try it for a few years"; some did not care to spend so much time in training for the work; some did not appear to be promising candidates; and one, at least, said that "she felt called to preach," and preferred to enter the ministry.

We believe that the property question will adjust itself when we are ready to use it.

Until we can have a trained deaconess to take charge of the work, and begin the training of others, we do not need a property. To procure one who is competent for the organization of such a work, is far more difficult than we assumed it would be. The terms of Rev. T. O. Crouse, N. T. Meginniss, W. T. Ballard, Miss Carrie Thomas, and Miss Fannie M. Deering expire this year, and the Conference will need to elect five members to fill the vacancy which the expiration of their terms makes necessary. They will be elected for a term of three years, or until the Conference meets in 1912.

F. T. TAGG, Chairman.

Report S

Special Committee to confer with Committee from New Jersey Conference

Your Committee for Conference with the committee from the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, beg leave to report as follows:

We have heard these brethren with pleasure and sympathize with their desire to take the best care of the territory they now have, and to develop it further in the interests of the denomination, but the grave importance of the suggested union of the two conferences, and the many interests and details involved in it will require careful investigation and consideration.

Therefore we recommend the appointment by this Conference of a Commission of six members, three ministers and three laymen, to meet a similar commission from the New Jersey Conference to further consider and report upon this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. TAGG, Chairman.

Report T

Of Special Committee on Church Extension Evangelist

Your Committee, to whom was referred a Paper on Evangelistic Work, beg leave to report as follows:

We are in hearty sympathy with every movement, which seeks to develop a more aggressive evangelism. The evangelistic note and appeal need a constant and organized emphasis, but we do not think the plan as embodied in the Paper is feasible at this time, but in view of the action of the Conference in re-committing the Report and instructing the Committee to formulate a plan for the appointment of a Church Extension Evangelist, we therefore recommend:

First: That the Conference, through the President, appoint one of its members as the Conference Church Extension Evangelist, if in the judgment of the President such a man is available.

Second: That the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) be fixed as his salary.

Third: That collections shall be taken in all Churches, which he visits; that all monies received from all sources shall be forwarded by him to the Treasurer of the Conference Church Extension Society, who shall pay out of said receipts the salary of the Evangelist. If the amount received exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) the surplus shall be applied to Church Extension work, and if the amount fails to reach One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) the deficit shall be paid out of the funds of the Conference Church Extension Society.

Fourth: That a Committee of three (3) with the President of the Conference as the Chairman, be appointed, who shall outline the duties of the Church Extension Evangelist and have supervision of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KIRK, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

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Petitioning the Governor of Maryland

The recent Legislature of Maryland passed an Act, repealing the Local Option Law of Washington County, Maryland.

This Bill is now before his Excellency, Governor A. L. Crothers, for his signature. Believing, as we do, that this act of the Legislature is not representative of the will of the people in that County, and certainly not in harmony with the spirit and sentiment of the people of the State, therefore

RESOLVED, That this Conference most respectfully petition and request his Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, to refuse to affix his signature to this Bill, and that the substance of this Resolution be transmitted by telegram to the Governor, today.

F. T. TAGG, J. H. STRAUGHN.

Resolution 2

Publication of Conference Sermon

RESOLVED, That we request Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., to furnish the Secretary with a copy of his sermon delivered before the Conference. The same to be published in the minutes.

> T. O. CROUSE. E. C. MAKOSKY,

Resolution 3

Fraternal Delegation to Baltimore Conference

RESOLVED: That the President be requested to appoint a Committee of three as a Fraternal Delegation to bear our greetings to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its Session in 1911, and to reciprocate their Christian greetings to us.

W. S. PHILLIPS, T. O. CROUSE.

Resolution 4

Endorsement of Westminster College

RESOLVED: That we give our hearty endorsement to the work being done by Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, and rejoice in the hope it promises to the church in the future. We would encourage the opening of the doors of our churches through the pastors to Rev. T. L. Garrison, its Agent, and would urge our people as far as possible to give financial aid to this growing and hopeful institution.

H. L. ELDERDICE, J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 5

Increase of Conference Assessments

RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this Conference that the Finance Committee shall not increase the basis of the Assessments of any church or charge without first affording the pastor or delegate of said church or charge an opportunity to be heard.

T. PLINY FISHER, THOMAS A. MURRAY.

Resolution 6

On Pamphlet "The Call to the Ministry"

RESOLVED: That the Pamphlet on "The Call to the Ministry" by Dr. Elderdice, be placed on sale at our Book Rooms at the price of ten cents each, provided, that the pastors of the Maryland Conference may secure any quantity without cost on the payment of postage. The proceeds are to be turned over to the President of the Seminary.

W. S. PHILLIPS, THOMAS A. MURRAY.

Resolution 7

President's Parsonage Guild-Contribution

RESOLVED: That Resolution Eight, of Nineteen Hundred and Eight be amended to read:

"That each and every Ladies' Aid Society, or similar Society of this

Conference, except those charges having more than one such Society,—in which case one of those Societies—be requested to contribute One Dollar (\$1.00) annually, toward the President's Parsonage Guild."

C. P. NOWLIN, R. K. LEWIS.

Resolution 8

Superannuated Fund Steward

RESOLVED, That the Superannuated Fund Steward be required to preserve annually to his credit the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to meet cases of emergency.

C. P. NOWLIN, F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 9

Amending Manual and Recommendation to President

WHEREAS, it is impracticable to give the President of the Conference time enough to consult with the ministers and delegates without compelling him to be absent from the Conference sessions, or to give the Committees time for their work if the sessions continue as now, therefore,

RESOLVED, That for the ensuing Conferences it shall be the standing rule that the sessions of Friday and Saturday shall end at noon.

RESOLVED, That it is recommended to the President to facilitate the interviews of those who wish to see him in regard to the appointments by arranging these interviews in order, dividing the list of appointments into convenient sections and appointing an hour for each section, on Friday for the delegates and on Saturday for the ministers.

T. H. LEWIS, J. E. MALOY.

Resolution 10

Thanks to Special Agent of Superannuated Invested Fund

WHEREAS, in response to the call of the Maryland Conference at its last Session, T. H. Lewis consented to act as Agent in the raising of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for investment for the Superannuated Fund Society, and

WHEREAS, he entered upon his work with such intelligent planning

and prosecuted it with such energetic execution as to secure the sum of Ten Thousand, seven hundred and seventeen dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$10,-717.39), therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Conference record its keen appreciation of his

laborious, unselfish and signally successful services.

H. L. ELDERDICE, J. M. GILL.

Resolution 11

On Additional Levy for Church Extension

RESOLVED: That the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200) additional be assessed upon the Conference District for Church Extension to meet the urgent need.

J. S. BOWERS, E. C. MAKOSKY.

Resolution 12

Special Committee with Regard to Rule 4 of the Manual

RESOLVED: That Reverends Clayborne Phillips and C. P. Nowlin be appointed a Committee to consider a change in Rule 4 of the Manual, and to present the result of their deliberations to the next Conference.

A. W. MATHER, F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 13

Money raised for Foreign Missions by Christian Endeavor Societies

RESOLVED: That all money raised by the Christian Endeavor Societies of this Conference for Foreign Missions, not in excess of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), be applied to the support of our Conference Union Missionary, Rev. Leigh Layman, and that payment be made to the Treasurer of the Union, T. Pliny Fisher, Denton, Maryland.

L. B. SMITH, F. T. BENSON.

Resolution 14

Pastors to Express the Appreciation of the Conference to the Churches

WHEREAS: Our people have been triumphant in raising the more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) added to our Superannuated Fund under the splendid leadership of our Special Agent and the efforts of our ministers: therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That every pastor concerned be requested to express from his pulpit the keen appreciation of the Conference for this concrete evidence of the loyalty of our people.

H. L. ELDERDICE. G. A. MORRIS.

Resolution 15

Requiring Pastors to Present the General Interests

RESOLVED: That each Pastor be required to present to his people each of the Special Interests represented in the General Assessments.

J. H. STRAUGHN, T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 16

Expecting all Pastors, Delinquent, to Pay Their 2 per cent. this Year

WHEREAS, In response to the Resolution of the Conference of Nineteen Hundred and Nine, regarding the raising of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the Invested Fund of the Superannuated Society, most of the Pastors donated two per cent. (2 per cent.) of their salaries, yet, there are about ten or fifteen pastors, who have not responded, and as they will enjoy the benefits, be it,

RESOLVED: That the Conference expects them to pay their portion during this Conference year.

C. P. NOWLIN, S. B. TREDWAY.

Resolution 17

Instruction to Superannuated Fund Steward

RESOLVED: That the Steward of the Superannuated Fund, for sufficient reasons, pay to Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in addition to the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollar (\$150) received by her for the year just closed.

C. P. NOWLIN, J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 18

Amending Rule 5, Section 2 of Manual

RESOLVED: That Rule 5, Section 2, Paragraph 17 of the Manual be amended to read: "Appointees on the Executive Committee of the Conference Christian Endeavor Union—four ministers, one of whom shall be the President,—three Laymen."

E. T. READ, W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 19

Of Thanks and Appreciation

RESOLVED: 1, That the hearty thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Remington Tpyewriter Company, through the supervision of Mrs. Ella B. Jordan, for the loan of two typewriters.

- 2, To the Burroughs Adding Machine Company for the loan of one of their best machines.
- 3, To the Press of Baltimore City for the full and excellent reports which they have given of our proceedings.
- 4, To the B., C. & A., and the M., D. & V. Railways, for the courtesy of reduced rates to those attending this Conference.
- 5, Last, but by no means least, to the members and pastor of Broadway Church for their splendid hospitality and untiring efforts to secure to the Conference every possible convenience and comfort, we extend our hear-tlest and most sincere appreciation.

