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- On Decorating Graves of T. E. Coulbourne and others—T. O. Crouse, C. M. Compher, C. P. Nowlin, T. W. Grimes, F. R. Keyser, F. G. Reinicker.
- On Change in Printing Columns in Minutes—F. C. Klein, J. H. Straughn, T. W. Donoho.
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- On Preparation of Quarterly Report Blanks for Pastor—T. H. Lewis, F. T. Tagg, E. A. Sexsmith.
- Members Md. Anti-Saloon League Board-G. W. Haddaway, Daniel Baker.

TO REPORT 1914

- On Revising Historical Record-T. H. Lewis.
- On Paid Entertainment—F. T. Little, T. R. Woodford, J. W. Kirk, J. P. Dodge, H. K. Muller.
- On Wilmington Church-J. M. Sheridan, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray.
- On Editing and Publishing the Manual-F. T. Little.
- On Amalgamation of Maryland Conf. Educa. Endow Soc. with Md. Conf. Trustees—The two Boards.

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- J. W. KIRK-Binney's Theological Compens.
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- 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-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—C. C. Day, W. M. Snyder.

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

Second Year's Class

- H. L. ELDERDICE-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—C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, Jr., W. F. Wright.

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

Third Year's Class

- F. T. BENSON—Miley's Theology, Vol. 11. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.
- W. R. GRAHAM-Lewis' The Divine Credentials.
- 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:

- W. R. GRAHAM—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—V. A. Miller, R. W. Coe, R. Y. Nicholson, C. W. Sanderson. Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, 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.

- J. W. KIRK, in Greek-1st Peter, 1st chapter.
- J. L. MILLS will deliver a lecture on the Theory and Practice 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.

All who are to be placed in the hands of the President are to understand that this action must not necessarily be construed as giving encouragement to the hope of a future reception into the Conference.

J. L. MILLS, President.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

JOURNAL

First Day-Wednesday

Lynchburg, Virginia,
April 2, 1913.

The eighty-fifth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened this day in the First Methodist Protestant Church at nine o'clock. The Conference was called to order by President Bowers and the devotional services observed, being directed by the President. Rev. Mr. Palmer of the Westminster Presbyterian Church was presented to the President by the pastor of the Conference Church and delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Churches and people of Lynchburg. At the request of the President J. M. Sheridan made reply. The President then called J. E. Maloy to the chair and read his annual report, following which his character was passed and the report referred to the Committee on President's Report. (Report A).

The list of Standing Committees was read. (See List). After a five minute recess the order of the day was observed and the appointee, E. C. Makosky, preached the Conference sermon. In the service he was assisted by C. P. Nowlin, George Hines, G. M. Clayton and W. B. Judefind. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the president inviting A. W. Mather, S. B. Tredway, F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, J. W. Trout and F. H. Mullineaux to participate. The morning service concluded at 1:20.

Afternoon

The president took the chair at two o'clock and the roll was called, corrections in the roll being made. The names of those who died during the year were transferred to the Dead Roll, as follows, W. S. Phillips, H. F. Wright, R. S. Rowe, C. S. Arnett and S. J. Smith. Because of many coming in late a second roll call was had. On motion the name of E. H. Joslin was stricken from the roll, he having informally withdrawn during the year. The names of G. J. Hooker and E. S. Fooks were also stricken from the roll, they having taken their transfers. By motion the bar of the house was fixed at the first window from the rear of the balcony.

The order of the day was observed, the election of officers. The ballot for President was ordered and taken, tellers being appointed as follows: H. L. Schlincke, B. F. Ruley, F. P. Fenby and R. T. Jefferson. On motion the Secretary called the roll and members came forward to deposit their ballots. J. S. Bowers, 146; W. R. Graham, 10; G. W. Haddaway, 1; J. W. Kirk, 1; L. F. Warner, 2; A. W. Mather, 1; Total vote 161; necessary to a choice, 81. J. S. Bowers was declared elected and addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. W. Gray, G. I. Humphries was instructed to cast the ballot for J. H. Straughn as Secretary of the Conference. Motion carried unanimously and the Secretary was given the privilege of naming his assistants. The Conference then proceeded to elect the remainder of its officers. The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for E. H. Jones for Conference Steward for 1914 and for C. P. Nowlin for Conference Treasurer. The Standing District Committee was elected by ballot and the tellers withdrew to count the same. The ballot for Committee on Appeals was then ordered, tellers being, R. K. Lewis, W. B. Judefind, E. B. Fenby and G. H. Otwell. The tellers withdrew to count the ballot.

The Secretary read his report as Committee on Credentials, Transportation and Publication of Minutes. During the discussion on part of the report referring to credentials a motion was made to correct the credential blank so as to give the date of election. The report was then adopted. (Report B).

The report of the Committee on Program was offered and accepted. (Report W).

A resolution was offered by G. W. Haddaway requesting E. C. Makosky to submit his Conference sermon to the Secretary for publication in the Minutes and was adopted. (Resolution 1).

A paper was presented from the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting petitioning the Conference to consider the matter of paid entertainment. On motion of J. F. Bryan, who presented the resolution, the president appointed a committee of five to consider the paper. (See Report T).

The resolution offered by J. W. Trout, prohibiting the employment of evangelists unless endorsed by the President of the Conference, was laid on the table by a vote of 38 to 24.

Report of tellers on Standing District Committee. F. T. Little, W. R. Graham, J. M. Sheridan, ministers, elected; T. P. Fisher, T. A. Murray and

W. G. Baker, laymen, were elected. Report of tellers on vote for Committee on Appeals: J. W. Kirk, A. W. Mather, J. L. Mills, ministers, and E. B. Fenby, A. R. Lewis and H. K. Muller, laymen, were elected.

The Conference Steward announced as his assistants, F. P. Krauss, J. Ralph Wright, P. L. Rice, W. C. Mumford, B. A. Bryan. After announcements the benediction was pronounced by F. T. Tagg at 4:30.

Evening

The evening program was in the interest of Evangelism, being in the charge of T. O. Crouse and J. W. Kirk. J. M. Holmes made an address on Pastoral Evangelism and W. H. Litsinger on Evangelism in the Sunday School. Special music was furnished by the Conference Choir.

Second Day-Thursday

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The Minutes were read and approved.

The report of the agent for the President's Parsonage was referred to the Committee on Finance for audit. (See Report A).

- T. R. Woodford, Treasurer of the General Conference Fund reported and asked to be relieved. The request was granted, and the report was referred to the Board of Finance to be audited. (Report Q).
- G. Q. Bacchus was appointed by the President as Treasurer of the General Conference Fund.

Devotional exercises were conducted by T. O. Crouse.

The roll of absentees was called.

J. E. Litsinger and J. C. Godwin were appointed on the Committee on Statistics in the place of E. L. Bunce,

On motion by J. W. Kirk, J. E. Maloy was given a superannuated relation and his case referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

The order of the day was suspended to hear a resolution by F. C. Klein. Resolution was offered by F. C. Klein to place special columns in the Minutes for the report of Home and Foreign Missions. On motion by T. H. Lewis the resolution was laid over until after the order of the day.

An announcement was made by the Secretary concerning the Transportation Certificates.

Rev. E. O. Sams and J. C. Posten were introduced to the Conference The order of the day was the bringing of Pastor's reports.

The resolution of F. C. Klein, to place special columns in the Minutes for Home and Foreign Missions was referred to a Special Committee. (See Report U).

Resolution by H. S. Johnson urging the Governor of Delaware to sign the Hazel bill was referred to the Committee on moral reform. The resolution was immediately adopted as a partial report of the Committee on Moral Reform and the Secretary instructed to send a telegram to the Governor. (See Report K)

The roll of charges was called and communications received for the various Committees.

The order of the day arriving, Dr. C. H. Beck, addressed the Conference in the interest of Home Missions and Dr. C. H. Hubbell in the interest of Young People's Work.

Partial Report of Committee on Church Enterprise concerning the building of Churches at Love Point and Bethany was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Report of the Baltimore Book Directory was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

Report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

Report of the Board of Managers of Our Church Home was referred to the Committee on Our Church Home. (See Report R).

Report of the Board of Deaconnesses was presented. On motion by F. T. Tagg a committee of 5 was appointed to consider this report. (See Report V).

The Annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Conference was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

An invitation from the Lynchburg Traction & Light Co. to the Conference to tour the city in cars furnished by the Company was received.

An invitation from the Y. M. C. A. to the conference to use the privileges of full membership in their buildings was received.

On motion by T. H. Lewis both invitations were accepted with thanks.

A letter from B. W. Kindley was read and referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to D. W. Anstine.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of greeting in reply to a letter to the Conference from W. M. Strayer.

In reply to a letter to the Conference from J. L. Straughn, the Secretary was ordered to send a telegram of sympathy.

G. W. Haddaway was appointed to take the place of B. W. Kindley on the Program for the afternoon session.

Afternoon

Resolution was offered by J. E. Nicholson requesting Dr. Lewis to revise the Conference Historical Record to date. On motion, the question was deferred until Dr. Lewis came into the room. Various papers were referred to the proper committees.

No business being before the Conference, a short song service was engaged in.

A letter from E. H. VanDyke, of Japan, was referred to the committee on missions.

Resolutions, condeming the appointment of Henry E. Schoenewolfe as door keeper of United States Senate and expressing the indignation of the Conference, was referred to committee on Moral Reform. (See Report K).

The report of the president of the Western Maryland College was recalled and referred to committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

Resolution, regarding the church at Park Road, Washington, D. C., was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G). And on motion, the Committee was requested to make a special report, regarding the Church, Friday at 10 o'clock.

The resolution of J. E. Nicholson, regarding Dr. Lewis's compilation of the Conference Historical Record, was recalled and adopted. (Resolution 2).

The order of the day having arrived, the Board of Ministerial Education was represented by Dr. C. H. Beck.

Resolution was made by T. H. Lewis, that the Board of Finance be

authorized to continue the assessment of last year for ministerial education, adopted. (Resolution 3).

The Board of Foreign Missions was represented by Rev. F. C. Klein who addressed the Conference, concerning this interest.

Dr. Milton S. Littlefield, of The Congregational Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Without objection, F. C. Klein was authorized to solicit subscriptions to the Foreign Mssion Funds.

The order of the day was resumed and G. W. Haddaway introduced the subject of "Modern Methods of Sunday School Work". Dr. Littlefield then addressed the Conference on Sunday School Methods.

After an open Conference, led by Dr. Littlefield, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by H. S. Johnson.

Evening

The evening service was held in the interest of the Young People's Work, F. T. Benson, President of the Union of Young People's work, having charge.

After a song service, by the Conference Choir, addresses were made by Drs. Hubbel and Littlefield.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Littlefield.

Third Day-Friday

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The Minutes were read and approved. Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. E. Maloy.

Motion by T. O. Crouse to place flowers upon the graves of T. E. Coulbourn and S. J. Liggan was adopted by common consent.

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was amended so that G. M. Clayton as a member of the Conference Quartette be exempted, and then adopted.

Report of the Special Committee on the Constitution of the Superannuated Fund Society was adopted. (Report S).

On motion the Committee on editing and publishing the Manual was contained.

A resolution affecting section 12 of the Manual on obituaries was adopted. (Resolution 4).

A partial report of the Committee on Superannuates was laid over for 24 hours according to rule.

A resolution providing for special columns for Missions in the Conference Minutes was referred to a Special Committee. (See Report U).

The order of the day at this hour was report of the Committee on Church Extension. The Committee not being ready to report, Mr. William H. Anderson, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension, regarding the Park Road Church, Washington, D. C., was adopted. (See Report G).

Rev. Mr. Dunn of the Episcopal Church and Rev. Mr. Cooper of the M. E. Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

A resolution endorsing the work of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland was adopted. (Resolution 5).

Report of the Committee on President's Report was read and a motion was made by J. E. Nicholson that the report be adopted down to the recommendations, and that these be adopted by items. The motion was carried.

Items 1 and 2 of recommendations were adopted.

Item 3 regarding the sale of the President's Parsonage, on motion by T. O. Crouse this item was referred back to the Committee. (Report A).

Report of Baltimore City Church Extension Society was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

The names of the Committee to secure flowers for the graves of T. E. Coulbourn and S. J. Liggan were read.

Dr. Lewis called special attention to Dr. Greenfield's book on "Jesus the Preacher".

A resolution was offered by T. H. Lewis, providing that pastors report the amount of money contributed to the Anti-Saloon League. The resolution was referred to the Special Committee on revision of the columns of the Minutes. (See Report U).

A Committee on Preparation of Pastor's Quarterly Report Blank was appointed.

Information having reached the Conference that J. M. Brown was sick, W. W. Johnson and N. C. Clough were appointed a Committee to minister to his comfort.

J. L. Elderdice was appointed to take the place of J. M. Brown on the Committee on Missions.

Conference adjourned with Benediction by J. E. Nicholson.

Evening

Song Service by the Conference Choir.

F. C. Klein in charge, introduced Dr. D. C. Lilly of Richmond who addressed the Conference on Missions. Benediction by G. W. Hines.

Fourth Day-Saturday

The Conference was called to order by President Bowers. The Minutes were read and approved. Several delegates were excused. Prayer Meeting was conducted by George Hines. An invitation was received from Milford, Delaware to hold the next session of Conference in that Church.

A resolution was offered and adopted that the payment of \$120 to Mrs. Florence Wright by the Conference Treasurer be approved. (Resolution 6).

Report of Committee on Literature and Education. Item 1 commends the Book Directory, the Agent and the Editor on the increase in the size and circulation of the Methodist Protestant and also regrets the resignation of T. R. Woodford. Dr. Tagg then addressed the Conference in reference to the Protestant. T. R. Woodford, the retiring agent, addressed the Conference in reference to his work as agent. The item was then adopted. Item 2 congratulates Western Maryland College on the increase in the student roll and urges the Conference to support the authorities in their endeavor to secure the new Education Building. It also recommends the loan of A. N. Ward to the College per its request. T. H. Lewis addressed the Conference. The item was adopted. Item 3 congratulates the Board of Governors of WestministerTheological Seminary on the wise and successful management of that institution. The same assessment was recommended, also the assignment of H. L. Elderdice, as president. ference then heard Dr. Elderdice on behalf of the School. The item was adopted. Item 4, concerning the report of the Maryland Conference Trustees, recommends the filling of the expiring terms. The election of Trustees then followed: F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, and J. H. Roberts were

elected by acclamation. F. K. Herr and C. A. Benjamin being nominated for the fourth vacancy a ballot was ordered, resulting in the election of F. K. Herr. The item was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report I).

The resolution offered by T. H. Lewis affecting paid entertainment, laying an assessment upon the district of \$2200, providing for the payment of \$1 per day to those attending Conference, was referred to the Special Committee on Paid Entertainment. (See Report T).

A partial report of the Faculty was read recommending candidates for ordination, passing students through the course of study and receiving transfers to the Conference was read and the items were adopted. (See Report F).