W. S. PHILLIPS, J. H. STRAUGHN.

Resolution 20

On Request to Members of U.S. Senate and House

RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the Conference be requested to send letters to Senator J. H. Gallinger and to the Hon. S. W. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on District of Columbia, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., endorsing the Gallinger-Benedict Bill for the control of the sale of alcoholic liquors in the District of Columbia, and the Johnston Sunday Rest Bill, now pending before Congress.

E. D. STONE, R. L. SHIPLEY.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society

Baltimore, Maryland, April 11th, 1910.

The Superannuated Fund Society met at 2 P. M. with 2nd Vice-President. F. T. Benson, in the Chair. G. I. Humphreys was elected Secretary. pro tem.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. A vote of thanks and

appreciation was extended to the Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray.

The old Officers were re-elected: First Vice-President, J. L. Mills; Second Vice-President, F. T. Benson; Third Vice-President, J. E. Nicholson: Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, E. L. Bunce; Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

The old Board of Managers, consisting of Revs. J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, and J. D. Kinzer as ministerial members; and Messrs. T. A. Murray, Vaughn Webster, Dr. E. B. Fenby and J. B. Mills as Lay members were re-elected.

No further business, the Society adjourned.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Secretary, pro tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR APRIL 1909-1910

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society Investment Account

Dr.				
To Balance as per last Report			.\$1975	89
To Amt. received from C. P. Nowlin, Steward				
To Amt. received from J. N. Gilbert, Conference Par-				
sonage, Steward, acct. Loan for same	500	00		
To Amt. received in redemption of ground-rent	1166	66		
To Amt. received from sale of Georgetown property	756	39		
To Amt. received from matured Securities	3000	00		
To Amt. received from Dr. T. H. Lewis, account spec-				
ial subscriptions to Investment Fund	1540	00		
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By this amount invested per Order of Board in purchase Ground-Rent of \$90.00 on Druid Hill Ave.	of \$1707	96
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Distribution Account		
Dr.		
To Income from Investments\$5047	10	
To Interest on Deposits in Bank		23
Same Same Same Same Same Same Same Same		
Cr.		
By 1910 Taxes on Securities paid\$ 60	04	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box paid 5	00	
By expenses of collection, etc	00	
By amounts remitted to Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Steward:		
July 17, 1909, check #160 1172	36	
Nov. 1, 1909, check #161	15	
Jan. 21, 1910, check #163 1081		
Check herewith for balance of	18 \$5156	23

Under the Will of John A. J. Dixon, Esq., late of Baltimore City, the Society will shortly receive a Legacy of \$2000.00.

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.

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

SUPERANNUATED 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 Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act accordingly.
- 3. 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 Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated 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 Superannuated 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 quarterly distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated 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 Superannuated 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? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
 - 5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
 - 6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
 - 7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?

Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society convened Monday at nine P. M. The Rey, J. W. Trout in the Chair.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

A Committee of three was appointed to audit the Treasurer's account. Committee: T. O. Crouse, S. W. Coe, F. C. Klein.

Moved and carried that the Auditing Committee be given the privilege to audit the Treasurer's report and report after the Conference adjourns to the President of the Conference.

Moved and carried that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett, for the very efficient way in which he has conducted the business of the Society.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. W. Trout; 1st Vice-President, Rev. B. F. Ruley; 2nd Vice-President, Rev. W. A. Melvin; Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett; Secretary, Rev. F. A. Holland.

The Board of Managers: Ministers, J. D. Kinzer, J. S. Bowers, F. T. Tagg, F. C. Klein; Laymen: N. T. Meginniss, T. Harry Bartlett, W. W. Smith, J. N. Gilbert.

Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION 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 continued. 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 the Discipline for 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 next session 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.
- 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.
- 18. Herefater, no money shall be appropriated to any charge where the Board of Trustees refuses to be incorporated.
- 19. The Church Extension Committee of the Conference is hereby made a permanent or continuous committee, its members serving until their successors are appointed. The President of the Conference is hereby requested in anming the members of this committee from time to time, to retain a sufficient number of those familiar with its work to secure best results in the appropriation of the funds of the society.

In addition to the duties heretofore performed by the committee, it shall be the duty of the chairman and secretary thereof, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of each annual session of the Conference, to prepare and have printed lists of questions with blank spaces for answers, similar to those heretofore used by the Board of Managers, and shall mail a copy to the pastor of each charge seeking aid not later than the first week in October and March of each Conference year. The blanks may also contain such explanations as may be deemed necessary to enable charges to properly fill in the answers to the questions, with the request that the said blanks be promptly filled out and returned.

The chairman and secretary shall arrange these blanks in proper order, bring them to Conference and lay them before the committee. The committee, in making appropriations to the respective charges seeking aid, shall be guided by the information contained in the blanks; and the charges are hereby notified in accordance with the above prescribed duties of the committee.

The secretary of the Conference hereby is instructed to pay, out of the Conference funds, the expense of printing, postage, etc., incurred by the committee in the discharge of the duties here referred to.

When appropriations are made conditionally and the conditions are not complied with, it shall be the duty of the committee to so notify the Church Extension Steward, who shall withhold payment of the money until such payment is authorized by the committee.

The action of the Conference of 1907 is hereby reaffirmed as follows, "The Committee on Church Extension shall not report upon any cases not referred to it by the Conference, except such cases recommended by the President to accommodate the plan of appointments."

The Mutual Relief Association

President in the Chair.

J. A. Weigand, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer read and same referred to Special Auditing Committee (appointed by the President), J. W. Kirk and J. W. Balderston.

Officers: J. E. Nicholson, 1st Vice-President; W. M. Strayer, 2nd Vice-President; W. A. Melvin, 3rd Vice-President; J. A. Weigand, Secretary and Treasurer.

Old officers re-elected.

- W. S. Phillips moved that the Secretary-Treasurer be requested to furnish a list of members to the Conference Secretary for publication in the minutes.
- J. L. Mills called attention to the fact that members joining the Conference promise to join the Association, and that Secretary-Treasurer call on same.

Report of Auditing Committee found Secretary-Treasurer's report correct—therefore adopted.

J. L. Mills moved that some time when Conference is fully attended, President of Conference bring mutual relief to attention of Conference.

Rev. L. A. Bennett was continued as Solicitor.

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec.-Treas.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the Year Ending April 6th, 1910
Amount on hand from the 29th advance case\$124 00
Amount on hand from the 30th advance case 140 00
\$264 00
Expense of collecting 29th advance case\$ 4 50
Expense of collecting 30th advance case 4 50
\$ 9 00
Paid heirs of Rev. J. T. Lassell\$119 00
Paid heirs of Rev. J. B. Jones
Paid Mrs. B. P. Truitt 132 00
\$387 00
Due heirs of Rev. J. T. Lassell, by lapsed members \$ 6 00
Due heirs of Rev. J. B. Jones, by lapsed members 2 00
Two members deceased and eight lapsed during the year. Seventeen new members have been received. Now on roll one hundred

Seventeen new members have been received. Now on roll one hundred and fifty-five members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec.-Treas.

MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION, APRIL 1st, 1910 MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE M. P. CHURCH

Rev.Arnett.C.S. Rev. Bacchus, G.Q. Rev. Bailey, J.T. Rev. Balderston, J.W. Rev. Beauchamp, E.L. Rev. Bennett.L.A. Rev. Benson, F.T. Rev. Bowers. J.S. Rev. Brown, J. McLain Rev. Bryan, B.A. Rev. Bryan, J.F. Rev.Cassen.S.F. Rev.Coe,S.W. Rev.Clayton,G.M. Rev.Clough.N.C. Rev.Crouse, T.O. Rev.Cullum.C.M. Rev.Donovan.A. Rev.Dryden.C.E. Rev. Dupuv. A.B. Rev. Elderdice, C.M. Rev. Elderdice, H.L. Rev. Ewing, E.O. Rev. Farring, G.F. Rev.Gill,J.M. Rev.Graham, W.R. Rev.Gray, J.W. Rev.Green.A.H. Rev. Greenfield, D.L. Rev. Hanks, W.S. Rev. Harryman, A.A. Rev. Hill, G.J. Rev. Hoblitzell, S.A. Rev. Hodge, G.R. Rev. Holmes, J. M. Rev. Hungerford, M.E. Rev.Johnson, H.W.D. Rev.Johnson, W.W. Rev.Judefind, W.B. Rev.Kindley, B.W. Rev. Kinzer, J.D. Rev.Kirk.J.W. Rev. Klein. F.C. Rev.Lewis, T.H. Rev.Lewis, R.K. Rev. Litsinger. J. E. Rev.Litsinger, W.D. Rev.Litsinger.W.H. Rev.Little,F.T Rev.Lucas, W.J.D. Rev. Makosky, E.C. Rev. Maloy, J.E.