The Chairman of the Special Committee to decorate graves announced that the Committee would perform their services on Sunday at five o'clock.

Dr. Lilly, who addressed the Confernce last night, and Dr. Funkhouser of the United Brethren Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The time was extended. The report of the Committee on President's Parsonage was referred without reading to the Board of Finance for audit. (See Report A).

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the President and the Chairman of each Obituary Committee were made a committee to arrange for the program of the Memorial Service.

The Secretary announced as his assistants, G. I. Humphries, J. L. Nichols, J. R. Gaar.

Recess was taken at 12.30 without-benediction.

Fifth Day—Sunday

The ordination service, hymn 461 was sung, and F. T. Tagg offered the prayer. Isaiah 35 and II, Timothy 2, were read after which A. A. Harriman, the Conference appointee announced Col. 4:17 as his text for the ordination Sermon.

At the conclusion of the sermon the Secretary called the names of Ernest W. Simms, V. A. Miller, Chas. W. Sanderson, W. F. Baucher, Arthur W. Ewell, Jr., candidates for ordination. They were presented to the President, who assisted by F. T. Little, D. L. Greenfield, Geo. W. Haddaway and H. L. Elderdice, ordained them to the office of Elder in the Church of Christ.

Afternoon

At 2.30 the order was observed, the reading of the Dead Roll by A. N. Ward. There followed a number of eulogistic speeches on the lives of W. S. Phillips, H. F. Wright, R. S. Rowe, C. S. Arnett and S. J. Smith President Bowers spoke in eulogistic terms of the wives of the deceased ministers and, also, of the self-sacrificing labors of many of our laymen.

The Committee to place flowers upon the graves of the deceased ministers, and laymen of Lynchburg, performed their duties.

Evening

Dr. D. L. Greenfield preached the Evening Sermon.

Sixth Day-Monday

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. A. S. Beane conducted the morning prayer meeting.

A communication from the board of Home Mission requested the loan of Rev. J. M. Gill to the work at Seattle. The request was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

The partial report of the Superannuate Committee recommended that an assessment of \$4500 be laid on the district for distribution. Adopted. (See Report H).

The Committee on Paid Conference Entertainment reported, recommending that the present plan be continued for at least another year, and that a special committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed by the President to report at the next session of the Conference. Report adopted. (Report T).

The invitation from Milford, Del., was taken from the table and read as follows:

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Milford, Del., which convened on March 13, 1913, unanimously instructed the pastor and delegate to the Maryland Annual Conference to convene at Lynchburg, Va., on April 2, 1913, to invite the Conference to hold its next Annual Session at Milford, Del. This action was ratified unamiously by the membership of the church.

Dated at

L. A. Bennett, Chairman.

Milford, Del., March 13, 1913.

W. H. Richardson, Secretary.

The invitation was accepted by a rising vote.

The board of Foreign Missions requested the loan of Rev. E. H. Vandyke. The request was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

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The Committee on Missions reported. Dr. Tredway moved to amend the report, by striking out the word Dago, and inserting the word Italian instead. The report was amended and adopted. (Report N).

Bros. Andrews and Hunter of the North Carolina Conference, were introduced to the Conference. Bro. Andrews spoke of the work of the Childrens Home at High Point, N. C. Dr. F. T. Little moved that their request for aid be referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies Adopted. (See Report L).

The Committee on Superannuates made their report. Item 2, recommended that Rev. J. E. Maloy, D. W. Anstine, Mrs. R. S. Rowe, Mrs. H. F. Wright, Mrs. W. S. Phillips and Mrs. S. J. Smith be granted Superannuated Relations. The motion was made that this item be adopted. The rest of the report, according to rule, was laid over for 24 hours. (See Report H).

F. T. Benson announced a vacancy in the Maryland Conference Educational Endowment Society and moved that F. T. Little fill the vacancy. Dr. Little was elected.

Dr. Elderdice offered a resolution that the Trustees of the Maryland Conference and the trustees of the Maryland Conference Educational Endowment Society be a Committee to look into the Maryland Conference Educational Endowment Society with the view to the taking over of the said Society by the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference. Adopted. (Resolution 7).

The report of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Special Committee on Paid Entertainment to report to the Conference in 1914. Ministers, F. T. Little, T. R. Woodford, J. W. Kirk, Laymen, J. P. Dodge, H. K. Muller.

A. N. Ward was given fifteen minutes for the Summer Conference. Several minsters spoke of the profit received from attending the Summer Conference.

At 11:20 the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

At 11:40 the Conference resumed its session.

A motion was made by F. T. Tagg that the President be requested to read the Plan of Appointments not later than 12 o'clock Tuesday. Adopted. At 11:45 Conference give way to the Mutual Relief Society.

Afternoon

At 2:10 o'clock the Secretary stated that the President was absent and by a vote of the Conference, F. T. Tagg took the chair.

The standing Committee on Church Home reported, commending the board of Managers and Mrs. E. O. Grimes, the President of the Board of Lady Visitors for its wise and economical management of the home. Regret was expressed that a deficit of \$500 confronts the board, and that the Annual receipts are not sufficient to meet the expenditures. It was recommended that the same assessment as last year be assessed upon the district, and that the Board of Managers devise some method to inform the church of the needs of the Institution. Adopted. (Report O).

F. P. Krauss offered a resolution, requiring that the delegates of those charges failing to pay the pastor's salary, in full, be required to make an explanation in open conference. (Resolution 8).

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform pledges the Conference to the support of the Anti-Saloon League, approves the proposition of the Anti-Saloon League to start at once the fight for a prohibition ammendment to the State Constitution, in addition to the local option bill. Substitute to paragraph two was offered that we urge the Anti-Saloon League to introduce only the prohibition amendment, and to concentrate all its efforts to this end. The substitute was lost. The Report was then adopted. (Report K).

The Committee on Young People's work reported an increasing efficiency of the Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor and Brotherhoods of the Conference. The Teachers Training Classes and a study of Modern methods were urged. The report was adopted. (Report J).

The committee on Church Enterprise congratulated the Conference on its success in building new churches, commends the work of St. Luke's and Taylor Memorial Churches in Philadelphia, and pointed out other fruitful fields in that city. Adopted. (Report P).

At 3:40, G. M. Clayton took the chair. W. C. Perkins addressed the

conference on the Stewardship of Wealth. R. T. Tyson, and E. A. Sexsmith spoke on financial administration and plans.

H. L. Elderdice offered a resolution changing the the program of the Evening Session. Adopted. (Resolution 9).

W. H. Roberts and F. M. Clift, collectors of dues of Superannuated Fund, and Church Extension Society reported \$112, \$101 respectfully. The reports were adopted, and the collectors discharged with thanks.

The Special Committee on Change of Columns in the Tables submitted its report and the same was adopted. (Report U).

A recess was taken till the evening session.

Evening

The Committee on Wilmington Church reported that there have been no developments that call for action by the Committee. The report stated that steps had been taken to sell the church property. The committee was continued, and the report was adopted. (Report X).

Amendment to the Manual, rule 10, section 3, insert after the word District "Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other societies and organizations of this Conference." (Resolution 10).

A resolution was offered that the Camp Meeting Committees be requested to fix their dates so as not to conflict with the Summer Conference. Adopted. (Resolution 11).

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies recommend that the members of the Conference acquaint themselves more fully with the work of the Childrens Home at High Point, N. C., and give such assistance as possible. Adopted. (Report L).

The Special Committee on Deaconness Board stated that they did not deem it wise to lay a special assessment on the district but that the Conference request the churches to give an amount equal to one-third of the President's salary. Adopted. (Report V).

A motion was made and adopted to fill the vacancy in the Endowment Board. The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for Rev. T. O. Crouse, R. T. Jefferson, J. H. Roberts and Mrs. E. B. Fenby.

Dr. Chandler of the Southern Methodist Church was introduced to the Conference.

The Report of the Faculty of Instruction: Item 1, recommended that the transfer of Rev. J. C. Poston having been found correct he be received into the Conference and granted a supernumerary relation. The item was adopted. Item 2, contained the names of those to be granted license to administer the ordinances. The item was adopted. Item 3, the names of those to be left in the hands of the President. Adopted. Item 4, recommended that C. C. Day and Wilbur M. Snyder be admitted into the Conference. Adopted. Item 5, Stated that those left in the hands of the President must not necessarily construe this as giving hope of a future reception into the Conference. The Item was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report F).

W. M. Snyder and C. C. Day were then formally received by the President into the Conference.

T. O. Crouse moved that the surplus left from the collection for flowers be turned over to the Committee on Conference Entertainment. The motion was adopted.

The Committee The report of the Committee on Official Relations. stated that no serious objections had been brought against any member of the Conference. Item, 1, contained the names of the charges that have not appointed a lady visitor. Adopted. Item 2, Contained the names of those charges not incorporated. The item was adopted. The Item 3, stated that while there were 104 charges last year that reported no new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant there are only 66 so reporting. Item 4, contains the names of those charges failing to supply disciplines as required by the Conference. It was adopted. Item 5, noted a marked improvement in liqudating the debt of the beneficaries of this Conference to the board of Ministerial Education. The item was adopted. Item 6, contains the list of the charges that paid their assessments in full, and are entitled to be placed on the Honor Roll. It was adopted. Item 7, contained the names of those charges over-paying the Pastor's salary but failed to pay the assessments in full and recommended that such pastors be required to give an explanation in open conference. A motion was made to amend by striking out Open Conference and substituting Executive Session. A substitute for the ammendment was offered, the word "Committee" for "Executive Session." The Amendment and the substitute were lost. The original item was then adopted.

Recommendation 1. That Rev. B.W. Kindley be loaned to the Maryland

Sunday School Association, that Rev. J. M. Gill be loaned to the Board of Home Missions, that Rev. G. R. McCready be granted a Supernumerary relation and that Rev. Clayborne Phillips be left without an appointment at his own request.

2. That question 13 on the personal report blanks be amended so as to read "Have you appointed a Lady Visitor?" Also, that question 15 be amended so as to read, "If so, have you made your explanation this year?"

Thanks are extended to the Pastors and members of the First Methodist Protestant Church and the citizens of Lynchburg for their royal hospitality bestowed upon the Conference, the Y. M. C. A., Memorial M. E. Church, Burroughs Adding Machine Co., the Hammond Typewriter Co., the Lynchburg Traction and Light Co., and Lee Piano Co. The report as a whole was then adopted. (Report M).

The Conference then adjourned.

Seventh Day—Tuesday

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The Minutes were read and approved. Devotional exercises by L. A. Bennett.

The report of Special Committee on Linthicum Heights Church was adopted. (Report Y).

The Report of the Committee on Pastor's Report Blank was adopted. (Report Z).

The Report of the Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference stating the receipts and disbursments was adopted, and a resolution that Pastors of delinquent charges be urged to pay the General Conference assessments by June 1 was carried. (Resolution 12).

By common consent the report of the Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference to be inserted in the Minutes. (See Report Q).

Conference then gave place to the meeting of the Church Extension Society.

G. W. Haddaway and Daniel Baker were appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland.

The President of the Conference, E. C. Makosky, Louis Randall, Eugene F. Thomas, W. F. Keen were appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Union of Young People's Work.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was amended so as to give \$500.00 in two Annual Installments to new work at Texas, Maryland. Report was then adopted. (Report G).

A supplementary report of the Committee on Official Relations was adopted. (See Report M).

The report of the Board of Finance was adopted. (Report E, and Tables).

A resolution to appoint members of the Conference on the Bethany Building Committee was adopted. (Resolution 13).

The report of the Conference Choir was adopted as follows and a collection taken to help pay for the music.

At the Annual Meeting of the Conference Choir the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Leader, Rev. E. D. Stone; Assistant Leader, Rev. W. B. Judefind; Organist, Rev. C. M. Elderdice; Assistant Organist, Rev. E. L. Beauchamp; Business Manager, Rev. F. C. Klein.

The Conference Choir is not only anxious to render the best possible service during the sessions of the Conference, but, as able, will go to the assistance of churches and camp meetings during the year.

Fred C. Klein, Business Manager.

Leader, E. D. Stone.

The Conference Treasurer reported that his accounts would not balance and asked permission to send his report to the Secretary later and in time to appear in the minutes. Permission was granted. (Report C).

The report of the Conference Stewards was amended and then adopted as amended. (See Tables).

A motion that an explanatory foot note be added to the summary of the report of the Conference Steward was carried.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

The President's plan of appointments was read at 12 o'clock.

The Doxology was sung after which the Benediction was pronounced by F. T. Tagg and Conference adjourned at 13:30 o'clock.

Approved:

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,

JOHN S. BOWERS, President

Secretary.

REPORTS

Report A

Of The President

To the Maryland Annual Conference. Dear Brethren:

Grace be to you and peace from our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comforts, who comforeth us in all our tribulations that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

After a year of ministerial toil, by the abundant mercies of our Heavenly Father, we gather together in this, the eighty-fifth session of our beloved Conference. During the year the clouds have gathered over many homes. Weary watchers have waited by the bedside of their loved ones and prayed for their restoration. Sometimes the clouds dispersed and joy came back again. At other times the unrelenting darkness only betokened the approach and gloom of death. Glad hearts are here today because of recovered strength, and sad hearts are here today because of the bitter cup which death has bid them to drink. The year is memorable because of the frequent visitations of death. We look around and about us, on our right and on our left; we do not see the familiar forms and faces of some who were active and helpful in the activities of this body. Borne upon unseen pinions, they have gone out from us to a fairer world on high. We cannot see them now, we cannot hear their voices. have joined the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in Heaven. Can they see us? Do they witness us as we meet today in our annual assembly?

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith". Ere we shall enter upon our deliberations, let us think and speak of

Our Beloved Dead.

Rev. William Sherman Phillips departed this life July 10th, 1912. He went away from the parish he loved so dearly in Newark, New Jersey to a grander inheritance in our Father's House. We will not forget this splendid man. His name is written in the history of our church. Young,

active, alert and thoroughly posted in the affairs of the Conference because of his office, we thought him like a yacht under full sail ready for a farther journey, yet ere we who saw aught of change were conscious, his sails were furled, and he had anchored on the other side. He gave to this Conference twenty-three years of efficient ministerial effort.

Rev. Herbert F. Wright departed this life August 20th, 1912, at Towson, Md. He died among monuments which his unfailing efforts had reared. They perpetuated his honored name. No man among us gave promise of longer life. His tremenduous body, his remarkable activity and his unquenchable zeal for the great interests of the church made him a tower of strength throughout the sixteen years of his connection with this Conference. When he died we said, "Lo, the mighty hath fallen". He rests from his abundant labors and his works do follow him.