Rev. Massey. J. E. Rev. Mather, A.W. Rev. McCaslin.C.K. Rev. McCready, G.R. Rev. McCullough, C.E. Rev. Melvin, W.A. Rev. Mills. J.L. Rev. Nicholson. J. E. Rev. Norris, J. W. Rev. Nowlin, C.P. Rev.Ogg.G.A. Rev. Phillips, W.S. Rev.Purdum.L.E. Rev.Randall.L. Rev.Read, Edgar T. Rev.Rowe, R.S. Rev. Reynolds, F.D. Rev.Rice.P.L. Rev.Schlincke, H.L. Rev.Sheridan,J.M. Rev.Stevens.F.L. Rev.Stocksdale,G.H. Rev.Stone.E.D. Rev.Straughn,J.L. Rev.Strayer, W.M. Rev. Torrey, A.J. Rev. Tredway, S.B. Rev. Trout. J.W. Rev.Tuttle,J.H. Rev. Tyson, R.T. Rev. Van Dyke. E.H. Rev. Weigand. J.A. Rev. Ward, A.N. Rev. Woodford, T.R. Rev. Wooden, J.F. Rev. Wright, T.H. Mrs. Bailey, J.T. Mrs. Bennett.L.A. Mrs. Benson, F.T. Mrs. Bowers, J.S. Mrs.Bryan.B.A. Mrs. Bryan, J.F. Mrs.Cassen,S.F. Mrs.Cochel, E.A. Mrs.Charlton.M.P. Mrs.Clayton, G.M. Mrs.Clough, N.C. Mrs.Coe,S. W. . Mrs.Crouse, T.O. Mrs.Cullum, C.M. Mrs.Cushing.H.C. Mrs. Dryden, C.E.

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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.

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays		1830	1831
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Charles Wesley Jacobs	1812	1829	1833
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William Kesley		1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger		1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh		1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.	G1404 6	1833	1844
William W. Maddux		1838	1844
William W. Ball		1842	1844
William W. Ball		1843	1846
William H. Boardley	1820	1844	1847
Samuel D. Norwood	1787	1829	1851
Isaac Webster	1806	1832	1851
Levi Rogers Reese	1783	1830	1851
Frederick Stier	1817	1841	1851
Richard Adkinson	1814	1837	1853
Levin A. Collins	1790	1829	1855
John Smith Reese, M. D	1823	1849	1859
Francis George Wright		1852	1861
Nevelle Steele Greenaway	1808	1845	1862
William Turbert Wright		1839	1862
Washington Roby	1832	1856	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell	1806	1831	1863
Josiah Varden	1798	1 1831	1864
George D. Hamilton	1794	1833	1865
Reuben Tyler Boyd	1842	1863	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin	1828	1850	1866
James Francis Whiteside	1787	1829	1867
Eli Henkle	1792	1838	1867
Francis Waters, D. D	1828	1861	1868
Thomas H Burgess	1814	1842	1870
Thomas Mahlon Wilson	1791	1869	1870
Luther J. Cox	1820	1852	1870
Christian Eversole		1854	1871
Daniel Bowers		1844	1871
John Morgan	1811	1869	1871
Henry C. Hayghe		1838	1874
John Elderdice	1814 1818	1843	1875
John Roberts		1870	1876
Amon Richards	1787	1839	1877
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D	1813	1830	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D	1810		1877
Samuel Guest Vallant	1802	1870	1878
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John Edgar Read	1846	1865	
Thomas M. Bryan	1818	1846	1879
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Alfred Baker	1813	1841	1885
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Villiam Thomas Dumm	1817	1843	1886 1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D	1824 1817	1844 1839	1888
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OBITUARIES

Rev. John Bayley Jones.

Rev. John Bayley Jones was born December 5, 1833, in the vicinity of Milton, Delaware. His parents were James Wilson Jones and Elizabeth Daroma Blockson. "No man," he was used to say, "ever had a better parentage, or a more substantial ancestry." He spent a happy childhood on the home farm, imbibing a life-lasting love of books and of all living things. He was educated in the academies of Milton and Laurel. While subsequently engaged in teaching, he became convinced that, for the sake of the young under his care, he should be a Christian man. He was happily converted under the ministry of the Rev. T. A. Moore. He soon heard the divine call to preach the Gospel by which he had been saved, and studied theology under the direction of Rev. Mr. Wright, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Lewes, Delaware. He was admitted to the Maryland Conference in 1860, and ordained in 1862. For six years he served as an associate pastor. Among the many churches of which he had charge were Alexandria, Salem, Montgomery, Alabama; Chestertown and East Baltimore; Laurel and St. Luke's. Under his pastorate, Chestertown was visited with one of the most remarkable revivals that has ever occurred in the history of our church. His ministry covered forty-eight years of unbroken activity.

Those who have been associated with him the closest, will appreciate how difficult it is, to give that just portrayal of the man he deserves on the memorial records of the church. To the writer, the simplicity of his convictions with regard to the religious experiences emphasized by Methodism, seems his most remarkable trait. He was infatuated with Carlyle; Swedenborg's mystic dreams fascinated him; but speculative as his mind was in its bent, various as was his reading, and much as times and manners have changed, he was always the fiery evangelist of the revival meeting. Rejoicing himself in conscious personal salvation, with burning earnestness, he persuaded sinners to humble themselves at the mourner's bench, and struggle, through prayer and faith, into the knowledge of forgiveness of sins.

Always discursive, often obscure, yet when he struck the evangelical note; when the conviction and conversion of the unsaved, or discussion of the spiritual and practical, rather than the abstract phases of the Christian life moved him, he was an exceptionally powerful preacher; vehement, enkindling, tender and persuasive. And yet it was most because they honor-

ed the man, those whom he served loved so well to hear him. A quaintness and whimsicality, altogether his own, made him interesting; his transparent sincerity, the purity and uprightness of his character, and his intense human sympathies, won affection and respect. He was positive in his convictions, and so frank and even severe in their expression as often to be misunderstood; he was an idealist, and impatient, when others, to get things done, set his ideals aside; but there beat in his breast a kind, generous and gentle heart. No man was ever, as a guest, a more courtly gentleman; or as a companion, more genial; and he had, in full measure, that rare accomplishment of a pastor, the secret of fellowship with the poor, the unfortunate and the suffering. A unique and active mentality, but far more, the spirit and habit of communion with God which he assidiously cultivated; the tender, eager affectionateness of his domestic life; and the consolations of God he had known when sorrow swept its seas over his breaking heart, threw about the man an impalpable aura that made you love him not knowing why.

He was a far more than ordinary man, yet with a fetter on him, "an ambassador in a chain;" one scarcely knows how, unless it was that he was so elemental, so much a child-man, so unworldly wise. He felt it, perhaps misunderstood it; he was pained and disappointed to be held back from spheres to which he knew his abilities were equal, but none the less, he stooped, in consecration, to the lowliest works his hands found to do, with an industry, fidelity, and zeal that never spared himself. He was a pious, laborious servant of Jesus; a studious, burning light-bearing preacher of His Word; and a loyal, devoted and fruitful minister of His church. So deeply was his heart still immersed in his "loved employ," he could not credit the approach of death; pathetically insisting he had still years of service in him. "I always found him trusting in God and abiding in His love," says the minister most often with him in the closing days. At "twilight and evening bell," on the 12th of October, the tide, "which drew from out the deep, turned to its earliest home," and he passed on its ebb, "too full for sound or form," to the better fellowship, the more abundant service, and the perfect rapture of the church beyond the mortal veil. Impressive services, conducted by the president of the Conference, in the presence of a great company of his brethren, were held in Brooklyn, his last charge, and his body, borne to Laurel, was inhumed beside the wife of his youth. "The good and faithful servant" has heard his Lord's "well done," and in our hearts, there is the sound of a great Amen.

D. L. GREENFIELD, J. W. GRAY, J. W. TROUT, JAMES McCAULEY, C. J. STOLL, JOHN ELLIOTT.

Rev. Benjamin Parker Truitt.

How simple and brief are the outlines of a human life! And yet God alone can know and eternity alone can reveal the influence and full fruitage of a life dedicated to the Lord.

Benjamin Parker Truitt, a son of Benjamin W. and Martha Truitt, was born in Wicomico Co., Md., September 5th, 1861; was converted in Green Hill Methodist Protestant Church under the ministry of Rev. John L. Straughn in 1874, and was baptized and received into the church the same year; was graduated from St. John's College, Annapolis, June 25th, 1885; was received into the Maryland Conference in 1887, and ordained in 1889; was married to Miss Isabel Lewis, of Chincoteague Island, July 10th, 1890; served Chincoteague as assistant in 1887, and as pastor-in-charge in 1888-'89; was appointed to Hurlock in 1890, to Warwick in 1892, to Lisbon in 1896, to Denton in 1901, and to First Church, Washington, D. C. in 1905; fell asleep in Jesus at the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, March 1st, 1910.

This is the brief record of the salient events of a life the value and influence of which no language of ours can measure. It has been truly said, "death is a great revealer, and in turning out some lights turns on others; it extinguishes the light of intelligence that shone from the eye, the light of cheer that fell from off his face into the lives of others, but it turns on the light of publicity and consecrates the attention of men upon the character and record of him who has gone." And it is no extravagance to say that the more closely men study the life and character of our brother beloved the more will they be impressed with his worth as a man and as a good minister of Jesus Christ.