Rev. Robert Semple Rowe fell asleep in Jesus November 28th, 1912. Like as a shock of corn cometh in his season, so went Brother Rowe to the garner of God. For forty-two years he was a familiar figure in the sessions of the Conference. His rich voice led us many times in song, and his earnest prayers in our devotions led us to the secret place. He lived more than eighty years, sixty-three of which were spent in the service of the Lord. When he died, he sank to rest as doth the setting sun. A preacher of the old school, a christian with "the old time religion", a saint ready for the coronation was this splendid man of God. There was no moaning bar when he put out to sea.

Rev. Charles Smith Arnett, after a brief illness closed his eyes in death upon the beauties of his earthly home and opened them to see the beauties of the city of God, February 4th, 1913. He was a good man and full of good work. He gave twenty-four years of continuous service to this Conference. When physical inability compelled hime to retire, he did not abate in interest in the church. He was a strong preacher and his services were gladly received by all the churches. His loyalty to the church of his choice and the abundant labors of his useful life embalm his memory in the hearts of his brethren.

Rev. Samuel J. Smith, D. D., suddenly departed this life March 26, 1913. This was a great man,—great in learning, great in preaching ability, great in soul. Disease fastened itself upon him when he was coming to his zenith in the affairs of this Conference. He made a brave, long fight against the awful Plague, but, like many others, lost. We mourn his departure, but confidently believe he has entered into rest. He gave to this Conference 29 years of active service. He found at last beneath the trees of healing, the life for which he longed.

Mrs. Sarah A. Eversole widow of Rev. A. S. Eversole, weary with the long journey of life, entered into rest, May 10th, 1912. She lived to be ninety-six years of age. Mrs. Victoria Murray widow of Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., peacefully passed into the life beyond, June 17th, 1912. The activity of this devoted woman to the missionary activities of our church was an inspiration to many of her sex. When she passed away the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society lost a valuable helper.

Mrs. Matilda Warfield Sheridan wife of Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday morning October 6th, 1912. Stately in character, beautiful in life, loving in wifehood and tender in motherhood, this brave woman, at last defeated by death, gave up the pilgrimage of life, and entered where there is no pain or parting.

Mrs. Octavia Galloway Bunce, wife of Rev. E. L. Bunce, suddenly closed her earthly life November 11th, 1912. So young, so popular, so useful, it seems to us that the tragedy of death but mocks our helplessness. She was taken from the fond affection of her husband, the prattling of her babies and the tender ministeries of her friends, to await and watch their coming to the ageless, deathless life.

These nine deaths, my brethren, over-shadow us and call us to remembrance, that our hearts, like muffled drums, are beating funeral marches to the grave.

Our changeful lives are ebbing to an end, Onward to darkness and to death we tend; O, Conquerer of the grave, be Thou our guide, Be Thou our light in death's dark eventide. Then in our mortal lives will be no gloom, No sting in death, no terror in the tomb.

(Obituary committees were promptly appointed and will report at the proper time.)

Transfers Received.

On November 27th Rev. Zeba Adams of the Eastern Conference presented his transfer to the Conference. I accepted and signed it. On March 12th 1913, Rev. Herman F. Schwarzkoff of the Indiana Conference sent me his transfer. I accepted and signed it. These official papers are herewith presented.

Transfers.

Rev. G. J. Hooker, who was appointed to Fawn Grove Circuit at the last session of the Conference, wrote me a letter in which he called my attention to the serious condition of his wife's health and enclosed a statement from his family physician which informed him that a change of climate was necessary for her permanent restoration to health. Accordingly on the 14th day of October, 1912, I mailed him a transfer to the Muskingum Conference, as per his request.

Rev. E. S. Fooks, who likewise was appointed pastor of Waltersville Circuit, wrote to me requesting a transfer to the Pittsburg Conference. He enclosed a certificate from his physician, which stated that it was necessary for his patient to seek residence in a higher altitude. I mailed him a transfer December 15th, 1912.

Charges Left to be Supplied.

Of these there were nine as shown in the plan of appointments:— On April 20th, 1912, Rev. W. M. Snyder, a seminarian, was appointed to Georgetown Circuit.

On April 22nd Rev. J. Elbert Meddling, an unstationed preacher of West Baltmore church, was appointed to Lawsonia. He remained until Aug 8th, when he was released.

On April 26th, Rev. John P. George an unstationed preacher, was appointed to Quantico.

On May 5th, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, an unstationed preacher of Cambridge Circuit. was appointed to Grove Circuit.

On May 21st, Rev. Edward Kirkley, a seminarian, was appointed to Talbot Circuit. He returned to school Sept. 7th. Since that time the charge has been without regular supply. Rev. W. H. Litsinger, pastor of Easton, very kindly held services at one of the appointments during the early winter. I commend this charge to the careful attention of the committee on Church Extension.

On May 22nd, Rev. A. R. Corn, a seminarian was appointed to Union Bridge. He served the charge until Sept. 1st.

On June 1st, Rev. W. H. Hantzmon, an unstationed preacher of First Church, Washington, was appointed to Wilmington.

On July 12th, Rev. W. L. Jump, an unstationed preacher of Dover, Del., was appointed to Felton.

Frederica has not had regular supply.

Changes Among Pastors.

The death of our beloved brethren above referred to, and the removal of others from our conference district made necessary the following changes in the pastorates:—(It will be understood that the law in the case was carefully observed.)

On July 19th, Rev. E. C. Makosky was released from the pastorate of West Baltimore Station and appointed to First Church, Newark, New Jersey.

On August 11th, Rev. G. I. Humphries was released from the pastorate of Pocomoke City and appointed to West Baltimore Station.

On August 18th, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith was released from the pastorate of Delta, Pa., and appointed to Pocomoke City.

On Sept. 2nd, Rev. G. A. Ogg was released from the pastorate of Selbyville, Del., and appointed to Delta, Pa.

On Sept. 7th, Rev. S. F. Cassen was released from Finksburg Circuit, and appointed to Baltimore Circuit.

On Sept. 12th, Rev. Carroll Maddox was released from Rowlandville Circuit, and appointed to Finksburg Circuit.

Rev. E. H. Joslin having resigned the pastorate of Powellville Circuit and his membership in our church, on Sept. 12th Rev. E. O. Ewing was released from Nichols Memorial and appointed to Powellville Circuit.

Rev. F. W. Obee having resigned the pastorate of Williamsport Circuit to return to the Ohio Conference, on Sept. 12th, Rev. J. E. Meddling was appointed to said charge.

Rev. C. E. McCullough, after an absence of a few months from our conference district, returned and presented his unsigned transfer. On the 18th of Sept. he was appointed to Selbyville Circuit.

October 14th Rev. Austin R. Middleton, an unstationed preacher of Hampden charge, was appointed to Nichols Memorial.

Nov. 1st, Rev. W. E. Grove resigned the pastorate of Waverly, Baltimore, and Rev. F. W. Stevenson, a seminarian, was appointed to the vacancy. On the same day, Rev. H. H. Carroll, an unstationed minister of Harrington charge, was appointed to Lawsonia.

On Nov. 11th, Rev. Zeba Adams presented his transfer from the Eastern Conference, and on the same day was appointed to Rowlandville Circuit.

Dec. 1st, Rev. C. W. Bates resigned the pastorate of Greensboro. The charge remained without a supply.

January 31st, Rev. I. S. Owens, an unstationed preacher of Sharptown Circuit, was appointed to Waltersville Circuit.

Institutions and Societies-Western Maryland College.

We are justly proud of this institution. Situated among the blue hills of Western Maryland, it stands as a monument to the fidelity and sound judgment of those who instituted it; and as an eloquent commentator upon the ability of its faculty to meet the demands for higher education among its constituency; and the energy and wise business management of those who have planned for it. It has sent abroad over this country, as very few of our institutions have, the name and reputation of the Methodist Protestant Church. More than one thousand young men and women have gone forth from its halls equipped with degree and diploma to attack the great responsibilities of life. The historian of the Alumni Association can proudly preserve the story of the part they have played in nation, state, and church. When we add to these the great army of undergraduates,

we must admit that this great school deserves the support of our entire constituency. When we remember the solitary building with which this college began its work, and look today upon the group of buildings which crowns its campus, we are apt to say "Are not all these sufficient?" It will be remembered that at the last session of this conference, a movement was started to raise a fund for the erection of a new building for the better equipment of this plant. To this movement in your presence, I gave my most hearty endorsement. I very much regret the enthusiasm of that hour did not inspire the erection of the proposed new building during the past year. I shall not make an argument. But I am ready to reaffirm all I said at the last conference. Modern education requires modern equipment. I do not profess to be an authority, although I am not without either experience or observation. If therefore, you do not believe me for my sake, believe me for the very work's sake. I commend to the attention of the entire church, the endowment fund and student roll of this splendid school.

Westminster Theological Seminary

During the year, I have made several visits to this very important institution. The frequency of my visits has increased my interest in and admiration of its noble work. It has been said that "no educational institution in the entire denomination is of more vital importance." I agree with this assertion heartily. In these days when atheism, agnosticism, and all forms of unbelief unabashed, bedeck themselves in gay attire and make their seductive appeals to men, the truth must not be without its defenders. The pulpit must give forth no uncertain sound. This sound will be uncertain if the occupants do not know the truth. When the ancient prophet of the Most High established the school of the prophets, his object was to train men in the true knowledge of God that they might truly speak for Him. My heart is glad because I surely feel that our prophets, the faculty of this school, are doing this very thing. The student body is not large, but interesting; and its devotion to the instructors is beautiful to behold. There are some facts in connection with the numerical strength of this student body to which I wish to call your attention. Of the thirty thousand Sunday school scholars, and six thousand members of the Christian Endeavor societies within the boundries of this district, the Maryland Conference has only five, it may be six, representatives in that student body. The graduation exercises will not add a man to our working force. I am using the prospective graduates from Maryland now, and several others from other states. The scarcity of young men who are studying for the ministry, and who are asking to help fill our depleting ranks is alarming. In my visits to the charges, I have repeatedly urged our people to join me in the prayer, "O, Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers into the harvest," and to help the Lord answer our prayers by our kindly interest in pious and promising young men. I tell you, brethren, we must go to prayer about this matter. Why young men are not entering the ministry I cannot fully tell. The spirit of commercialism and love of comfort are everywhere apparent. The ministry of the Gospel needs not to be poor in order that he may be humble. I have come to the conclusion that the human side of this proposition and the human side of the minister must be reckoned with. I therefore, ask you to join with me in the prayer for more laborers and a greater liberality.

How the President and Faculty of this seminary are devoting themselves to their task is a love story,—the story of conscientious men conscientiously consecrating themselves to the duty the church has put upon them. New cottages are going up and forming a group of comfortable homes for the teachers: and the quest for new students is unabated. I believe the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education could spend much of his time very profitably within the bounds of this conference, calling men from the secular affairs of life to the holy office of the ministry.

The Church Home

This beneficient undertaking of our conference is sufficiently old to be a permanency. Its appeal is to our heads and to our hearts. To our heads, because we believe that it is humane and right to attend to the necessities of age and infirmity. To our hearts, because we love to put the arms of our fostering care about the forms of those who can no longer strike the old time stride in the race of life. Let the conference pay this assessments in full. At special seasons of the year, when joys are full around our firesides, let us not forget to brighten the lives of our dear old folks by the thought that they are not forgotten. The small but happy family of these aged saints is well warmed and well fed in their comfortable home.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society.

I respectfully call your attention to the fact that such a society exists among us. For some years past no report has been made by it to the Conference. There are three remaining Trustees who represent the corporation. I hereby inform the Conference that it is your duty to fill the existing vacancies in the Board of Trustees of said Society.

Deaconess Work.

At the session of 1909 the Conference provided for the immediate organization of the Deaconess work in the Maryland District, and elected a Board of fifteen members to inaugurate and carry forward the enterprise.

The Board has been acting as the agent of the Conference, and has now under its supervision two young women who have been especially trained. and are proving themselves well-adapted for effective service in this sphere of Christian activity. Other young women have offered themselves for this service. But the Board is embarrassed by the lack of funds to prosecute the work with the vigor it merits, and by the imperative needs of a suitable and permanent Home for the young women devoting themselves to this branch of work in our church. Last year the Conference thought it wise to decline to lay an assessment upon the charges of the District, but did pass a resolution to the effect that each charge be requested to give an amount equal to one-third of the amount assessed for the President's salary. I am not advised as to the aggregate sum this arrangement has secured, but my information at the time of writing this report is that the response to the request of the Conference has not been general. It must be apparent to all who consider the claims and importance of the Deaconess work that the Conference must provide for its support in some adequate way, and for the proper care of the consecrated women engaging in this ministry. I commend the subject to the careful consideration of the Conference.

Helpful Organizations.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to The St. John's Board of Beneficence and The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society for generous assistance in my earnest efforts to further the interests of our beloved church.

The Book Concern.

I am perfectly safe in saying that no agency of our church has done more to put our denomination before the people of Baltimore City. The well arranged book store, finely stocked, situated upon one of the great thoroughfares of that great city, is constantly proclaiming our name and its ability to furnish all that is needed in book supplies. The business has grown from the start, and reflects great credit upon the ability of the agent. He reports to me an increase in the sale of Sunday-school periodicals. books and supplies. People of all denominations frequent the store. The stock that is carried is varied, and now so generally known, that upon inquiry, one is told, "If it is books or book supplies you need, you can get what you want at the Methodist Protestant Book Concern, 316 N. Charles St." I am glad to report a net gain of 109 subscribers to the Methodist Protestant. It is confidently expected that the special campaign of February and March will add 200 more. This is more encouraging than we have had for some time. Yet it is not enough. I think the enlarged paper, which has been so favorably commended, is the best evidence that the

editor and his assistants are endeavoring to give the church the best within their power. Every department is becoming more interesting, and we are beginning to feel that the paper in the hands of our people is the best answer to the question,—"Why should I subscribe?" I have faithfully called the attention of our people to it, and am looking for increased results. I commend the interest of some of our laymen in the circulation of this weekly visitor, and commend their loyalty to the host of others who should be doing the self same thing.

President's Parsonage Guild.

About ten years ago this society was organized among a few interested and faithful women, representing some of our Baltimore churches. They felt that the president's parsonage should have some organization to look after its comfort and supply its needs. By resolution of this Conference all the aid societies in the district are identified with the purpose and work of this Guild. The two executives who have preceded me in this office, have spoken beautiful words of appreciation and commendation of the splendidly successful efforts of these sisters in Israel who remember that the president is without perquisites or parish. I would be exceedingly ungracious and untrue to myself, if I did not here record my high appreciation of the numerous evidences of their thoughtfulness of the parsonage family. I am sure that a larger participation in the work of the Guild by all the charges would gladden the hearts of those who of necessity must atend to this work.

Young People's Work.

I wish here to record my high appreciation of the labors of the members of the Conference Union of Young People's Work. I think they have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. They are studiously endeavoring to solve the problems presented to them, and to make more efficient the work of the churches in this important and increasingly interesting department of Christian activity. As I have gone from charge to charge, I have, when my time permitted, given careful attention to Sunday school and Christian Endeavor work. In some places there is an absence of these organizations. In other places the work is in name only. I have found elsewhere earnest men and women striving to do the best they know to teach and train the young for active service in the Kingdom of God. No effort to teach and save the young life of a community is shameful. Our poor efforts are to be repented of and made better. Our very best work is not sufficient to meet the needs of those from whom we expect to gather the future membership of our churches. When we consider the absence of the family altar, and the lack of parental instruction, the poor

chance the average child has to learn of our holy faith is perfectly apparent. The tasks of these organizations is therefore, all the more difficult. In these organizations we expect to find the church at work with its young life. It is not always so. Pastors and superintendents, with great difficulty, prevail upon the members to take part in the work. I found one school of 160 scholars with 6 teachers, some of whom were not regular in their attendance. The church that does not do its utmost to build out of its youth, the church of tomorrow, is erecting its own sepulcher.

I wish to speak of three things in connection with this important topic:

First-The Modern Sunday School Room.

The time has passed when the one room church building is to be considered in church erection, or the two room church building, if the Sunday school room is not the right kind. Correct architecture suggests the assembling of materials into that form which suits the purpose for which the building is to be erected. I think the study of modern church architecture would be a profitable pastime for many of us. The school room is the work shop of the church. The auditorium is the assembly room. We have made the mistake of contracting the space of the work shop for the spaciousness of the assembly room. Many one room churches can be improved upon by the use of a few wires and draperies. Just as the modern building for secular education represents the best thought of the architect, so the modern church building should represent the best thought of the architect for religious education.

Second-The Teacher Training and Mission Study Classes.

Simply to mention these emphasizes my thought of their mportance. As they will be dealt with elsewhere, I will not speak of them at length. I believe in their importance and commend them to the church.

Third-The Graded Lessons.

I shall not discuss here the Biblical-Pedagogical or the Pedagogical-Biblical methods of instruction, as represented in the several publications, under the head of Graded Sunday school Lessons. I have discovered the use of this literature in some of our schools. The last session of our General Conference authorized the introduction of the graded lessons into our schools as far as the intermediate grades. The subject is therefore officially at our doors. There are two questions in connection with the matter to which I wish to call your attention. (1) Is this so called new method workable in all schools? If so, is it to be preferred to the so called old method of Sunday-school instruction? If this double interrogation can be

answered in the affimative, then I am sure we are in duty bound to give our children the better method? (2) Is the system of lessons which has been selected for use in our schools, suitable, or equal to the best? If this question s answered in the negative, and it can be demonstrated, I think the best should be selected, or our own authorities should prepare a suitable series. If the question is answered in the affirmative with satisfying proof, I think its use should be general and uniform. We must respect our own publications, or those which have our imprint, and keep well in mind the business of our publishing houses. In closing this paragraph, I most devoutly pray for the dawning of the day when we will select a competent man, and properly pay him, and send him forth to inspire and instruct the people of our churches in matters of organization and methods of work, so that the church of today may bless the future with a more intelligent, more methodical, more efficient Methodist Protestant Church.

Church Extension

It requires, I am sure, neither argument nor the recital of history to prove to this Conference my unfailing interest in this part of our Conference work. Some years ago I called your attention to the importance of the selection of a man to be known as our Church Extension Agent and Evan-I have not said farewell to that conviction. I believe sufficient money would be contributed for his support and that his services would be of great value to pastors and charges. There are numerous places within the territory touched by this Conference which offer great opportunities to our church. Our pastors cannot leave their charges to avail of these I think too, that our people should be aroused as never before to the importance of giving of their means for the enlargement of our borders, by one in authority, who makes this work his specialty. would be astonished, if the facts were in hand to show the large amount of money our churches are paying professional evangelists, men outside of our denomination, for the service they render every year. I do not begrudge these laborers their hire. Many of them are good people, and render valuable service. But I have sufficient confidence in my brethren of this Conference, and in my judgment of their ability to say that there are a goodly number of our men who, if they were advertised, prepared for, and co-operated with, as these men are, their efforts would be second to no man's who has labored among us. I think this reference sufficient to settle the question of financial support so far as the office above mentioned is concerned. The amount of money for distribution by the Church Extension Committee is so small compared with the large amount of requests for aid, that the task of that committee is no easy one. Sometimes, much is asked and little expected. When there is little in hand much cannot be expected. I think the policy of concentration will have to be resorted to in order to meet the exigencies that are now upon us. The Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of Baltimore City and the Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia have continued their work during the year. The former has endeavored to reduce its obligations in behalf of Wilton Heights, and the latter in behalf of the Park Road Church, Washington. These noble organizations have suffered and are still suffering because of a lack of support from the large majority of our people in these two great cities. There should be at least five hundred (500) members of either Society. The problem of the Park Road Church must be solved and that right speedily. Baltimore too, has its problems. St. Paul's, Bethany, and other churches are in great need of financial assistance which the limited resources of our Baltimore Society cannot supply. These and other important places throughout the District are good places upon which to practice the policy of concentration.

Missions

The Board of Home Missions is fortunate in having as its Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Beck, D. D. My intercourse with him has confirmed my high opinion of his integrity, safe business judgment, and devotion to the large interests committed to his care. My knowledge of the financial affairs of this Board has led me to see the great importance of careful management and a firm insistance upon the payment of obligations due the Board. Much negotiable paper has been discounted at banks in order that the work may go on. I therefore, call upon the charges of this Conference who are debtors to the Board to give strict business-like attention to maturing obligations. I sometimes feel that we mistake the real purpose of this Board. It was instituted to project our church beyond our present boundaries, to enter new localities, encourage the erection of churches, and to foster those found to the point of self support. I do not feel that this Conference can make any complaint in reference to the distribution of the funds of this Board. We give, but we must not expect to get all back; else the extension of the church will stop. It will be well therefore, for us to remember this, if this Board cannot meet every request however urgent. I must respectfully insist that the full amount of assessment be met by the charges of this Conference.

Our Work in Heathen Lands.

Rev. Fred. C. Klein, D. D., our own brother beloved, is the efficient Secretary Treasurer of this department of our general church. He needs no commendation from this office. His abundant labors speak his profound interest in this work. The success attending the labors of our missionaries far surpass the amount of money contributed. The recent return of Rev. E. I. Obee to Japan, the enlistment of new native workers, the establishment of new preaching places and Sunday schools are the latest glad tidings from the land across the seas.

Thirty-two ministers and preachers, fifty churches and missions, forty-eight Sunday Schools, and six C. E. Societies, and our operations in several States extending as far as from New York to Washington, D. C., prove that our missionary endeavors are successful and full of promise. Better equipment is necessary to meet the needs of our work. The educational work represented by four schools was never in such a flourishing condition. The Tokyo School for the blind, one of the three such Mission Schools n Japan, has twenty-five enrolled and several have been baptized. The Yokohama school of English had two hundred and eighty (280) young men enrolled Jan. 1st last. Three were baptized recently. The Yokkaichi night school is reaching an increasing number of pupils; and the Nagoya College, with three hundred and ninety-seven young men enrolled, is doing splendid work. A teacher and eight upper classmen were recently baptized and others are inquiring the way.

The Executive Committee of the General Conference has increased the assessment upon this Conference for the work of this Board and it is hoped that we will concur therein and that the ensuing year will far surpass all others in contributions to this great work of the church.

The Maryland Branch and the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are continuing their work with unabated interest. They have closed a year of very successful work. The work of the faithful women of our church is neither to be criticised nor hindered. They toil for their own. I most earnestly urge the formation of Auxiliaries in all our churches.

The following charges have contributed about \$300 or over to Missions:—Alnutt Memorial, Buckeystown, Crisfield, Lynchburg, Easton, First Church, (Newark), West Baltimore, St. John's.

Summer Conference.

I wish to express my high appreciation of the ideals and aims of those who are in the management of this new and, I trust permanent institution of our Conference. The splendid spiritual uplift, the stimulating discussions of timely topics by our own and other men, together with the refreshing social intermingling of the brethren, all combined to make a few days spent on College Hill, memorable and helpful. I advise all our brethren to avail of this great opportunity, and to plan to participate in its benefits.

State of the Church.

PHYSICAL ASPECT:-Much of church building and parsonage improvement mentioned in the President's report of last year has been completed during the year. Two churches, one at Laurel, Del., handsome in exterior and elegantly furnished, the other at Newark, on Snow Hill Circuit, were opened for divine service during the session of last Conference. New or improved buildings can be found at the following places:-Bethia church on Amelia Circuit has been made equal to new at a cost of \$400. Greenbush church, Accomac Circuit, was dedicated, costing \$2500. A new church building will be erected at Texas, Baltimore County, ground has been broken for the foundation, and the building will be speedily erected. This will greatly strengthen Baltimore Circuit, to which this new enterprise should by Conference action, be attached. mated cost of this new building is \$3000. A great success has been achieved in the erection of a handsome stone church in Cambridge, Md. handsome building will cost \$18000, and the pastor reports that it will be ready for dedication in May. The church at Bay View, Cecil Circuit, has been handsomely improved at a cost of about \$1000. The people of our Denton church have caught the spirit of the times, and erected a commodious and modern Sunday-school building to meet the necessities of their growing charge. The cost is \$6000. The church at Greenwood, Del., has been repaired and a new heating plant has been installed at a cost of \$1200. A new church has been built at Winchester, Kent Island Circuit, at a cost of about \$2000. The dedicatory services were held in the summer. Howard Chapel on Lisbon Circuit paid its debt, and the dedicatory services were held in the fall. The new church at Mt. Pleasant, on Mardela Circuit, will soon be ready for dedication. The cost is \$2000, all of which will be paid. The handsome church at Milford, Del., was opened for divine service early in the year. Much has been said and written about this great work. This building is a magnificent climax to the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people of that beautiful town. The cost of the building is \$25000, and the remaining indebtedness is about \$7000. When we take into consideration that within the brief space of less than three years, God has raised this monument to His might—a large membership, a large Sunday school, a church building second to none in that territory, -we rejoice with great rejoicing. The pastor will make an appeal to the Conference, and I know you will give him respectfully hearing.

The new church at Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia, is in course of erection. The remarkable efforts of the pastor and his good management have been factors in the problem which cannot be omitted from any reference to the subject. The basement has been completed and affords ample facilities for Sunday school and church purposes, until the com-

pletion of the upper structure. The cost of the work, so far, is \$8000, although its value is much more. I am convinced that the edifice, when completed, will soon accommodate one of the largest congregations in the city. The whole territory is being occupied and built up. Hundreds of houses are now in course of construction. The field is ours and the future bright.

At Seaford, Del., the Sunday school room has been enlarged at a cost of more than \$1200, thus better facilitating the work.

At Westminister, the congregation has voted to build a large and modern Sunday school room at a cost of at least \$6000.

I am greatly gratified to report that our pastors are living in good homes. The attention of the good women of our charges to parsonage furnishings and the comfort of the pastor's families is every where apparent. The wives of our pastors are showing their appreciation by their splendid housewifery.

New parsonages have been built or bought on the following charges: At Fawn Grove, cost \$3000; at Harper's Ferry, cost \$2800; At Hurlock, Dorchester County, our people exchanged their old property for a handsome home on the same street. The cost of the exchange was \$1000. The Trustees of Marley Circuit have purchased a substantial house, well located in the town of Glen Burnie, at a cost of \$1600. A handsome house has been erected on a new site on Potomac Circuit, costing \$3000. The parsonage at Wallace Memorial has been enlarged and greatly improved, costing about \$500. These and other improvements throughout the District represent an outlay of money aggregating about \$50,000.

The following charges have paid \$500 or more on debt: Campbell, \$500; Mt. Nebo, \$500; Payson Street, \$500; Starr, \$1000; Buckeyestown, \$1700; Potomac, \$500; Lisbon, \$1152; Mt. Tabor, \$850; First Church, Newark, N. J., \$2700; Keen Memorial, \$500; Cumberland, \$500; Salisbury, has made a bold dash for freedom from debt. The entire debt is subscribed, and \$2300 paid this year. Wilton Heights has paid \$500; Broadway, \$500; N. C. Ave., Wash., \$500; Christ Church, Baltimore, \$2000. Delmar is faithfully reducing the debt, and has paid another \$500; St. Luke's, \$500; Cecil, \$500; Crisfield, \$500; Laurel, \$1200; Harper's Ferry, \$1300; Seaford, \$700; Alexandria, \$1185; Milford, \$6000; Cambridge, \$5500; Chestertown, \$650; Eutaw, \$500; Denton, \$1400.

These tabulations are taken from incomplete returns, and are therefore short of the actual expenditures.

For this prosperity in material things, I am sure we can thank God and take courage.

SPIRITUAL ASPECT: This has been a remarkable year in the history of our church because of the visitation of the Spirit of God upon the charges. Many great revivals have been held. The right hand and the

holy arm of our God have gotten for us great victories. The remarkable outpourings of the Holy Spirit at Chestertown, Delmar, Lynchburg, Laurel, Caroline, Pittsville, Leeds, Mt. Nebo, Delta, Franklin City, Northumberland, Lisbon, Grove, Selbyville, Kemptown, Milford, Cherrydale, Alinut Memorial, Balto., Rhode Island Ave., and Christ Church, Balto., fill our soul with profound thanksgiving to Almighty God for his wonderful works among the children of men. When their long list of conversions is added to that from other charges, even the incomplete returns show the remarkable ingathering of three thousand (3000) precious souls. Incomplete returns show a net gain in membership of 1700.

My Brethren in these days of culture and refinement, of frigid commercialism and a mad dash for wealth, we sometimes ask "Is not the day of the Old Time revival past?" This splendid exhibition of God's willingness to use culture for His glory, to thaw the frozen heart, and to put within our hearts a grander treasure than wealth, are the most positive negative answer to that question. Methodism was born in the warmed heart of John Wesley, and it must be perpetuated through those whose hearts are warmed like his. Hundreds of souls are rejoicing today in their new found love; and hundreds more all over this District are crying, "Return, O, Lord, how long?" The Glitter of wealth, the social, whirl, the encomiums of friends, do not satisfy them. The cry of their souls is not answered. There is no answer but salvation, Salvation, O, the joyful fact! There is no salvation without Christ. There is no chronology by which we may discern the visitations of the Spirit. "The wind bloweth where it listeth." But my Brethren, we can pull down the barriers which prevent the coming of the Heavenly gales!

I have come to the conclusion, my Brethren, that our preaching should be more evangelistic, and the record of our pastoral work among the people, that of a greater evangelism. I repeat therefore, for your benefit and mine, the Pauline injunction "Do the work of an Exangelist." Let us do it ourselves. Let us do it in our sermonizing, and just as faithfully among our people. Icily regular deliverances and splendidly nul emanations of student art in oratory are becoming irksome to the people. They are longing for a draught from the well of Salvation, and in their great desire they are saying "Give us the draught"! "It is the draught we want, and it matters little whether we get it even from the gourd."