The character of Benjamin Truitt was one pleasant to remember. For those who knew his best it needs no embellishment. It was distinguished by mildness, uniformity, purity and remarkable self-control. through the trials and collisions of human life with a calmness and benignity that few of us can equal. A member of this Committee who enjoyed most intimate fellowship with him for years writes, "There was no veneer about him; no mere surface goodness, but the genuine thing-the deeper you penetrated the better and the truer you found him." Though quiet and unobtrusive in his manner, he was firm in his convictions and masterful in his purposes. This quality of his character found expression in his school days. A close friend of his youth and mature manhood writes, "His life was exemplary while a student at St. John's, and chiefly through his efforts the Christian Association was kept alive. At that time it required moral courage to acknowledge oneself a member of the Christian Association, but he never wavered in his duty." This loyalty to convictions and firmness in duty were traits of his maturer years as they had been of his youth. His

mental endowments were of a high order. Thoughtful, studious, of discriminating judgment, his opinions were deliberately formed and always worthy of serious consideration. He was a judicious administrator in all the affairs of a pastor's life, and every charge he served during his ministry of twenty-three years profited by his prudent and painstaking management. The Conference recognized his abilities as a judicious man of affairs and for years kept him as the Chairman of its Committee on Church Extension, one of the most exacting and important offices in our Conference work; he was only relieved of this responsibility when failing health made longer service impossible. As a preacher our brother was a failthful expositor of the word of God. He honestly, patiently, and prayerfully studied the Scriptures and sought to unfold and enforce their teaching with fidelity and fervor. character as a preacher needs no other testimony than the impression left on his frequent and most intelligent hearers. One of these writes, "He made no attempt in his sermons to impress himself or his personality upon you, but to magnify his Master and the truth; if he could lead you to better and holier thought and life he was content." Brother Hartley of First Church writes, "Never will those who heard him preach the last time forget how he stood with his wonderful self-control exerted to its limit, saying: 'I must stop my work for the present. God knows how much I love to preach His word, and never more so that I do just now'."

In his illness at the hospital he impressed all who saw him with his patience and submission to the will of God, and his grateful affection for his people. His sickness was a severe trial; for his heart was bound up in his work, and he longed to preach the sweet evangel of Jesus Christ his Saviour and Lord. But he rested calmly in the will of God, and breathed no word of impatience, repining or distrust. The uniform and tender kindness of his people at First Church overpowered him. The only tears which the writer saw start from his eyes were tears of tender and grateful appreciation and affection for those who had shown him such unfailing and sympathetic consideration. Summing up all that might be said we wish to say, he was one of the most blameless of men, one of the most devoted of ministers, and one of the fairest examples of the refining and elevating power of divine grace. When we think of such a man, taken from his family and the Church in his very prime, and think of the pressing demands for such as he in our Conference work, we can only bow in submissive sorrow and remember the words of Holy Scripture: "Be still, and know that I am God." was dumb with silence. I opened not my mouth because Thou didst it." "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

The funeral services were held in the First Church, Washington, in the presence of a large and sorrowing congregation. Rev. J. M. Sheridan, President of the Conference, presided, and made the first address. Others par-

ticipating were, Revs. F. T. Tagg, J. M. Gill, J. B. McLaughlin, C. P. Nowlin and T. O. Crouse of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Rev. E. H. Swem of the Second Baptist Church, Washington. Then, carried by the hands of his ministerial and lay brethren, who loved him in life, and who cherish his memory, his wasted body was laid to rest in the Congressional Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

To his bereaved wife, who has so bravely and with the beauty of Christian resignation borne her grief, and to his three children, who have been so early called to taste the cup of sorrow, we extend our tenderest sympathy, and pray that the God of all comfort may abide in the darkened home as their unfailing strength and portion forever.

J. L. STRAUGHN, T. O. CROUSE, J. M. GILL, T. P. FISHER, W. B. HARTLEY, J. N. WARFIELD.

Mrs. Levi Rogers Reese.

Mrs. Tamsey Ann Reese, consort of the Rev. Levi R. Reese of the Maryland Annual Conference, died at her late home in Easton, Talbot County, Md., Monday, May 24, 1909, aged eighty-six years.

Mrs. Reese was a daughter of the late William and Mary Hughlett, and was born at "Warwick Manor," on Secretary Creek, Dorchester County, Md., in 1823. Her parents removed to Talbot County when the daughter was five years old. She was the last survivor of a large family of children born to this prosperous and estimable parentage.

In 1842, during an extensive revival in Calvary Methodist Protestant Church, Easton, held by the late Judge Philemon B. Hopper, grand-father of the present Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland and of the same name, Mrs. Reese, then Miss Hughlett, was converted and united with the local church in whose communion she continued until translated to the church triumphant. The results of that revival even in the conversion of this one soul, and she was only one of many, can never be fully told until time unveils eternity.

In 1849 she was united in marriage with Rev. Levi Rogers Reese, in his day one of the most popular and prominent pulpit orators of our state, and began an itinerant career with her husband as pastor of Cambridge Circuit. Her life as an itinerant preacher's wife was, however, destined to be short. In the spring of 1850 Mr. Reese was assigned to the pastorate of

Bethany Church, Philadelphia, Pa., where he died, September 18, 1851. Only two years and a few months covered her experience as a Methodist preacher's wife, but in that brief time she learned some things which ever afterward made her sympathy flow out to the preacher brotherhood, and kept her hands open in generous gifts to them, to their families and their work. One child was born of this union, a precious little girl who died before reaching her third birthday. From the death of the dear baby the mother journeyed a lonely way, widowed and childless, for more than fifty years, and during all these years her heart went out in tender, helpful, generous kindness to all who suffered.

To tell all this choice woman was and did in her long pilgrimage would tax the most skillful pen and the most complete vocabulary. In our deficiency, therefore, we can only hope, in an imperfect manner, to put on record a friend's and one time pastor's estimate of her character and worth.

Mrs. Reese had a faith in God and Jesus Christ His Son that was pure, simple, unwavering, growing steadily through the years into blessed assurance and spiritual knowledge. Thus she knew God and Jesus Christ Whom He hath sent, and this is life eternal. Her acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God was complete, comprehensive and free from interrogation points. She read the Book, studied it, loved it and devoted herself to obeying its principles and precepts with intelligence and rare singleness of purpose. Even in the last weeks of her life, with mental and physical powers so enfeebled she could scarce recognize friends, she kept her Bible by her side on the bed and was often found gazing upon its open pages as though its very words spoke new messages of light and love to her soul. It was the man of her counsel, the light of her path, the chart and compass of her soul.

She recognized the church as the representative of Christ on earth, the organization through which He carries on His work in the world. her love for the Master and His church lived and grew together. Their claims upon her for all she was and had were promptly acknowledged and heartily met to the utmost of her ability and opportunity. She delighted in God's house, and was sure to be in her place, not only at the stated Sunday worship, but, as long as health and strength permitted, in the Sunday School, the weekly prayer meeting and class meeting, as well. many years her attendance upon all these services was as regular as the recurring of the days and hours for the meetings. And in the exercises of all these means of grace she took some active part. With a modest, even shrinking, nature, it was always a cross for her to do so, but with her duty was a beautiful, an authoritative word, and to see her duty was to do it at any cost of selfdenial or crucifixion of the flesh. She loved the truth intensely and had a corresponding intolerance of all sham, duplicity, pretense, with a withering contempt for the insincere, sniveling flatterer.

ways said just what she meant, consequently, one knew her meaning at all times by the language she used.

With her religion exalted all the relationships of life as of providential origin, and she earnestly strove to be to her family, her friends, her neighbors all that a Christian should be. Her pastor, whoever he might be for the time, was admitted to confidential fellowship as one placed by the Lord as her spiritual leader, helper and guide. Indeed, her ideals for all the relations of life were of the highest and purest type.

The poet Southey says, "Where there is the most love to God, there will be the truest and most enlarged philanthropy." To any one knowing Mrs. Reese it will at once occur that she fully accepted this sentiment and embodied it in the practice of her long and useful life. Possessed of ample means her benevolence embraced well nigh every worthy cause brought to her attention. Her local church, all the churches of the town and community, her own denomination, the church universal, the world, all in some measure have felt the touch of her philanthropic hand and the help of her sympathetic and generous heart. Her property was a sacred trust to be administered in the fear of God, as one who must give an account, and her aim and effort were that she might give that account with joy and not with grief. Her sense of stewardship, enlightened and consecrated by the Holy Spirit, kept her always giving and to many things that her loving Lord might be glorified and His Kingdom come among men.

Her pastor at the time of her death well says, "I have never known any one to live on so little that she might give so much." Ah, yes, it took but little comparatively to meet the few, simple needs of her plain, unpretentious, holy life, but it took large gifts to satisfy her refined and tender conscience that she was honoring her Lord in her offerings.

The poor of her town and vicinity found in her a changeless friend. It was her habit for years to make regular donations of supplies to the needy families, while at the same time she purchased spring and fall large quantities of clothing, muslins, beddings, etc., to be distributed as occasion might require.

For a period longer than any of us know she disbursed through the President of the Maryland Conference six hundred dollars per year among pastors getting insufficient salaries. These with her regular donations to the Bible, Tract, Church Extension and Missionary work, and her gifts to the aged, the orphans, the incurables and to aid prisoners, to say nothing of her generous donations to new church enterprises and parsonages in the Maryland Conference, made her annual payments to philanthropy large and steadily increased her treasure in heaven. The local church, the poor, the Conference, will miss her, but the world is richer for her having lived in it, while her good deeds shall counterbalance the evil deeds of many.

There are two passages of Scripture so appropriate in her case that we

must quote them here. The first is from the Old Testament; the second from the New:

"And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." This she most assuredly did. If she did not thus live the writer has never known any one who has so lived.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me."

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered?" "And the King shall answer, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Surely this she did also. Well done faithful handmaiden of the Lord, Farewell, sweet spirit, thou didst sow bountifully of the good things given thee in a long and beautiful life on earth; thou shalt reap richly in a longer and far more beautiful life in heaven.