Pastoral Support.

During the year I have diligently endeavored to bring to the mind of the charges, the importance of adequate salaries for our pastors. The constantly increasing cost of living lessens the purchasing power of money and there must be a commensurate increase in pastoral support. Our

charges are recognizing this and I believe with faithful, kind and business like appeals from this office, the response will be more general. Incomplete returns enable me to make the gratifying report that thirty (30) charges have increased salaries to the amount of thirty-two hundred dollars (\$3200.00). Let the good work go on.

Sale of Church Property.

The sale of the church property in Trappe, Talbot Co., Md., was negotiated by my predecessor. In July 1913, I received a check for \$500, after having signed the necessary papers in the case. On August 5th, 1912, I gave my check to T. H. Bartlet for the above amount.

Bequests.

During the year, so far as I have been able to ascertain, four persons have remembered some of our interests, as is stated in their last Testiments. Mrs. Sarah A. Eversole bequeathed to the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, \$1000; to Our Church Home, Westminister, \$300; to the Church Extension Society, \$349.96.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing bequeathed \$600 to Wesleyan Chapel and Hopewell Church of Susquehanna Circuit.

Mrs. Brubaker of Uniontown, Carroll County, bequeathed certain sums of money to some of our interests, the amounts of which I am not now able to state. These noble persons though dead, yet live.

Mrs. Davis of Harford Co., bequeathed to the Trustees of Union Chapel \$500 for the maintanance of the Burial Ground.

Moral Reform.

We are told that Jesus Christ is the end of the law for righteousness. He is the perfect man. He is the brightness of His Father's glory, and the express image of His person. The object of the Master, in His great commission to His church, was not only that men might learn and feel the blessedness of salvation through the triumph of His cross, but that they might rejoice in the possibility of the lost image of God through the regenerating influence of the Holy Ghost. The life of God in the soul not only produces a consciousness of the Divine presence, but eventuates in an outward manifestation of Divine control. We exemplify it best when we most resemble Christ. The church which bears His name must be the unfailing foe of everything which will prevent the reflection of His glory from the lives and faces of His people.

The subject of Temperance and Temperance Legislation is one of vital interest to the church. Our citizenship is not only in Heaven, but down here on the earth; and while we confidently expect the coming of the heavenly Jerusalem, we must try to make this old earth new, that more may enter within the city gates.

The unholy traffic in intoxicants is the most dreadful foe of state and church. It sets boundries to our activities, destroys home life, pauperizes our people, fills our penal institutions and asylums, controls legislation. and defiantly raises its blood stained hands and exclaims to the church "You are insincere", "You are divided among yourselves". If I were asked to name one great reason for the union of Protestantism, I would answer "The Temperance Cause", and Protestantism may well unite to crush this awful monster. I regard the veto of the Webb-Kenyon Bill by retiring President Taft as one of the most presumptuous exhibitions of unstatesmanship this country has ever witnessed; and I regard the enthusiastic passage of the Bill over his unfortunate veto as a gallant dash for freedom, freedom from the curse of rum. This Conference, for a number of years, has given its hearty endorsement to the Maryland Anti-Saloon League and similar Leagues in other states. We have received their representatives and consented to their deliverances. I do not believe any change has come to our convictions in this matter. If I am mistaken, this Conference will correct me and change its front.

Before we assemble again in annual session a great battle will be waged,—the battle of the ballots. The ballot in the hands of an American citizen is his votum, his vow, which he must pay, not to a political party, but to God. Twice have we been defeated when we thought victory so near. I therefore call upon the entire constituency of this great Conference in Maryland to exercise the greatest care in the selection of men to represent us in the General Assembly of our State. We want brave men and true men who cannot be bought, or persuaded, or threatened, men who will fight for God and home and native land. I commend most heartily the action of the President of these United States in banishing the bottle from the halls of his palatial home. He exercised his prerogative within the very purview of the Bill which has twice been ignominiously s'aughtered in the halls of our Legislature. Who dared to question Woodrow Wilson's right to say "King Alcohol shall hold no sway within my home?" Twice have we in Baltimore and other sections of Maryland been denied the right to say by vote that we do not want this menance at our doors. In this land of liberty, let us rise in our might and say "Give us liberty."

I commend to your cooperation the Lord's Day Alliance, all societies for the suppression of vice, all organizations which mean to conserve the child life of the world, and every other good and noble agency, which will uplift the people in morality and righteousness.

Recommendations.

1. For good and sufficient reasons, I recommend the immediate sale of the house, 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, known as the President's

Parsonage, and the appointment of a committee to effect said sale, and to purchase or erect a suitable house for the President in another section of Baltimore City.

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2. I recommend the preparation of a suitable form of Report upon which pastors shall report to the President at the end of each quarter. I recommend that a committee be appointed to formulate said form of Report, and that the Secretary have them printed and mail four to each pastor, not later than May 15th of each year.

In concluding this report, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the splendid men and women, the occupants of our parsonages, and to the noble laymen and their families, who received me graciously, cared for me tenderly, and entertained me royally. I have crossed your thresh-holds in the midst of your smiles, and departed with your "God speed" and blessing. I am debtor to you, my brethren, and to Almighty God who has protected my life, and preserved my health, so that I have been permitted, without serious interruption, to cover the long distances, and to perform the arduous duties of this office.

Praying that the guidance of His Spirit, the bestowment of His wisdom, and the blessing of His peace may be upon us, as we deliberate upon the great questions which will come before us.

I am yours in the work and patience of Jesus Christ JOHN S. BOWERS.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The report of the President of the Conference is of such an exhaustive character and covers the general state of the Conference work so thoroughly, that we suggest its careful reading by our people generally. The thoroughness of the report merits our commendation.

The success of the year is gratifying along all lines, not only along financial, but spiritual lines as well. The conversion of more than three thousand souls and the net gain of seventeen hundred in the total membership is a source of great joy to all, and we are grateful to the Great Head of the church for his blessings upon our labors.

The emphasis which the report places upon the various phases of our conference activities is timely, but we call attention especially to that part of the report which deals with the Sunday School, the Deaconess work, the Summer Conference, and the increase of the pastor's salaries. The call everywhere in these days is for more modern Methods in Sunday School work and for more adequate Sunday School equipment. We heartly concur in the suggestion of the President, and we respectfully urge that whatever churches are considering new buildings, or a remodeling of old buildings, that a study be made of modern Sunday School

architecture, with a view to the erection of a building or rooms suited to the best possible prosecution of Sunday School work and along those lines which very speedily will be recognized and adopted universally.

The Deaconess work should receive the careful and proper consideration of this conference and of the churches throughout the District. There are posibilities that mean much to the church and they should be availed of.

The Summer Conference for ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church, which will hold its third Annual Session at Westminister, Maryland, next August, is a new enterprise, also, capable of great expansion, and the success of the movement thus far seems to insure it permanency. We urge every minister of the Conference to attend the next session.

The timely words of the President with regard to the salary support for ministers should be carefully considered by every church. The increase in a number of charges of the pastor's salary is gratifying and shows an effort on the part of the churches to emphasize a more adequate support of the preachers.

Grateful mention is made of the bequeaths of Mrs. Sarah A. Eversole, Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, Mrs Brubaker, and of Dr. Davis. The St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society have continued their generous contributions to worthy projects, and have our grateful thanks. We make the following recommendations:

First, That a committee be appointed by the President to consider the needs and welfare of Talbot Circuit, the same to report at this Conference.

Second, The preparation of a suitable form of report upon which pastor's shall report quarterly to the President of the Conference, and that a Committee be appointed to formulate such a form of report.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference be and are hereby empowered to sell the property located at 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Maryland, and known as the President's Parsonage, at private sale and for such price as they, the said trustees shall deem proper, and to convey the same to the purchaser for a good and sufficient deed, therefore.

Resolved, that said Trustees are further authorized to secure another property at such location and for and at such price as they may deem proper, to be used as the President's Parsonage, and to make proper settlement for the same, either in cash or in such other way as may be necessary to execute and deliver such mortgage to the mortgagee.

A. N. WARD, Chairman,

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	2.56	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, VaA.	H. Gree	n 2	Chincoteague, VaG.	R. Hodg	e 1
Alexandria, VaC. R. S			Clayton, Del	C. H. Jone	s 3
Amelia, VaW. C.	Mumfor	d 1	Concord, Pa. H. E. Ho	rris (Sup.) 1
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OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md.

To the Maryland Annual Conference meeting in Lynchburg, Va., April 2nd, 1913.

Receipts.

1912			
April 10, Cash Balance in Baker, Watts & Co. Bank\$617	37		
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Mch. 1, Check from Ex-President J. M. Sheridan from			200
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Mch. 15, Sundry checks from President John S. Bowers 325	55		
Mch. 19, Checks and Currency from President John S.			
Bowers 135	00		
31, Checks from President John S. Bowers 50	00	\$1406	04
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Disbursements.			
1912			
April 25, Paid Thos. A. Murray Treas. payment on Mort-			
gage on Parsonage\$500	00		
Dec. 26, Paid Gen. Fire Ins. Co. 5 years Insurance on			
Parsonage 9	00		
1913			
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Feby. 14, Paid Kelbaugh for regulating batteries and			
and hanging auxiliary bell	00		
Mch. 7, Paid John Trainer for making sewer connection			
and plumbing work	00		
Mch. 31, Paid Thos. A. Murray Treas. Interest on \$2109 105	45		
April 1, By Cash Balance in Baker, Watts & Co. Bank. 656	09	\$1406	04
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Dear Brethren: ----

Amount of President's Collections during the Conference year \$2942 44 of which I have received from him as per above receipts totalling \$735.55. I shall shortly pay T. A. Murray Treas. \$500 on Mortgage reducing to \$1609.15.

JARRETT N. GILBERT, Agent.

Report B

Of the Secretary

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:-

Because of the death of Rev. W. S. Phillips, the Secretary of the Conferenc, the President of the Conference requested me to assume the Secretaryship, being first assistant, the duties of which office I have endeavored to perform.

With the permission of the Conference I give herewith the report of the former Secretary as it was compiled by his widow and myself.

Receipts.

Balance in hand reported 1912\$ 51 80		
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas		
By error in advanced assessments reported 1912 16 00		
Total receipts\$437 80	\$437	80
Disebursements.		
April 10, J. H. MacDonald 9 50		
April 15, F. T. Benson 8 00		
April 16, J. M. Sheridan		
April 17, Miss Hilda Cluff 10 00		
May 15, J. W. Stowell		
June 4, Chaplain Stevenson 8 00		
June 5, J. W. Stowell		
Telegram at Conference 3 15		
Board of Stenographer 5 00		
Secretary's Compensation		
Total Disbursements\$335 60	\$335	60
Balance in hand	\$102	20

As your Committee on Credentials I report that credentials have been received from all charges except Bethany, St. Paul's (which church is as yet unorganized), Waverly, Frederica, Greensboro, Quantico. They are all regular save that many are not dated correctly and in 4 instances pastors of stations presided at the election. (Dover, Lewes, Patapsco, Wilmington).

As the Committee on Transportation, that after the inability of the Lynchburg Church to secure special accommodations, which church was requested so to do by the President, I immediately entered into correspondence with the Southern Railway for rates out of Washington and with the Chesapeake and Ohio for rates from Old Point Comfort. The Secretary endeavored to secure a flat rate in both instances but failed to do so. Each road has given the same terms, one and three-fifth fares, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip, on the certificate plan which requires an attendance of at least (200) hundred people outside of Lynchburg. The Southern Railway gave us the courtesy of special coaches on Tuesday out of Washington.

As the Committee on Publication of Minutes I report:

Receipts.

From Mrs. W. S. Phillips, being balance in Secretary's			
hands\$102	20	885	
From advanced assessments 92	00		
	00		
Total Receipts\$200	20	\$200	20
Disbursements.		v	
Mrs. W. S. Phillips, incidental expense not included in			
report\$ 25	00		
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Incidentals, Expressage on Secretary's equipment from			
	42		
	90		
Total Disbursements\$100	77	\$100	77
Balance on hand		\$99	43
Respectfully submitted	i,		

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report C

Of the Treasurer

President's Salary.		**
April 3, Amount from District\$3085 00	****	
April 8, To Vouchers	\$3085	00
Conference Expense.		
April 3, Amount from District\$ 474 00		
April 8, To J. H. Straughn, Sec	\$ 474	00
Ministerial Education.	8 "	
April 3, Amount from District\$ 598 00		
April 8, To Rev. Geo. R. Brown, D. D., SecTreas	\$ 598	00
Seminary.		
April 3, Amount from District\$1821 00		
April 8, To Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., Pres	\$1821	00
College	¥	
April 3, Amount from District\$1446 00	700 N N N N 440	
April 8, To Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., Pres	\$1446	00
Home Missions.		
April 3, Amount from District\$2540 00		15.1521
April 8, To Rev. C. H. Beck, D. D., SecTreas	2540	00
Foreign Missions.		
April 3, Amount from District\$2741 00		
April 8, To Rev. F. C. Klein, D. D., SecTreas	\$2741	00
Bible.		*
April 3, Amount from District\$ 98 00		
April 8, To Rev. H. L. Widerman, Sec	\$ 98	00
Tract.		8 11
April 3, Amount from District\$ 156 00		
April 8, To H. Branch, Sec	\$ 156	00
Children's Day and Sunday Schools.		
April 3, Amcunt from District\$7700 00		
April 8, To Rev. F. C Klein, SecTreas	\$ 580	50
To Vouchers	\$7119	50
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Receipts.

1912		e 1865 I		
April 20, To Contingent Fund\$ 100	00			
July 24, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas 1600	00			
Oct. 22, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas 1454	44			
1913	101101			
Jan. 13, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas 1408	29			
April 3, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas 1527	63			
April 3, Amount from District 4115	00			
April 7, Annual Dues 101	00			
\$10306	36			
Disbursements.				
1912		\$1513	0.0	
July 21, By 1st Distribution		1400		
Oct. 24, By 2nd Distribution		1100		
1913		1400	0.0	
Jan. 24, By 3rd Distribution			90	
April 7, By Cor. Sec. Expenses		1800	00	
April 7, By Conf. Treas Expenses			• •	
April 7, By Invested Fund. Annual Dues \$101.00, 10%	2.5	512	50	
from District \$411 50			00	
April 7, By Mrs. E. R. McGreyor, special		120	1900	
April 7, By Mrs. H. F. Wright		4812		
April 7, 4th Distribution		511	1200	
April 7, Contingent Fund		011		
		\$10306	36	

Church Extension.

Receipts.

April	3, Amount from District	. 112	UU
April	10, 29, 1000 to 00101 1111111	\$6695	74

Disbursements.

Alexandria, \$200; Balto., City Ch. Ex. Society, \$750; Bethany, \$175; Cambridge, \$200; Cannon, \$50; Christ Church, \$400; Conquest, \$75;

Crumpton, \$50; Deer Creek, \$50; Delmar, \$250; Dist. of Col. Ch. Ex. Society, \$400; Eutaw, \$200; Evergreen, \$50; Fairfax, \$50; Felton, \$32 54; Georgetown, Del., \$100; Greensboro, \$200; Hurlock, \$100; Kent Island, \$100; Laurel, \$125; Milford, \$250; Nichols Memorial, \$500; Parksley, \$200; Payson St., \$100; Quantico, \$50; St. Michaels, \$50; Salem, \$50; Selbyville, \$125; Taylor Mem'l, \$350; Violetsville, \$100; Williamsport, \$50; Wilton Heights, \$150; Note of 1912, \$1062.70; Negotiation of Mortgage for Linthicum Heights, \$100.50. Total......\$6695 74

C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treas.

Report E

Of the Board of Finance

The Board of Finance desires to report that we have examined the reports of the agent of the President's Parsonage, and of the Committee on the General Conference Fund, and have audited the accounts and found them correct.

We recommend that the same amount be assessed for Ministerial

Education.

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

Respecfully,

J. W. KIRK, Chairman

Report F

Of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

The Faculty of Instruction desires to report as follows:-

1. That W. C. Mumford, J. R. Wright, and Ernest W. Simms, having completed the course of study are passed through the course.

2. That V. A. Miller, R. W. Coe, R. Y. Nicholson, and C. W. Sander-

son have been passed to the 3rd year's class.

3. That C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, Jr., and W. F. Wright have been passed to the 2nd year's class, C. M. Adams, receiving 100 in Broadus.

We recommend.

- That Thomas Jefferson Hamlet be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid.
 - 2. That Ernest W. Simms be ordained.
- That in view of previous actions of the Conference in ordaining candidates, Vivian A. Miller, Charles Watts Sanderson, Wm. F. Bauscher,

Arthur W. Ewell, Jr., having served three years under the stationing authority of the Annual Conference, be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge in open conference to continue the course of study.

- 4. We have examined the transfers of Rev. Ziba Adams of the Eastern Conference, and of Rev. Herman F. Schwarzkoff of the Indiana Conference and have found them correct. We, therefore, recommend that these names be enrolled on our list of ministers.
- 5. That the transfer of Rev. J. C. Poston of the Virginia Conference has been received and found correct. We recommend that he be received into the Conference and be given a Supernumerary relation, it being understood that he waives all claim upon the Superannuated Fund.
- 6. At the request of the President we recommend that J E. Meddling, Ronalds Taylor, Walter Beckwith, W. P. Jump, W. M. Snyder, G. H. Enfield W. A. Ledford, H. E. Norris, John P. George, Nicholas Link, Robert Downing, Austin R. Middleton, I. S. Owens, C. S. Larrimore, C M. Adams, C. C. Day, W. F. Wright be granted licenses to administer the ordinances.
- 7. We further recommend that C. S. Larrimore, Walter H. Beckwith, H. E. Norris, John N. Link, and Wm. H Hantzman be placed in the hands of the President.
- 8. That C. C. Day and W. M. Snyder be admitted into the Conference on trial.
- 9. That all who are to be placed in the hands of the President are to understand that this action must not necessarily be construed as giving encouragement to the hope of a future reception into the Conference.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

Report G

Church Extension.

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committe on Church Extension submits the following report:-

We have carefully considered the resolution referred to this committee, concerning the Park Road Church, Washington, D C., and are favorably impressed with the importance and the imperative needs of said church.

That the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of this Conference be empowered to borrow, at once, the sum of thirty eight hundred dollars (\$3800), the amount named in the paper, referred to your Committee. Provided,

That the said property be deeded to the church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference and with the understanding,

That the Park Road Church raise in actual cash this conference year at

least twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00), toward building a new church.

We have received the reports of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society, of the District of Columbia Church Extension Society and of the Committee on Church Enterprise, referred to your Committee; all of which have been carefully examined and approved.

The report of T. Harry Bartlett, Treasurer of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, has been received and found correct.

The report of the Special Committee on Talbot Circuit has been carefully considered and we do not find it possible at this time to carry out the recommendations contained therein; this work will be equally well taken care of, however, by other provisions.

Boundaries.

We recommend:

1st. That Fairview Heights Church be detached from Lynchburg Charge and made a separate charge, to be known as Fairview Heights.

2d. That we concur in the action of the Quarterly Conference of Baltimore Circuit, making Texas appointment a part of said charge.

3. That the installment of \$160.00, on Calvary Church, Baltimore, due at the next session of this Annual Conference, be applied to pastor's salary of said charge.

4th. That Holy Run Church be attached to Nichols' Memorial Charge.

5th. That the remaining installments, aggregating \$600.00 appropriated to the District of Columbia Church Extension Society for Park Road Church, be paid to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, to be applied to interest on loan of \$3800.00 for Park Road Church.

6th. That the installment of \$250 00, now due to St. Paul's Church, be paid to the proper authorities for new church building.

7th. That the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society make no payments on appropriations, unless conditions of payments have been fully complied with.

8th. We recommend that the same assessment as last year be levied upon the Conference District for Church Extension; and that the Conference Treasurer be instructed to borrow \$1178.12 the amount of this year's deficiency.

9th. That the Committee on Church Extension be authorized to make necessary changes in the "Blanks" sent out for Information of this Committee.

Appropriations.

Alexandria for interest on debt \$50.00, and on salary \$100 Baltimore City Church Extension Society for St. Paul's Church	\$150	00	
for New Church \$400.00 and second installment \$250			
provided they build this year	650	00	
Baltimore Circuit for Church at Texas, Maryland, provided	000	00	
they build this year, \$500 in two annual installments	250	0.0	
Bethany on salary, if supplied with a married man	175		
Calvary on salary	160		
Cambridge \$1000 in five annual installments provided they		•	
build a church to cost not less than \$10,000	200	0.0	
Cannon on salary		00	
Christ Church, on Church interest provided they purchase			
parsonage this year	150	00	
Crumpton, on salary	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	00	
Deer Creek, on salary	10-00-00	00	
District of Columbia Church Extension Society, for Park Road	4	1805	
Church on Salary	200	00	
Delmar, on interest	200		
Dover, provided they raise \$200.00 on debt	100	00	
Eutaw, fifth installment on debt	200	00	
Evergreen, on salary, provided they raise \$200.00 on debt	50	00	
Fairview Heights	150	00	
Fairfax, if supplied by married man	50	00	
Greensboro, on salary	200	00	
Harper's Ferry, on salary, provided they raise \$200.00 on debt.	50	00	
Laurel, third installment	125	00	
Milford, provided they raise \$7,000.00 on debt this year, \$1,000			
in four annual installments	250	00	į
Nichols' Memorial for Linthicum Heights, on debt, provided			
they raise \$200.00 on debt	100	00	ĺ
Parksley, fourth installment on debt	200	00)
Payson Street, on salary	100	00	į.
Quantico, on salary	50	00	
St. Michaels, for Claiborne Church	50	00)=
Talbot, if supplied, on salary	200	00)
Taylor Memorial, second installment	200	00	
Violetville, on salary, if supplied with married man	100	00	T.
Wilton Heights, on debt, provided they raise \$1500.00 this year			
\$500.00 in four annual installments	125		
To cover deficiency on last year's collections	1178	12	ļ
G. W. HADDAWAY, Char	iman.		

E. C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension begs leave of the Conference to submit the following report:

As far back as October 12, 1911, the Board of Church Extension arranged for the execution of a deed for two lots upon which to build a Church at Linthícum Heights, and to take over the money left by the will of the late Asa S. Linthicum, amounting to \$1900, for the building of a church. A committee of Conference was appointed to act with a Committee at Linthicum Heights in the erection of the church. The Board ordered that not more than \$6,000 be expended in the erection of the building. On April 6, 1912, the Board borrowed \$1,500, payable in four months, the proceeds to be applied to the benefit of the church. It was further agreed that when the church should be completed that a mortgage on the property should be executed, from the proceeds of which the borrowed money should be returned. Apparently the Committee at Lithincum Heights did not confer with the Conference Committee in the construction of the building, and when it was completed presented a bill of more than \$9,000, upon which we were not able to borrow more than \$4,000, and that with the \$1,500 borrowed before, was not sufficient to pay the cost of the structure. The present situation is this:

Money received from Asa S. Linthincom estate	\$1500	00
Money received by loan on note		00
Money received by mortgage	4000	00
Money paid by Conference	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	00

On April 21, 1912, Rev. J. S. Bowers resigned as president of the Board and F. T. Tagg was elected to the vacancy.

During the year a Committee from the District of Columbia Church Extension Society requested the endorsement of the Board in authorizing Rev. G. M. Clayton to visit the churches of the Conference in the interest of Park Road Church. September 30, Mr. N. T. Meginnis presented his resignation as a member of the Board, and M. T. W. Donoho was elected in his place.

Receipts.

The Board received the following sums of money:		
From the sale of Trappe church	\$500	00
From the estate of Mrs E. J. Drinkhouse	1000	00
From the estate of Mrs. Brubaker	215	00
From the estate of Mrs. Eversole	343	96

\$2058 96

Disbursements.

To Taylor Memorial Church	\$1000	00
Paid on note in Bank	500	00
Paid on note in bank	3.41	96
Paid for Execution of mortgage	98	00
Paid for seal	2	00

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The Board respectfully suggests that the time has come when a fixed limit of appropriations should be established. The debt is steadily increasing in the Board. This year the deficit will probably be larger than ever before. We would advise that not a dollar more be apportioned than can actually be paid, including deficits.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Dear Brethren:

During the past year the work of the Society has progressed satisfactorily, and with the increase in the Society's Membership, the outlook is hopeful for larger results for the ensuing year.

St. Paul's Mission of Baltimore has complied with the requirements of this Conference to raise \$500.00 on church building, but on account of existing conditions has not been able to start the new building. We have every assurance that the erection of the new Church will be undertaken in the beginning of the new Conference year. We, therefore, request that the appropriation, \$250.00, of last year be paid said Church. In view of the fact that the pastor's salary will be cared for the next year through another source, we request an additional sum of \$400.00 on the Church building.

We recommend for Wilton Heights Church that \$500.00 be appropriat-

ed providing they raise \$1500.00 to cancel mortgage now standing.

We recommend that Conference supply Waverly Charge with a pastor under the supervision of this Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

C. P. NOWLIN, Secretary.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At this, the close of another year's work of our society, we feel that we have much to be thankful for, even though we have not accomplished that which we had hoped and planned to do; owing possibly to our inability to enthuse our various churches in the work which we are doing, principally

owing I am persuaded by the fact that most of our churches are heavily involved financially themselves, and feel as though their efforts should be devoted to liquidating their own obligations. What we need in our churches here is, I presume alike to that which is needed in all the churches throughout the conference district, a greater spiritual awaking along extension work lines, and a realization of the truth that this work is a work which should be entered into by the entire membership throughout the Maryland Annual Conference, and not left in the hands of the few, and to this end I pray earnestly that God may speedily hasten the day when all the membership of our churches shall have a new vision of the great needs and possibilities of the Extension work.

Our membership has been somewhat increased during the past year, and we feel as though we have done good work for the Master in our efforts to aid the Park Road Mission work. This work of course received quite a setback by the abrupt and sudden departure from it last March by brother Purdum, when he left us and united with the Congregational church. This however, has been more than overcome by the consistent and untiring efforts of Brother Clayton, who has endeared himself with the people and the community in which he has been laboring, for the success of the work during the past year and the work today is on a more solid and substantial basis than it has ever been before. And it is the unanimous request of the Church Extension Society that Brother Clayton be returned to this work for another year.

Bro: W. T. Ballard, Treasurer of our Society, and Bro. J. P. Dodge, have been elected to represent us at the Conference, and explain our plans and needs. Therefore, I refrain from mentioning the financial side of our work, leaving them to enlighten the Conference on these matters. We want to thank the President of our Conference, Dr. Bowers, for his encouragement in our work and his presence at two of our meetings during the year, and for his wise councils and suggestions for the enlargement of our work. And here, permit me to repeat what I said in my report at the last session of the Conference, that the time has now come when larger and more tangible things must be done immediately, in order to conserve that which has been done and consummate that which was intended at the Park Road church, and of these, the ministers of our churches here, together with Bros. Ballard and Dodge, will explain more fully to the Conference.

Praying that the Lord may abundantly bless the session of Conference now assembled, and that the churches may be so imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit that she may accomplish greater things for the Master during the coming year, and asking the united prayers and hearty cooperation of the Conference for our work, I have the honor to be.

Yours for the Master's work, THOMAS J. WILSON, President.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF M. P. CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF D. C.

Receipts.

Balance on hand April 10, 1912\$	8	20			
Received from Conference	300	00			
Received from Subscriptions, M. P. Churches of D. C.	505	00			
Received from canvas f Rev. G. M. Clayton	287	50			
Received from dues	58	00			
Received from miscellaneous	56	08	S		
Received from rent (1021 Park Road)	102	50			
Total receipts			\$1317	28	
Disbursements.					
Paid on church lot\$	235	.00			
Paid interest	440	50			
Paid Rev. L. E. Purdum, salary in full	150	00			
Paid Rev. G. M. Clayton, salary	200	00			
Paid repairs (1021 Park Road)	191	95			
Paid Water rent (1021 Park Road)	3	00			
Paid Insurance (1021 Park Road)	6	00			
Paid Miscellaneous, printing, etc	45	92			
Paid Thos. J. Wilson (expense to Pittsburg)	18	00			
Paid Rev. G. M. Clayton's traveling expenses	25	00			
Total disbursements			\$1315	37	e e
Balance on hand			\$1	91	
WM. T. BALLA	RD,	Trea	asurer.		

Report H

Superanuates.

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your committee respectfully reports that we recommend that \$4500 be assessed on the District.

2d. That Rev. J. E. Maloy, Rev. D. W. Anstine, Mrs. R. S. Rowe, Mrs. H. F. Wright, Mrs. W. S. Phillips and Mrs. S. J. Smith be granted Superanuate relation.