Funeral services over the remains were held in Calvary Church, Easton, Tuesday evening, May 25, at five o'clock. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Litsinger, was in charge, assisted by Rev. J. M. Sheridan, President of the Maryland Conference, Revs. S. W. Coe, George Hines and F. T. Little. A large gathering attested the great love of the people for the woman who had spent such a long and blessed life among them. The remains were taken to Baltimore and on the following day were interred in Baltimore Cemetery by the side of those of her husband and child who had preceded her to the other world more than fifty years.

F. T. LITTLE, for the Committee.

Mrs. James Henry Ellegood.

Mrs. Rebecca M. Ellegood, relic of the late Rev. J. H. Ellegood, of the Maryland Conference Methodist Protestant Church, was called to the "inheritance of the saints" after a brief illness on September 28, 1909.

Sister Ellegood was born, April 2, 1837, and in early life was converted and united with the church, and for over fifty years continued a faithful follower of the Saviour she loved, and was ever active in her efforts to advance His cause.

In November, 1858, she became the wife of Bro. Ellegood, and shared with him the toils and privations of an itinerant's life, and ever tried, by

words and acts, to smooth out the rough places, and lighten the dark hours. In the years of her widowhood her love for the church never abated, and she ever did what she could for all of its interests. For some years before the call came for her departure from the life here below for the life above, she resided with her sister in Quantico, and Bro. A. W. Gordy, a member of this committee, who resides there, says: "I am sure she will be greatly and sadly missed in the community, for she was ever ready and willing, as far as she was able, to assist in the affairs of the church, and aid her pastor. After the services at the church on the day of the funeral, a member of the church at Quantico said to me, "I do not know what we shall do without her."

Her sister wrote that during her last illness she was very patient and perfectly resigned to the will of the Heavenly Father, as she had no misglvings concerning the sweet home just across the river. No doubt she anticipated the reunion with her loved one gone before.

Bro. Straughn writes: "My acquaintance with Sister Ellegood, began in the early part of my ministerial life. She impressed me from the first as a useful helper to her husband. She was always cheerful and sacrificing, willingly accepting the hardships of the itinerant's life, and strengthening her husband in his work in whatsoever way she could," and that he had "no doubt the end was peace, and that she has gone to her great reward."

Bro. Phillips says of her: "She was a great help to her husband when he was pastor of Quantico Circuit."

Bro. Atkins, of Milton, Del., writes: "She was a consistent Christian woman and remained so until called home, and was loved by all who met her."

Bro. Kinzer says of her: "I think she was a good woman, and a faithful minister's wife."

What more can or needs to be said? She has gone from us, but the fragrance of her life still remains.

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J. D. KINZER,

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THE SERMON

BY HUGH LATIMER ELDERDICE

Mark 6: 30-31

"And the Apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus; and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And He said unto them: 'Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile'."

The place is Capernnaum; the persons, the Master and The Twelve; and the occasion, the First Conference of Gospel Preachers.

The Roll Call is answered by every Charter Member of the Christian Ministry:—Peter, the impulsive leader; James, the son of Alpheus; Simon, the Zealot; an obscure man in spite of his three names—Lebbeus, Thaddeus, Judas of James; Bartholomew, supposed to be Nathaniel the guileless Israelite; Matthew, the tax-collector; Thomas, the melancholy man of doubt; James and John, the fiery "sons of thunder"; Andrew and Phillip, the personal workers; and last the traitor—Judas.

The Order of Business is Personal Reports. These first Soldiers of the Cross salute their Commander and tell the thrilling story of obedience to His Marching Orders. Two by two they had traveled their circuits preaching the Kingdom of God, healing the sick, casting out devils, cleansing lepers, and raising the dead. In harmony with their Rules of Discipline, they had provided neither silver nor gold for traveling expenses; bag nor basket for provisions; surplus coats nor sandals nor change of raiment—depending upon their converts to supply their every need. Unhampered by baggage, they had made a rapid itinerary from town to town; accepting entertainment where the host was worthy; rewarding his hospitality by pronouncing their blessing; shaking off the dust of their feet as a testimony against them who rejected their message; and, ever mindful that they were as sheep among wolves, they had striven to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves; yet they had been arraigned before councils, scourged in synagogues, and arrested by officers of state for publicly proclaiming "upon the housetops" the lessons they learned in the private school of the Galilean Teacher. Glad witness is borne to the promised protection of Him who numbers the hairs of the head and values man above the sparrow; and then their trials and triumphs, songs and sermons, follies and failures are all rehearsed; nor does the recital end until they have told "all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught." These personal reports are neither accepted nor rejected, amended nor referred to committees, but their consideration is postponed to accept the Presiding Officer's invitation to take a sea voyage to a quiet shore: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile."

My Theme is: An Adjourned Conference; and my Purpose is: To Persuade Preachers to Spend More Time Resting with Jesus.

It is a significant fact that in this First Conference of Gospel Itinerants the only recorded word of Jesus is a motion to adjourn. He gave only one reason—Rest; yet this was sufficient to bestow a triple blessing: Bodily Recuperation, Mental Stimulus, and Spiritual Restoration.

The Twelve had just returned from their first fields of labor; the plan of appointments had been hard to fill; and their circuits had brought them face to face with dangerous duties, trying ordeals, rapid flights by day, sleepless hours by night, and the constant strain of speaking in crowded synagogue, noisy market, and the wayside home. This campaign of primitive preaching, fraught with peril and privation had taxed their strength to the last ounce of flesh, and they reached the seat of Conference fagged in muscle and shattered in nerve. Well for them that their Leader was a Physician wise to diagnose their condition and swift to prescribe the Rest Cure! He knew that far better than the debates, wranglings, and resolutions of a business session would be a sail over the Tiberian Lake to a secluded spot, where the day would be undisturbed by the clamoring crowd, and the night would bring "tired Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

It is a Comforting thought that Jesus was ever mindful of the bodily needs of His Apostles. When hungry, He bade them pluck corn on the Sabbath in spite of the fault-finding Pharisees who exalted Rabbinical prohibitions above the laws of necessity and mercy; and when, after the Resurrection. He made that morning visit to the seven who had spent the night in fruitless fishing, His first message was not some secret of the grave learned in Joseph's tomb, nor some revelation of the mysterious nature of His risen body, nor some vision of "the transcendent life upon which he had entered," but a sympathetic, common-place question: "Children, have ye aught to eat?" and when they stepped from boat to land they found that His own kind hands had kindled a fire and cooked a breakfast of fish and bread. Nor was He less thoughtful of their fatigued feet and toilworn hands; for in their long journeys He frequently called a halt by a wayside well, a mountain slope, a fishing shore. Thus both His precept and practice in the training of The Twelve teach His modern ministers that when their health is at stake the best service they can render man and God is to quit work and take a vacation.

Methodism points with pardonable pride to the pioneer preacher and exhorts the young itinerant to imitate the sacrificing spirit of the old circuit rider who was ever ready to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"; but Methodism must not overlook the fact that the man of God today must meet and master prodigious problems, of which our old hero never dreamed. True, his horse-back riding over the trackless wilderness, beating the bridle-paths of the forests, fording the streams swollen by the freshet, and exposing himself to summer sun and winter snow was hard work; yet fresh air, wholesome food, and constant outdoor exercise kept his blood pure, mind vigorous, and physical frame free of dyspepsia, insomnia and nervous prostration.

The present day preacher must rush or resign, break the record or be laid on the shelf. Aside from the legitimate demands of an exacting pulpit and a burdensome parish, he must heed scores of illegitimate demands or else lose popularity and perhaps position. Talk about the pulpit losing its There never was such a wide distribution of its power. Look at the ubiquitous parson. Outside his fold he must address a charitable organization, offer prayer at the anniversary of a social society, preach the baccalaureate sermon at an educational institution, fellowship with a sister church at an annual banquet, stir up temperance sentiment among his indifferent voters, and write dozens of letters to the hostile members of the Legislature. Inside his fold he must spend the little that is left of his waking hours in rearranging the classes of the Sunday School, outlining a business policy for the trustees, waiting on tables which ought to be served by the stewards, collecting annually increasing assessments, raising money to pay debts contracted by his predecessor or to rear a new church for the glory of God and the pride of his people; and then, responding to the crack of the denominational whip, staggers under the herculean spurt of playing his part in the registration of 25,000 converts in a single year, and in the evangelization of the whole world in the present generation.

All this—and more—he is called upon to do in the name of up-to-date Christianity! "Woe unto them who are at ease in Zion," is not her only curse; for more than once she has been cursed by a zeal which lacked knowledge; and before long she may find that her latest curse is the magnifying of machinery at the cost of the machinist, the substitution of speed for thoroughness, and the mistaking of "the spirit of the age" for the Spirit of God.

It may be true that this modern Gospel mill, with its multiplicity of wheels and rapid revolutions, is turning out "more grist," but is it "better grist than that turned out by the slower mill of our fathers?" However this may be, one thing is sure: if our over-worked ministers will not occasionally cease to pay this enormous tax on their physical strength, more of them will seek a sanitarium, take treatment in a hospital, ask for an early superannuation, and perhaps depart to swell the large number of our brightest and best whose sun went down at noon.

A medical doctor said to me: "Ministers, more than any other class of men, need an annual rest of not less than eight weeks." This does not appeal to some of our busy brethren and is denounced as a waste of time; but they are never happy when not in a cyclone, are "a species of moral lunatics" gone daft on "Rapid Transit," and do not know the difference between real religion and hysterics. It is silly for them to say that since Satan never shuts up his shop they cannot close their church for vacation, because a substitute may be found for their pulpit; and, even if this were impossible, it were better for the flock to worship at the family altar a few Sundays than to attend services conducted by a pastor whose highest conception of duty is to follow the example of the devil. It is even more stupid to boast: "Better wear out than rust out"; for a needed rest does not result in rust but in re-cuperation, while a failure to secure it may mean premature death, and suicide is a sin—even for a minister. Moreover, the invitation of the Master was not to loaf until rusty, but to "rest awhile," and only "awhile."

But The Twelve were in need of Mental as well as Physical Rest. They had just closed a fierce fight in the realm of Thought, their weapons being words strange to them as to their hearers. The new doctrines of the Nazarene had run counter to the prejudices of the church, the politics of the state, the philosophy of the schools, and the passions of the mob. Untutored in the laws of logic, the rules of rhetoric, the skill of speech, and misunderstanding the meaning of their own message, they had waged intellectual war upon learned rabbies, cunning lawyers, scholarly skeptics, and the rude rabble. All this had so exhausted the mental faculties of the peasant preachers that it is not strange that their great Mind Reader adjourned Conference to work a merciful Mind Cure.

There is considerable sentiment now-a-days in favor of the so-called "laboring classes", who are pictured as slaves to capitalists or victims of an unequal social system. No doubt many of these manual laborers are overworked and under-paid; yet are they not rapidly relieving their condition by shortening the hours of work and increasing the scale of wages? It would be nearer the truth to designate ministers as "the laboring classes," not only because their day does not end with the setting sun, but because the work of the head is harder than the work of the hand. "The Man with the Hoe" may well be envied by the man with The Twentieth Century Parish. The former sweats in the sun, gets hungry, and eats; then gets tired, goes to bed, and sleeps: the latter levies on his brain until he loses both appetite and slumber, and "he who gives ideas gives life."

And every year demands more and better ideas. The fountains of the mind are being drained by currents of thought broader, deeper, swifter than in any previous generation. Not only does the day call the poor parson to numberless duties, but the night finds him holding Revival Services, advising the Aid Society, counseling the Christian Endeavorers, rehearsing the

choir to rival the so-called sacred concert in the park or theater, and inventing some semi-religious entertainment to offset the seductive bill-boards of the Moving Picture Show. Then, in addition, the Sunday Sermon. As of old the people "seek a sign"—but not "from heaven". It must be a pulpit miracle! The official boards require a magnetic man whose eloquence draws the crowd and fills the coffers; the Athenian members demand a skipping of the old doctrines for a racy discussion of the Ethical Culture Movement, the Mysteries of Theosophy, the claims of Christian Science, and the secrets of the Emmanuel School of Healing; and the beardless boy fresh from a god-less university must have a lecture on Revelation side-tracked by Evolution, or a funeral oration over the Bible buried in the grave dug by Higher Criticism.

To stem the tide of commercialism rushing upon the alters of the sanctuary, to give the wise thought to the mentally alert, to sound the true note for an age of doubt, and with only "thirty minutes to raise the dead," is a tremendous task; and, unless there be a frequent let-up, there will come a collapse—if not a mad-house.

But where and how can the Mind rest? Unlike the tired body, it does not call for inactivity but for a new activity, not a cessation but a change of thought. The Twelve found their mental rest not by ceasing to think, but by turning their thoughts from their work to their leader. In His immediate and inspiring presence they not only forgot the perils of the past, the problems of the present, and the fears of the future, but they caught new visions of the scope and significance of the promising part they were to play in the establishing of their Master's Kingdom and learned many a Gospel truth hitherto unrevealed.

So must it be with the modern man of God. His tired mind must daily turn from routine duties to meditate on Christ as a present personality. Whether in the privacy of his study at a stated hour, or in a stray moment snatched while rushing on the highway, he must frequently enter into "the secret place of the Most High." The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews gives an exhortation which is a paradox in sound: "Consider Him * * * lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." "What a strange cure for mental weariness! There is prescribed an increase of thought: 'Consider Him!' I should have expected," soliloquizes the blind Matheson, "an invitation to rest. When a man's body is weary, we send him to sleep. When a man's mind is weary, why do we not also prescribe repose? Because the weariness of the mind needs an opposite cure—stimulus. The cry of the languid body is: 'Sleep on now and take your rest!' The cry of the languid mind is: 'Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead!'"

In these strenuous times of "Christianity applied" there is a tendency to exalt doing above being, to regard meditation as a weakness of the cloistered monk, and to look upon a Religious Retreat as a relic of the mysti-

cism of an idle past. And yet it will be froever true that the "Quiet Hour" brings the stimulus of discovery. The most exhilarating mental experience of a minister is when, absorbed in holy thought, there suddenly flashes upon him a new religious truth, or an old truth appears in a new garb. True, while digging deep in lexicons and comparing commentaries, he exults in the discovery of many an intellectual truth; but this is far from the revelation which comes while communing alone with God. It is common testimony that a sermon often defies analysis until you drop your pen and fall upon your knees. Spurgeon said: "Texts will often refuse to reveal their treasures till you open them with the key of prayer." How wonderfully were the books opened to Daniel when he was in supplication! How much Peter learned upon the housetops! The closet is the best study. It is a great thing to pray one's self into the spirit and marrow of the text. will frequently find fresh streams of thought leaping up from the passage before you, as if the rock had been struck by Moses' rod. John McNeil declared that "the true preacher prays and meditates on the Scriptures until he has a vision"; and Arthur Pierson adds: "he never preaches until he gets the vision * * * The Highest Homiletic analysis is not the product of intellectual ingenuity, but the result of spiritual illumination." And this discovery, which stimulates the sluggish mind, is made when you take a wayside walk with Jesus.

Has it ever occured to you that His best teaching was done as a private tutor? True, He was a public preacher, using a text in the home synagogue at Nazareth, making a pulpit of a fishing smack that He might face a crowd on shore, and daily addressing the swaying multitudes along the highway; and well for the masses that they so frequently fell under the charm and thrill of His saving voice, for many who "came to scoff remained to pray"; yet the revelation of His deepest doctrines and the teachings of His loftiest lessons were "aside from the multitude." When the hour had struck to call His first preachers, He did not search the over-flowing temple, nor the packed synagogue, nor the thronged city, but went to a quiet fishing shore, a shady fig tree, a desk in a custom house. The Sermon on the Mount, whose depth we have not yet fathomed, was preached to a dozen men; the mystery of the New Birth was explained to one man by night; the character of the New Life was taught to an audience of one by a wayside well at noon; and the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead was declared to one woman.

And it has been ever thus: the secrets of God are not proclaimed in public places but whispered in the ear of the private pupil. He who would learn them, whether in the Book of Nature or in the Book of Revelation, must seek in silence and in solitude. The geologist, reading the handwriting of the Almighty upon the rocks; the astronomer, interpreting the Divine thought by the light of the stars; the musician, placing on paper the harmonies of heaven; the artist, making the canvas quiver with deathless life;

and the minister, discovering a hidden mystery of godliness, all write in the verdict: "The Audience Chamber of Truth admits but one soul at a time." Would you have the stimulus of the discovery of some religious grandeur? Then go to Jesus.

"Only be sure you go alone,
For Grandeur is inaccessibly proud,
And never yet has backward thrown
Her veil to feed the stare of a crowd."

Mark tells us that "when they were alone, He expounded all things to His disciples."

But the Adjournment of that First Christian Conference meant far more than Bodily Re-cuperation and Mental Stimulus. It bestowed also the rich blessing of spiritual Restoration. The Twelve had need of Rest for their Soul as well as for their Body and Mind. They were only primary pupils in the Gospel School, and even when in the personal presence of their Teacher could not read right nor speak correctly; what then must have been their bad breaks when separated from Him during their first round of preaching! Too stupid to understand the message they declared, ambitious for place and power, vain of the crowds they had drawn and the remarkable results of their ministry, they were out of harmony with the spirit of their Master. When they "told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught," may we not well suppose that He was grieved over many mistakes of the head and over serious sins of the heart? Though we have no itemized reports, yet there are side-lights on their prior and subsequent creed and conduct which indicate that they arrived at Conference out of religious gear. Thomas had been doubting man and God; Judas had been filching coin out of the collections; Peter had been boasting that he had more grace than any of his fellows; James and John had been calling down fire from heaven to burn up villages which would not welcome them, and conspiring together to out-wit their ten companions in a scramble for the two highest offices in the political Kinkdom, which they believed was about to supercede the Roman rule. Being of the same common clay as The Seventy, doing the same work, and rewarded by the same results, they were guilty of the same fault-happier in their success than in their salvation; exulting more over what they had done for their Lord, than over what He had done for them. To cool their feverish spirits and refresh their thirsty souls at the true springs of joy, He led them "apart into a desert place" to hear His gentle rebuke: "Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