And recommend the following appropriations:	
D. W. Anstine\$425 Mrs. J. B. Jones 1	50
J. W. Grav 500 Mrs. J. L. Kilgore 1	00
W. D. Litsinger 500 Mrs. R. L. Lewis 2	50
W. J. D. Lucas 325 Mrs. C. H. Littleton 1	.75
J. E. Maloy 325 Mrs. C. A. McGregor	75
J. E. Nicholson 325 Mrs. A. D. Melvin	300
W. M. Strayer 550 Mrs. C. B. Middleton	175
J. L. Straughn 500 Mrs. H. E. Miskiminon	125
J. D. Sullivan 250 Mrs. W. J. Neepier	150
J. A. Weigand 300 Mrs. W. S. Phillips	
Mrs. D. Bowers (makes no claim) Mrs. Jno. Roberts	225
Mrs. J. W. Charlton 175 Mrs. R. S. Rowe	250
Mrs. C. T. Cochel 75 Mrs. D. A. Shermer	75
Mrs. H. C. Cushing 150 Mrs. G. J. Smith	150
Mrs. W. T. Dumm 225 Mrs. S. J. Smith	100
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice 225 Mrs. B. P. Smith	375
Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell 250 Mrs. S. G. Valiant	100
Mrs. W. J. Floyd, 150 Mrs. A. J. Walter	250
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson 150 Mrs. P. L. Wilson	125
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert125 Mrs. R. S. Williamson	200
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzel 250 Mrs. H. F. Wright	250

A. W. MATHER, Chairman.

Report I

Of the Committee on Literature and Education

I. LITERATURE.

We congratulate the book directory and our agent on their successful management of the Book Concern; and the directory, agent, and the editor, on their improved condition of the Methodist Protsetant.

The Committee is delighted to learn that we have developed a book concern sufficient to take care of the Methodist Protestant in an emergency.

We express our gratification in the increased circulation of the Methodist Protestant. We are glad to learn that our Pastors are prosecuting the work of securing new subscribers and we urge them to greater diligence in this matter.

Your committee shares in the regret with the book directory in the severance of T. R. Woodford, as agent, and pledge our hearty cooperation for success under the new plan with Mr. Charles Reiner as acting agent.

We take pleasure in commending the book entitled "Jesus the Preacher" by Dr. D. L. Greenfield, published by our book concern and urge its general circulation in the district.

II. COLLEGE

We note with pleasure the increase in the student roll and especially the large graduating class of Western Maryland College.

We are pleased to know the college standard has been accepted by the Board of Regents of New York and that our college has been registered on their list of approved colleges.

We congratulate the college on having successfully continued with out any increase in rates.

We are pleased to know that the endowment is slowly growing and congratulate the conference on the readiness with which the Sunday Schools have responded to this interest. We express our belief that by steadily keeping the endowment before our Sunday Schools we not only materially assist the college but greatly increase the interest of our boys and girls in the institution.

We express our pleasure in the decission of the trustees to build a modern recitation laboratory hall. We commend this plan and recommend that the conference assume some tangible part, at least the furnishing of a laboratory.

We recommend that the request of the trustees for the services of A. Norman Ward, as Vice-President, be granted.

III. SEMINARY

We congratulate the Board of Governors and President H. L. Elderdice on their wise and judicious management of the affairs of the Westminister Theological Seminary.

We recommend that the request of the Board of Governors that the same assessment as last year be levied upon the district and that, H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the coming year, be granted.

We have carefully considered the report of the trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference referred to us and recommend its adoption; also the filling of the vacancies of the term of F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, T. H. Roberts, and C. A. Benjamin, which expire May 1, 1913.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

N. O. GIBSON, Secretary.

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT BOOK CONCERN.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

According to the established custom, we submit for your information the financial report of the Book Concern for the year, ending February 28, 1913.

An analysis of the report will show two decided conditions, viz: First, that there has been an increase both in the volume of the

business done and in the profits arising therefrom, and

Second, that the net earnings for the year have not been as great as those of the previous one. This latter condition is accounted for by the fact that there has been a very material, unusual increase in the expenses over those of the previous year, due to the following causes, viz:

First, there has been an increase in the amount of taxes paid by us. Second, we have had to provide for an extra assessment laid upon us by the last General Conference,—in addition to the 20% payable annually to said Conference out of our net earnings—to be used in liquidating some outstanding, overdue debts which had accumulated in the hands of its treasurer, and

Third, we have had to meet and satisfy a material increase in the cost of publishing the Methodist Protestant, on account of a shrinkage in the subscription list to Jan. 1, 1913 and because of the additional expenses incurred in issuing the paper in its improved form and increased size. A summing up of the excess of expenses from these sources over those of the previous year will show that they more than equal the difference in the earnings between the previous and subsequent year, recently closed, substantial evidence that the decrease in net income is due, not to a skrinkage in the volume of the business, but because of an unusual increase in the expenses.

Referring to the increased cost of publishing the Methodist Protestant, we are safe in saying that unless the Book Directory receives the entire income arising from the Edward J. Drinkhouse estate, as provided for in his will, to be used in advancing the interests of the paper, and a considerable increase in our subscription list, our losses will not only continue, but will be greatly augmented and will have to be met, as now out of the profits derived from the other two branches of the business. This will mean a still further reduction of our income, which will lessen the amount to be paid over to the General Conference under the 20% rule, or perhaps, may wipe out our entire earnings.

Realizing the necessity and importance of an increased circulation of the Methodist Protestant, having this object in view, the Board has considered among other plans that of employing a Canvassing Agent. After considerable thought they have reached the conclusion that such a scheme would be hazardous, exceedingly expensive in the light of possible results and, in fact, entirely impracticable. Our candid opinion

is that our ministers, provided they are willing to lend a helping hand, can do more to interest our people and secure subscriptions to our Church paper, than can be done through a special agent or any plan that we might adopt.

At the present time, through the liberality of one of our Board, we are testing the plan of giving cash premiums to those who secure the greatest number of subscriptions in a given time. The time limit will not expire until March 31. While there are evidences of good returns from the plan, we cannot reach a definite conclusion as to the advisability of continuing it until the results are definitely known. Our agent will announce the names of the successful contestant at the Conference Meeting.

We are delighted with the many favorable comments which have reached us in reference to the improved and enlarged paper,—an evidence as we interept it that we have met the real or apparent demand for an improved paper. The question now is—will our people show their substantial appreciation of our work by liberally subscribing to the Official Organ of the Church? We ought to have at least a thousand or more new subscribers in the next few months. We respectfully appeal to the brethren of the ministry and laity to get busy in the matter.

It is with sincerest regret that we are to lose the valued services of our esteemed brethren and agent, Thomas R. Woodford. Contrary to our judgment and wishes, and after we had used every available argument to have him rescind his decision, we yielded to his convictions, though with reluctnce and accepted his resignation to take effect on May 1st proximo.

It is a great pleasure to be able to state that during the nine years in which he has been connected with us the utmost harmony and accord has prevailed among us. As a result, largely due to his untiring energy and skill, the business has been brought up to the high water mark and under proper management will continue to grow and prosper. Greatly appreciating the good work done by him for our Book Concern, we extend to him our very best wishes for continued and increasing success in his return to the Ministry.

Recognizing the ability and worth of Mr. Charles Reiner, who has faithfully served us as bookkeeper for the past eight years, the Board has selected him as Acting Agent and successor to Mr. Woodford. We bespeak for him the same cordial support, which has been so generously given his predecessor in office by the Church at large and the Maryland Conference in particular.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board

N. T. MEGINNISS, President.

J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

Assets.

Cash on hand and in Bank\$3046 12		
Suspense accounts, Methodist Protestant 105 91		
Accured Advertising, Methodist Protestant 134 52		
Meth. Prot. Comm. and Dist. (Dr. Tagg's Books) 58 80		
Loan:—		
Trustees of Maryland Annual Conference 179 93		
Balto. Post Office Special Deposit 27 00		
Advance orders account S. S. Periodicals 1767 50		
Furniture and Fixtures 1637 59		
Methodist Protestant Paper Inventory 26 60		
Stock Inventory S. S. Periodicals		
Accounts Receivable 2853 77		
Merchandise:		
Hymnal Plates\$ 600 00	2	
652 sets Drinkhouse History 489 00 1089 00		
Other Stock	16345	15
General Expense Office Supplies	149	
General Conference	47	
Property Improvement and Expense	463	
Proporty improvement and Expense		
	\$26920	26
Liabilities.		
		10000000
Capital	\$20252	90
Advance Subscriptios Methodist Protestant\$ 400 25		
Advance Subscriptions S. S. Periodicals 655 99	1056	24
Amounts Payable	5460	64
Methodist Protestant Premium	50	00
General Conference	100	48
	\$26920	26
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T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

General Income and	Expense	Statement	for year	ending	Feb.	28,	1913

Receipts.	
Methodist Protestant: \$4026 28 Sales \$4026 28 Advertising 721 25 \$4747	53
Sunday School Periodicals: Sales	39
Merchandise: 99 02 Commission and Discount. 99 02 Sales 20526 47 20625	49
General: Interest	57
\$36692	98
Disbursements.	
Methodist Protestant:	
Commission and Discount\$ 74 30	
Paper 713 07	
Postage 189 90	
Expense 128 79	
Printing 2490 12	
Salary 2290 00	
General Expense	
Profit and Loss (Suspense account) 6 13 6226	13
Sunday School Periodicals:	
Purchases 7636 45	
Postage, Express and Freight	
Expense	
Salary 1482 96	
General Expense	68
Merchandise:	
Salary	
Purchases	
Expense	
General Expense	
Profit and Loss	33

General:

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Balance Net Profit to Capital			401	95
General Conference 20% Net Profits			100	48
General Conference Expense	322	35	1159	41
Profit and Loss (Expense on Property)	655			
Furniture and Fixtures	181	95		
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T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

· OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—I have the honor to submit to you a report of my work during the past year as President of Western Maryland College, the forty-sixth year of its operation and the twenty-seventh of my presidency.

We have enrolled 244 students, a slight increase over last year. Our graduating class numbers 42, the largest class we have ever graduated except that of 1909 which had the same number. Our Faculty numbers 24 professors and instructors.

The work of the year has been without special incident and generally satisfactory. We are grateful to have been preserved from the accidents of fire, flood and storm. We rejoice in the general good health maintained by the students, and their disposition for study and good order. We believe we are making educational progress. Our standard requirement for admission has been advanced a little this year in the revision of the course of study for the Preparatory School, and now we have the full fourteen units requirement for admission. Our standard has been accepted during the past year by the Board of Regents of New York and they have registered our College on their list of approved Colleges. And we are confident we have advanced in the regular conduct of our courses. There is better teaching being done and more effective use of educational aparatus than ever before. Especially is this true of the library. Since our new library building was finished and new regulations adopted with regard to it, there has been a very notable increase in the use of it by students. It has already demonstrated its usefulness in promoting a good education, and is now one of the most noted of our aids. It is this intensive improvement to which we must continue to look for increased power and reputation. And it is with this in view that we contemplate increased endowment, to enable us not only to meet disaster when it comes, but also to provide immediate and much needed extension in the faculty. And it is the same object we seek in planning for a new educational building, a building in which will be provided better and more beautiful facilities for the regular class work; where students will have the best that can be provided to help them and to inspire them to an education. Such things are what make a College strong, and our College has far too few of them. It has taken us forty years to produce by slow process and painful, what should have been provided for us when we started.

Financially the year has been about as other years. We are slowly but surely reaching the point where it will be necessary to increase our rates. I suspect that we are the only College that has made no increase in the last twenty years in the charges for board and tuition. We have resisted it year after year, but the flood is gradually creeping up on us, and the margin of profit is growing so small that soon we will end the year in debt if we do not increase our income.

I am glad to report that our endowment is still growing, although by slow accretions. We have no sources of increase except the interest of the fund itself which has always been put back into the principal, and the collections of the Maryland Conference. But we hope that within a few years, say five, we shall be able to report a fund of \$100,000.

The trustees at a special meeting last February resolved to build a recitation and laboratory hall, and authorized the executive committee to proceed with it as soon as the architect could present plans. He is now at work on the plans, and we rather expect to begin operations this summer. It is contemplated that the building will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, although estimates have not yet been received. The manner of raising this money has not yet been determined, but of course the plan will have to involve the help of friends. I said to the Conference last year that the College could take care of one-half of this amount if the Conference would provide the other half. And I still think that is a possible plan and one that I hope will be successful.

This new building is not a mere ornament. The erection of new facilities for our proper educational work will make that work better, and thus the investment will yield us rich dividends in the years to come.

I am also charged with the duty of presenting to the Conference the request of the trustees for the services of Rev. A. Norman Ward He was elected Vice-President of the College last May, and the Church in Denton and the President of the Conference consented to his release to enter upon the work in September. But on account of the difficulty of finding a suitable supply the President requested the trustees to postpone the arrangement until the end of the Conference year, which they did. In February last this request of the Conference was voted by the trustees and I was instructed to present it, which I now do.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Governors of the Westminister Theological Seminary begs leave to submit its thirty-first annual report.

25 students have been enrolled during the year representing nine annual conferences. The senior class is composed of ten students representing seven conferences.

A course of special lectures has been maintained during the year.

In addition to the regular income for scholarships from The Henrietta Gibson Fund, the Drinkhouse Memorial Fund, the Trinity Church Fund and a deposit in the Westminister Savings Bank, totaling a fund of about \$6700, the following amounts from churches and individuals have been received this year: Alumni \$200, Joseph D. Baker \$100, George E. Bevans \$100, Young Ladies Aid Society, Fairmont, W. Va., \$100, W. W. Hubbard, Josephine Hubbard Memorial, \$100, T. W. Mather \$100, Francis M. Wilson \$100, Cash \$100, I. C. Sterling \$50, Rhode Island Ave., Church \$50, St. Paul's Church, Inwood, N. Y., \$43.20, and Christ Church, Atlantic City, N. J., \$100, A Friend \$25.

Since the last Conference the following churches have been visited in the interest of the Endowment Fund: West Baltimore, Keen Memorial, Deer Park, Georgetown, D. C., North Carolina Ave., and Lewistown.

The canvass for funds for the West Virginia Cottage was continued for a short time last summer and the Emergency Fund Canvass was pushed in the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Muskingum Conferences.

Two members of the graduating class will enter the Maryland Conference this year, namely, Wm. M. Snyder of Christ Church, Baltimore and Chauncey C. Day from New Market charge. We would call your attention to the fact that Indiana has more students in the Seminary than Maryland, whereas heretofore Maryland has been in the lead: why is this?

The Board respectfully requestes the same assessment upon the district as last year and that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as president for the ensuing year.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren of the Conference:-

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference submit their Annual Report, as follows:

The following names now constitute the Board of Trustees, A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and J. W. Hering, whose terms expire May 1st, 1915.

- J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and Thomas A. Murray, whose term expire May 1st, 1914.
- F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire on May 1st, 1913, and the vacancies so occurring are to be filled by the election of their successors at the present Conference Session.

We submit herewith the Annual Report of the Treasurer showing the sum of \$1934.78 in hand from Income to date from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and now subject to disposition by this Board of Trustees as Trustee under the will of Dr. Drinkhouse in accordance with the terms of the Trust created by said will.

Dr. Drinkhouse having in his will indicated his wish that the Income from his estate should be used in supporting and furthering the publishing interests of our Church in Baltimore City, and primarily our Church paper "The Methodist Protestant," leaving the manner of the use and disposition of said Income to the discretion of this Board of Trusees as the Trustee of his Estate, but suggesting that the method of so using said Income be the employment of a Canvassing Agent, we had deemed it but proper that we should respect his wish so expressed and at least make a trial of the plan so suggested by him.