It is still true that ministerial success is a spiritual danger. It seldom strikes us just this way; for we have persuaded ourselves to believe the opposite: we fear only failure. This we regard as our deadliest foe to be fought lest faith lapse, hope fade, and love grow cold. But herein is the seductiveness of the danger of success—we do not recognize it as a danger. It comes to us clothed as "an angel of light," and tells we are proud of Christ when we are proud of ourselves. Most of us can stand adversity better than prosperity; for in adversity we consider, while in prosperity we rejoice for a false reason. Many a meek minister has served God in humility until some sweeping success swelled his head with personal pride, then, like Jeshurun, he "waxed fat and kicked, forsook the God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation." When we report through the official papers that we have just closed the most remarkable revival ever known to the oldest inhabitants, built the most beautiful Church in the community, preached to the largest congregations in the history of the charge, and raised more money than any predecessor, may it not be largely an unconscious glorification of self? The minister who has the evangelistic gift may be so conceited over his multiplication tables as to deny even religion to his brother minister who has only the teaching gift; the latter may be so vain of his scholarship as to sneer at the former, denying him any gift, save that of gab; while he who is pastor rather than either evangelist or teacher, rehearses the number of pastoral calls he has made, and glories in the shoe leather he has worn out. When we say too loud and too long: "To God be all the glory," is may be a bid for personal praise. It is a pious expression corresponding to the blunt remark of Colonel Ethan Allen, who, listening to the Chaplain in prayer giving thanks to the God of battles for the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, called out: "Dominie, just make mention of the fact that I was there." It is so easy to delude ourselves into a "carnal security" by interpreting the blessing on our work as a sure sign of our spiritual soundness; but we must not forget that Judas could cast out demons as well as could the disciple who pillowed his head on his Master's breast; and that on the last great day many who present the credentials of prophesy, exorcism, and "many wonderful works," will hear the verdict: "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." A young victim of this delusion stepped out of his pulpit with the exulting remark: "Something tells me I preached a great sermon." An elder and wiser brother minister replied: "It was the devil and he lied." The story of weighed and found wanting may be told of our favorite sermons, as it was of Dr. Bonar's: "In the early days of his ministry, after a Sabbath of unusually successful work, he was alone in his study. To him a majestic personage appeared and offered to weigh with his scales the measure of his zeal and analyze it in the crucible which he carried. Very willingly the young minister submitted to the test, and this was the result: Of 100 parts, bigotry was 10, personal ambition 23, love of praise 19, pride of denomination 15, pride of talent 14, love of authority 12, love of God 4, love of man 3." And thus it is that the same zeal which saves the soul of our hearers, may prove to be poison to our own soul; the very song of victory we sing over the driving of Satan out of our parish, may be the siren song luring us into his snare; and at the close of our most brilliant report to Conference we may do well to add the word of Bunyan's Pilgrim: "Then I saw that there is a way to hell even from the gate of heaven."

But enough has been said to drive deep the truth that our only deliverance from this soul danger is by frequently shutting our eyes upon our successful work and opening them upon the face of our Saviour in our closets of prayer, beseeching Him to "blow away the chaff and save only the wheat." It is in the hour of our greatest triumph that we are the weakest, and most need to look higher than Mt. Carmel of our Victory while we cry with the Psalmist: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." And only those who linger long in solitude under the refreshing shade of the everlasting hills can be numbered among saintliest of the saints. It was the devout Alleine who said: "I am like a bird out of the nest, I am never quiet till I am in my old way of communion with God"; and that old way was to rise at 4.00 o'clock every morning to spend four hours in meditation and prayer, and even then he was grieved if he heard a hammer of the mechanic or the wheel of the tradesman before he began his devotion, saying to his wife: "Does not my Master deserve more than The fiery eloquence of Whitfield which swept multitudes to the foot of the Cross was kindled in "the desert place" alone with Jesus, for he himself tells the secret: "Whole days and weeks have I spent prostrate on the ground in silent or vocal prayer." To understand how a metaphysical prodigy like Jonathan Edwards could preach sermons which lit up all New England with revival flames, we must walk with him hour by hour on the banks of the Hudson River "in sweet communion with God"; to understand why Stephen Tyng was the only man in America Beecher feared to meet in pulpit debate, we must enter his study every night when he dismisses his family and spends one hour in private prayer; and to understand how Maltbie Babcock's pulpit stood as a tower of spiritual strength, we must open his pocket Bible and on the fly-leaf read his covenant: "Riverdale, New York, Nov. 7th, 1899. Committed myself with Christian brethren to unreserved docility and devotion before my Master." This yow, daily renewed, never fails of the promise: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Brethren of the Maryland Conference: Like the Apostles of old we have met to report the work we have done in the name of our Master. Some of you have harmed your health by the abundance of your labors, and should learn that "the balance must never be forgotten between the outer and inner life." If that balance be lost to-day on the side of the outer life, your first duty is to drop work and rest. If you can rest only in excitement, quit

preaching for awhile and go to the crowded seaside resort; if you can recuperate quicker in the quiet place, go to some rural region, where you can enjoy "the dewy morn and odorous noon," "the sunset with its gorgeous ministers," "the mossy bank" of "the placid stream," and "the forests solemn canopies" which never echo with the crash of the car nor stifle with the stench of the automobile.

O weary, wayworn traveler, with your feet on the treadmill long and steady, do you never dream of the restful Sabbath of long ago? Yes, and the dream makes the plodding all the harder. In fancy we live again that holy day: an early morning walk to the little church beyond the farm; the songs of Zion, out of tune, but as sweet "as Sharon's dewy rose"; the sermon, "homiletics in havoc," but untimed by a frowning choir, and "manna to the hungry soul"; the bountiful dinner unmarred by door-bell or telephone; the long afternoon nap on the shady porch and the slow step to the pasture fields where the horses grazed ankle deep in clover, "the cattle contentedly chewed the cud," and the lambs gamboled on the hillside near the fold; and then, as the twilight shadows fell, the family circle around the table while father reverently read from the Bible and then devoutly prayed that all who had shared his house that day might some day meet in that Upper House where "Sabbath has no end."

O, my busy brother, in the words of another, I bid you: "Re-call with deep emotion the memory of those far-away Arcadian scenes. Amid the rush and roar, the tumult and turmoil, the wild strifes, passions, and confusions of modern life, how sweet, and soft, and restful, how sacred and holy, the memory of the quiet Sabbaths of our childhood!" Do you need a few such Sabbaths of respite from circuit riding or station drudgery? The invisible Presiding Officer of this assembly comes to you through the medium of my text, saying to you in the tender tones of a mother to her jaded son: "The journey has been long; the work, hard; you are tired to death; come with me and rest awhile." But in this gracious invitation there is one word of warning: Away from your post must not mean away from Christ; off-duty is no license to be off-guard; relaxation of muscle must not include lowering of morals at worldly watering places. Take your holiday but take it with Jesus!

Is it Mental Rest you crave? Have you used up all your old sermons and well-nigh paralyzed your brain in frantic efforts to provide fresh fare for your hearers? Have you thought and thought until you cannot think? What you need is not a change of pastorate but a change of intellectual pursuit; less logic and more meditation; not a new field but a new vision—some religious discovery which will stimulate you to leadership.

"It has been said that no great work in literature or in science was ever wrought by a man who did not love solitude." Darwin said to young Romanes: "Above all, Romanes, cultivate the habit of meditation." Jerome

left his large congregation with these words: "Now it is of necessity that the New Testament should be translated, you must find another preacher; the translation must be made; I am bound for the wilderness, and shall not return till my task is finished." And the vision which will stimulate your sluggish mind will come to you in that silence which St. Ambrose called "the conversation of God." He will speak to you out of the brilliant blaze of the burning bush, by "the still small voice" of Horeb's cave, in the wilderness where the honey drops, and in the desert where the locust lives. "A multitude can make you a Pilate" but it takes a solitude to make you a Moses, an Elijah, a John the Baptist, a Paul! "Leadership and loneliness are inseparable." "There never was a saviour who did not live much alone." "Be much alone with God if you would do much for men." O weary mind, turn from your study to your closet of prayer, and learn that sweeter than the breath of the wildwood and more invigorating than the salt sea gale, is the incense of "The Quiet Hour."

Is it Spiritual Rest you need? Have you been rejoicing more over your service than over your Saviour? Has pride of power or position separated you from the humble spirit of the lowly Nazarene? Have you misrepresented Him in any deed you have done or in any doctrine you have taught? Do you desire that restoration which comes only in secret rebuke? Then withdraw from the Carmel crowd to the juniper tree in the desert, walk in the twilight the Emmaus road, or at break of day stroll with the fisherman's friend on the shore of Lake Gennesaret and be restored to the Apostle's place whence you fell.

Let not "the many centrifugal forces" of our modern age of rush swing you from "that blest center" which is found alone in the cloister of your heart of hearts; blame not the pressure of the parish for your barren devotions, but "take time to be holy"; the more haste you make for a Conference report, the less speed you may make toward the refuge of the soul; and if you rejoice only in what you have done for Jesus you lost the higher rejoicing in what He has done for you; therefore heed the warning of the spiritually-minded Spurgeon: "Brethren, rob not you heart of the deep-sea joys; miss not the far-down life by forever babbling among the broken shells and foaming surges of the shore"; forget not the counsel of the saintly Fenelon: "He who was without sin prayed constantly; how much more ought we, who are sinners, be faithful in prayer?" and above all, obey Him who gave to The Twelve these halting orders: "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret."

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
O Friend divine!
Thou Friend of friends, to me most dear;
Though all unseen, I feel Thee near;
And, with the love that knows no fear,
I call Thee mine.

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
Now through my breast
There steals a breath like breath of balm
That healing brings and holy calm,
And soothes like chanted song or psalm,
And makes me blest.

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
Thy grace more sweet
Than music in the twilight still,
Than airs that groves of spices fill,
More fresh than dews on Hermon's hill,
My soul doth greet.

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
In thy pure light
The splendid pomps and shows of time,
The tempting steeps that pride would climb,
The peaks where glory rests sublime,
Pale on my sight.

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
My softened heart
Floats on the flood of love divine,
Feels all its wishes drowned in Thine,
Content that every good is mine
Thou canst impart.

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
I want no more
To make my earthly bliss complete,
Than oft my Lord unseen to meet;
For sight I wait till tread my feet
Yon glistening shore.

"Alone with Thee! alone with Thee!
There not alone,
But with all saints, the mighty throng,
My soul unfettered, pure, and strong,
Her high communings shall prolong
Before Thy throne."

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Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1910	1909	Increase	Decrease
President	\$ 3078	\$ 3056	\$ 22	\$
Conference	466	455	11	
Ministerial Education	587	602		15
Seminary	1791	1588	203	
College	1421	1563		142
Superannuates	4159	4052	107	
Church Extension	4517	4206	311	
Home Missions	2631	2676		45
Foreign Missions	2694	2658	36	-
Special for Foreign Missions	6371	5744	627	D:
Bible	171	185	02.	14
Tract	136	141		1
Church Home	878	906	1	28
Church Home	010	300		40
Total	28,900	27,832	\$1,068	
Special for College Endowment	994	1	1	i
Special for Superannuate Fund			l ;	
Total	\$40,213			

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary	\$92,441	1 \$90,045	\$2,396	
Parsonage Rent	19,997	18,120	1,877	
Current Expenses		35,529	1,713	
Sunday School Expenses	15,357	17,500	857	
Building and Improvements	46,565	47,286		721
Paid on Debt	25,002	20,099	4,903	
Miscellaneous	19,524	18,152	1,372	
Total for Local Interests	259,128	246,731	12,397	
Total for all purposes	299,341	274,563	13,465	

Assessments

President	\$ 3102	\$ 3104	1 \$. \$	2
Conference	516	513	3	1	-
Ministerial Education	653	638	20	1	
Seminary	1947	1944	3	1	
College	1677	1663	14		
Superannuates	4649	4665		1	16
Church Extension	6438	5197	1241	1	
Home Missions	2605	2604	1	!	
Poreign Missions	2965	2968	_		R
Church Home	1575	2000		l	·

CLAYBORNE PHILLIPS,

Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

Membership

u .	1910	1909	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers	143			
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	71	84		18
Probationers	1416	1762		346
Full Members	2,306	27095	211	
Probationers Received	1068	2182		1114
Probationers Elected to Membership	856	1438		582
Probationers Withdrawn	16	11	5	
Probationers Discontinued	224	198	26	
Probationers Deceased	15	8	7	
Full Members Received	2286	2864	~	578
Full Members Withdrawn	447	461		14
Full Members Discontinued	1296	1121	175	
Full Members Deceased	289	299		10
Adults Baptized	215	377		162
Children Baptized	1595	1752		157
Conversions	2245	4169	1	1924
Sunday Schools	281	282		1
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3636	3636		
New Scholars	4130	4076	54	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll	30645	29274	1871	
Y. P. S. C. E	134	130	4	
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	5853	5533	320	
Junior C. E Societies	70	66	4	
Junior C. E Members	2982	2674	308	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior Societies for Foreign Missions	1046.00	\$ 960	\$86	

Property

Appointments	293	297	ı	4
Churches	2971	2971		
Parsonages	114	108	6	
Value of Church Property	2073800	1993650	80150	
Value of Parsonage Property			83710	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages	185740	165151	20589	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages			55379	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant		1757	122	

L. B. SMITH,

B. A. BRYAN,

Committee on Statistics.

MANUAL

Rules of Order and Regulations

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.

The Pastor 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 to the pastor of the Church where the Conference is held.

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 Con-

ference shall organize.

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

Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE. Duties of the President:-1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last

adjournment.

- 2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.
- 3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.
- Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious

communities.

- 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 ---."
- 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.

8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a

tie, but he may vote in case of ballot,

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.

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

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

12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife

or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate

his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

14. 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 III. 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.

 Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and beaccountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjourn-

ment.

Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.

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 oc-

casion may require.

- 10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
- 11. Be the Committee on the Publication and distribution of the Minutes.
- 12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks 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.

14. Be the Committee on Transportation.

Rule IV. 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, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed

and reported upon seperately as now.

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

2. The Standing Committees shall be:—1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen, one of each order being members not on the Commit-

tee the previous year.

2. Itinerancy 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 and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

7. Young People's Work-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

- 8. Moral Reform--3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 10. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

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 Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.

12. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.

13. Missions-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

16. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.

of whom shall be the riesident), a Daymen

17. Appointees on the Executive Committee of the Conference Christian Endeavor Union—4 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.

3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the

right to decline an appointment to another.

4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official 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.

5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full. Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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?"
 - 3. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names-

of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall 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.

4. 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, followed by the Lord's Supper. The President shall appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday. The time for holding Memorial Services for deceased members of the Conference shall be determined by the

Conference Program Committee.

5. 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.

6. 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 Relations.

7. The sessions of Friday and Saturday shall end at noon, that the Committees may have time for their work, and that the President may have opportunity to interview delegates and ministers.

Rule VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAILY SESSIONS:—
1. On each day following the opening session there shall be held a devotional service lasting thirty minutes, beginning at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

2. Reading of Minutes of the preceding day for correction and adop-

3. Calling of the roll of charges in alphabetical order, for the presentation of any business by delegates or pastors from the churches they represent. When any such, upon recognition of the Chair, shall present any business it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business, or referred to the proper committee without motion.

 Call for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up.

in regular order, or made the order of the day.

5. Reports of standing and special committees called for in order, and they shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

6. Miscellaneous business.

7. 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.

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

9. Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it

stands on the List of Business,

10. 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 VIII. DECORUM:—1. 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.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall

determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing

the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

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.

In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict him-5. self 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.

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.

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

Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session.

and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule IX. MOTIONS:—1. 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.

2. Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the propos-

ed division.

- 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. 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.
- It shall be in order to move the previous question, or that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending—except in cases in which character is involved—and if sustained by two-thirds of members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.
- When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on referenceto the standing committee shall be first put.

- 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.
- 7. 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.
- No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment; but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition.

All motions to fix the place of the meeting of the Annual Confer-

ence shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

Rule X. VOTING: -1. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is being put shall vote, unless the Conference for a special reason shall excuse him.

No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of Conference, or when such member has been nec-

essarily absent.

- Votes for all Conference officers and the Committees on Appeal and Standing District shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yea and nay: but a division of the house being called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted.
- 4. A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.

AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Rule XI. All motions or resolutions, whether submitted by committees or individual members, contemplating an amendment to these Rules and Regulations, must so specify. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon any other session of the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

REGULATIONS

Regulation I. 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 head of "Duties of Stewards", pp. 129, Sec.7.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

9. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their succes-

sors a plan of the work of the charge.

10. Station and Circuit Stewards shall furnish the pastor with a sufficient number of Disciplines, that he may be able to present each new member with a copy, in compliance with Disciplinary law.

Regulation II. 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.

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.

6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. 1. The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the proper-

ty, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. The assessment of \$3,000 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.

Regulation IV. RECORDS OF TRIAL CASES. 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.

Regulation V. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AND SUPERNUMERARY REQUESTS. All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a surernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Relations for consideration and report

thereon before such requests shall be granted.

Regulation VI. SABBATH SCHOOLS. 1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teachers' meetings should be statedly held under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Disciplinary regulations concerning the organization of our Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.

Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.
3. Children's Day shall be faithfully observed by all our Sabbath Schools, and the money received on that day shall be exclusively devoted

to the Children's Day offering for Foreign Missions.

Regulation VII. OUR CHURCH HOME. 1. Every pastor shall appoint a lady visitor to Our Church Home, and the said visitor is requested to collect at least an amount equal to one-third of the President's salary apportioned that charge.

2. The list of charges failing to meet the requirement of the Conference relative to Our Church Home shall be read at each session of the Con-

ference.

3. The second Sunday of November of each year shall be known as "Donation Day" for Our Church Home, and all our pastors are instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and an endeavor made to have donations of provisions, groceries, and things needed to conduct the Home, sent to Mrs. E. O. Grimes, Westminster, Md.

Regulation VIII. 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.

Regulation IX. 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.

Regulation X. 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.

Regulation XI. MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY. The placing of mortgage 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.

Regulation XII. 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.

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.

Regulation XIII. 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.

Regulation XIV. 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. Regulation XV. UNFERMENTED W UNFERMENTED WINE. The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Regulation XVI. DROPPING MEMBERS. Persons whose names are on the church register and cannot be found, or who have ceased to take an interest in the church, may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by

the Quarterly Conference.

PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES. As the Disci-Regulation XVII. pline grants the Annual Conference the right to "make such regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the ministers and preachers," it is the judgment of this Conference that the charge to which a minister or preacher is assigned should pay the moving expenses of the incoming pastor.

Regulation XVIII. . CAMP-MEETINGS. 1. Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the fol-

lowing conditions:-

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.

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.

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 mem-

ber 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.

Regulation XIX. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. This Conference recognizes and emphasizes the Disciplinary law (pages 69-70, 1908 edition) for the election of delegates to the Annual Conferences, which prohibits a pastor presiding at such elections. Further, when the delegate is elected by the qualified members of the several churches of a circuit under the direction of the stewards, the pastor shall sign the certificates as Chairman of the Quarterly Conference.

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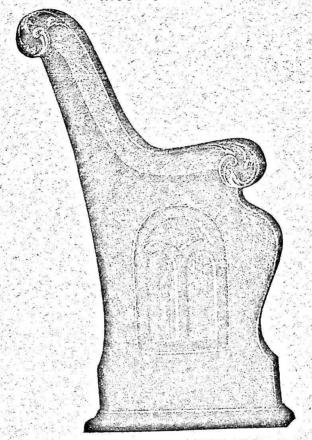
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