However, after confering with the Baltimore Book Directory, in deference to their judgment that it was first necessary to make our Church paper more attractive before we could hope to increase its circulation through the efforts of a canvassing Agent, and concurring in their opinion that this could best be done by enlarging the paper and filling it with attractive reading matter, we have appropriated \$700, from the present Income for that purpose, and have advised he Book Directory that we are ready to payover to them this amount when desired for such use.

We feel that the balance of the Income should be used in the employment of a canvassing Agent in the manner suggested by Dr. Drinkhouse, and are desirous of co-operating with the Book Directory in placing such Agent in the field whenever in their judgment it may be deemed advisable.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

OF THE TREASURER

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

General Fund.

To balance per last report				\$	294	28	
To interest on Deposits	\$	8	32				
To Commissions from Trust Estate		64	26		72	58	
				5	366	86	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box	\$	5	00	×			
By expenses of management including traveling. expense of management including traveling expenses of Trustees in attending Meetings	• •						
of Board		59	35				
					000	0.0	
By Balance on deposit	200	309	9 T		366	80	
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Drinkhouse Trust Estate.							
responding to the profession of the second							
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	Principal In		Inco	come	
To Balance per last Report	\$	72	72	\$ 713	88
To Income from Investments during year. \$1155 25			-		
To Interest on Deposits in Bank 29 91			000	1285	16
	\$	72	72	\$1999	04
By Commissions on Income of \$1285 16 above, carried to credit of General Account				64	26
By Balance on deposit	\$	72	72	\$1934	
	\$	72	72	\$1999	04

N. B. \$700 from Income in hand as above appropriated by Trustees in execution of Trust under Will of Dr. Drinkhouse for improvement of "The Methodist Protestant," payable to the Baltimore Book Directory for that purpose on its request therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

Young People's Work

We are glad to report the continued activity, with an increasing efficiency, of the Sunday schools, the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor and the Brotherhoods of our Conference. There has been a growth in the work. The statistics for this year are as follows: Sunday Schools 278; Officers and teachers 3692; Scholars 31216; Young Peoples Societies of Christian Endeavor 136; Members 5540; Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor 60; Members 2628.

We urge the formation of Teachers Training Classes in all Sunday Schools, and express our pleasure at the increase of enrollment in these classes. We, also, urge the careful study of modern methods of administration of the Sunday School, and the merit of the Graded Lessons, so that those who direct the activities of each school, may know the latest approved methods of Sunday School work and be able to adopt that which is best for the peculiar needs of each school. We approve the standard of excellence for schools prepared by the General Board of Young People's Work which is in harmony with similar standards issued by other denominations.

We urge the Christian Endeavor Societies to make careful study of the means and methods for increasing their efficiency in order that they may make the highest possible average, according to the standard planned by the Union of Young People's Work of the Maryland Annual Conference. We especially urge the organization of Mission Study Classes. a most important work too often neglected.

We record our high appreciation of the splendid addresses delivered at this Conference by Dr. Milton S. Littlefield and Dr. C. H. Hubbell.

The last General Conference ordered the organization of a Brotherhood for the Methodist Protestant Church under the fostering care of the Union of Young People's work. A department of Brotherhood has been added to the Conference Union, and Mr. J. Bibb Mills has been in charge of the department. It is urged that the pastors shall earnestly take up the work of the organization of this department, and that those who have such organizations will bring them into conformity with the denominational plan of organization, according to the Constitution provided by the Board of Young People's work.

We heartily endorse the work of the Union of Young People's Work of the Maryland Annual Conference. We appreciate the efforts of the Executive Committee and its labors for a closer organization for a more effective work. We believe that the Union is now organized in a way to do its best work with increasing scope. We hope that every Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society will recognize and fulfill its duty of contributing to its current expenses, at the rate of two dollars annually from each Christian Endeavor Society and each Sunday School. We also, urge

every Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society to make a contribution to the department of Missions for its distinctive work of supporting.

Rev. Leigh Layman in his position as principal of the Yokohoma School of English. We record our pleasure that the Christian Endeavor Societies contributed \$1558 for foreign missions last year, but regret that this money was so distributed that the pledge for our definite work was not fulfilled.

Again we commend the work of the Board of Young People's Work. At the last session of the General Conference the Board was placed upon an assessment basis. Inasmuch as the official communication from the Executive Committee of the General Conference concerning this assessment has not been received by this Conference, we, therefore, renew our recommendation of last year that the Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies make annual contribution to the Board of Young People's work of not less than five cents per member.

We recommend that Rally Day be observed annually, in the interest of young peoples work and that the program as prepared by the Board be used. the offerings received at such rallies to be applied to the above named contribution.

EDGAR T. READ, Chairman.

Report K

Of the Committee on Moral Reform

Temperance.

Realizing that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a Divinely ordained institution and as such be placed on record as being in opposition to all forms of evil and vice and whereas there is an evil among us that is grievous in the land in the form of the licensed saloon which today is a recognized menace of all that is good, pure and holy, therefore, be it resolved.

- 1. That we the members of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, now at session take our stand and register our earnest objection to anything that will increase the advantages of the business of this nefarious traffic.
- 2. We approve the proposition of the Anti-saloon League to start at once the fight for a prohibition amendment to the state constitution if the Local Option bill is beaten in the next Legislature and suggest that an amendment be introduced at the next session in order to save two years time in the amendment fight in case it becomes necessary to start it at once.
- 3. We believe that the Webb-Kenyon Sheppard Bill and the Jones-Works Bill will be of the greatest blessing to the temperance cause and a

far reach into the success we so earnestly hope will be realized.

We recommend that the members of this conference use their power at the polls and support only those candidates for the legislature and Senate who are willing to take the obligation to support the bill which would eventually bring victory to their long defeated cause and rid our state of the influence of King Alcohol.

Be it further resolved that whereas one of the United States Senators from Maryland has appointed as a doorkeeper in the Senate of the United States a man who was until recently the notorious keeper of a lawless saloon in the vice districts of Baltimore, and said Senator though requested so to do had refused to withdraw such appointment, that we express our emphatic protest against the selection of such a character in preference to one of the thousands of available, reputable men of the same party and record our indignation over the affront of the moral citizenship of the state embodied in this apparent bid for the support of the liquor and vice element and the other enemies of society.

Sabbath Observance.

It is very refreshing in these days of apparent commercialism to note the sentiment of increasing strength in the desire to properly observe inviolably the Christian Sabbath even though the tendency seems to be on the increase to do all kinds of labor on the Sabbath, still there is that disposition to make plain and revere the Divine injunction to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

We most heartily indorse and commend the administration and worthy efforts of states Attorney Hartman in his earnest endeavor to stamp out the evil in Baltimore County and in dealing to violators of the law the justice their actions so deservedly merit.

We record our most heartfelt appreciation of the attitude assumed by Woodrow Wilson, President of these United States, both in regard to the liquor question and that which relates to the proper observance of the day.

Mr. Davis, the representative agent of the Lord's Day Alliance deserves the approbation of all right thinking people for his heroic efforts for a closed and clean Sabbath.

We are glad to observe the strenuous labors of the Anti-vice Crusade Association as headed by Dr. Kelly and feel that we cannot put ourselves too strongly on record in approbation of their work in opposition of the evil that they are so valiantly fighting, and pray that the day is not far distant when the open saloon will exist only in memory, that our boys and girls may safely escape the opportunity of contamination and thus aid in making true the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of this paper.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Conference be instructed to forward by telegraph to the Governor of Delaware the following resolution:

The Maryland Conference, which has a large constituency in the State of Delaware does earnestly urge your Excellency to sign the "Hazel Bill" affecting shipment of liquor into dry territories.

S. F. CASSEN, Chairman.

Report L

Benevolent Agencies

OF THE COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

In regard to the Methodist Protestant Children's Home situated in High Point, North Carolina, we have had before us Rev. R. M. Andrew of the North Carolina Conference, and Mr. T. A. Hunter of Greensboro, North Carolina, representing that institution, who have given us the following facts: The building which is of brick, and Colonial in style, is 60 by 150 feet, and three stories in height. The building itself cost \$21,000.00, and the forty acres of land surrounding it cost \$4,000.00.

The building is modern in every respect, steam heated, electric lighted, and most conveniently arranged for its intended uses. It will accommodate 80 children and any Methodist Protestant, orphan child 15 years of age or under is elligible to admission in this home,

The institution is under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and is chartered by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina. The President of the Board of Trustees is J. M. Milligam, of Greensboro, North Carolina: The building which is now unfurnished will cost between four and five thousand dollars to furnish completely.

From eighty to three hundred and sixty dollars will be required to furnish single rooms, each containing from four to eighteen beds, and the estimated cost of furnishing a single bed is \$15.

Having heard the statement of these brethren, and having carefully considered such facts, concerning this institution as have come to our knowledge,

We heartily make the following suggestions:

1st. That the brethren of the Maryland Conference acquaint themselves more fully with the advantages that this institution seems to offer as a home for orphan children of our denomination, since the inmates of this orphanage are not oly provided with proper food, and clothing, but are

educated in an excellent school, and given best of religious training while

2nd. That the Ministers of the Conference read carefully such printed information as the trustees of the home shall send to them; and so far as it may seem proper that they call the attention of the people of their charges to the needs of this institution, as therein stated, and the noble work which we believe this orphanage is doing and proposes to do for our

W. S. HANKS, Chairman.

FRANK S. CAIN, Secretary.

denomination.

Report M

Of Committee on Official Relations

After careful examination of all papers, brought to our attention, we respectfully submit the following. That no serious objection is brought against any member of the Conference, but we regret that the following charges do not report any lady visitors to our Conference Home.

1. Lauraville, St. Paul's, Balto., Bedford, Campbell, Cannon, Conquest, Lawsonia, Crumpton, Deer Park, Dorchester, Dover, Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, Felton, Franklin City, Georgetown, Del., Georgetown Circuit, Greenwood, Grove, Harbeson, Harper's Ferry, Hurlock, Indian River, Laurel, Leipsic, Lisbon, Lewistown, Mardella, Mt. Nebo, New Church, Nichols Memorial, Oak Grove, Patapsco, Pittsville, Pocomoke Circuit, Pocomke City, Powellville, Prince George, Quantico, Reliance, Selbyville, Susquehanna, Union, Waltersville, Cherrydale, Mt. Tabor, Park Road, Williamsport, First Church Wilmington, Whaleyville.

There seems to be confusion in regard to this imposed duty, we recom-

mend that the President define this obligation to the pastors.

2. The following charges are not incorporated, Caroline, Chincoteague, Deer Park, Felton, Frederick, Georgetown Circuit, Indian River, Kent Island, Lewistown, Nichols Memorial, Taylor Memorial, Pittsville, Pocomoke Circuit, Selbyville.

3. We are pleased to report that while there were one hundred and four charges which failed to report any new subscriptions to the Methodist Protestant last year, only sixty-six occupied this undesirable relation

this year.

4. The following charges have failed to furnish disciplines, as required by the Conference: Alexandria, Calvary, Starr, Violettville, West Baltimore, Bedford, Buckeystown, Campbell, Caroline, Cecil, Crisfield, Lawsonia, Deer Creek, Dorchester, Federalsburg, Felton, Georgetown, Del., Greenwood, Grove, Harbeson, Harper's Ferry, Howard, Indian River, Kemptown,

Lewistown, Milton, Mt. Nebo, Pittsville, Pocomoke Circuit, Queen Anne,

Salisbury, Susquehanna, Union Bridge.

5. Your committee is pleased to impart the gratifying information that marked improvement has been made during the past year in liquidating the debt of twenty-five Thousand Dollars, owed by the beneficiaries of this Conference to the Board of Ministerial Education.

Through the arduous efforts of the committee, assisted by Dr. C. H. Beck, representing the Board of Ministerial Education, this large and long

over due obligation has been pledged a speedy payment.

Your Committee has been criticised as being drastic in its method of dealing with this matter, but we have exercised brotherly kindness in

every case and leniency wherever it was possible.

6. The following charges have paid their assessments in full, and are Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, entitled to be placed on the honor roll: Allnutt Memorial, Bethany, Broadway, Brooklyn, Calvary, Christ Church, E. Baltimore, Eutaw, Evergreen, Keen Memorial, Lauraville, N. Baltimore, Payson St., S. Baltimore, Starr, St. Johns, St. Pauls, Violettville, W. Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Baltimore Circuit, Bedford, Belair, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Cecil, Centreville, Chesapeake, Chestertown, Chincoteague, Conquest, Crisfield, Cumberland, Cumberland Circuit, Deer Creek, Delmar, Delta, Denton, Dover, Easton, Elizabeth, N. J., Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church Newark, Frederick, Greenwood, Harbeson, Harrington, Howard, Hurlock, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Laurel, Leeds, Leipsic, Lewes, Liberty, Lisbon, Milford, Mt, Nebo, Nichol's Memorial, Northumberland, Oxford, Parksley, Patapsco, St. Lukes, Pipe Creek, Pocomoke City, Potomac, Queen Anne, Reliance, Salem, Salisbury, Seaford, Selbyville, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Michaels, Trinity, Union Bridge, Wallace Memorial, First Church, Wash., D. C., Georgetown, D. C. North Carolina Ave., Park Road, Rhode Island Ave., Westminister, West Wilmington, Williamsport, Whaleyville, Wye.

The following charges have failed to report their assessments in full. Hampden, Waverly, Campbell, Caroline, Clayton, Concord, Lawsonia, Mariners, Crumpton, Deer Park, Dorchester, Fairfax, Felton, Franklin City, Frederica, Georgetown, Del., Georgetown Circuit, Greensboro, Grove, Harpers Ferry, Indian River, Kent Island, Laurel Circuit, Lewistown, Lynchburg, Mardella, Marley, Middleway, Milton, New Church, New Market, Oak Grove, Taylor Memorial, Pittsville, Pocomoke Circuit, Powellville, Prince George, Quantico, Rowlandville, Susquehanna, Talbot, Union, Waters-

ville, Warwick, Cherrydale, Mt. Tabor, Wilmington.

7. The following charges have overpaid the pastor's salary and are deficient in the payment of the rest of the assessments.

Fairfax, Franklin City, Harper's Ferry, Lewistown, Mardella, Pitts-ville, Cherrydale.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this discrepancy should not exist, and we, therefore, recommend that hereafter in all cases where this inquality does exist satisfactory explanation shall be made in open Conference.

Recommendations.

- 1. We recommend that the following requests be granted, Rev. B. W. Kindley loaned to the Maryland Sunday School Association, Rev. J. M. Gill loaned to the Board of Home Missions, Rev. E. H. VanDyke loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions; Rev. G. R. McCready be granted a supernumerary relation, and that Rev. Clayborne Phillips be left without an appointment for this year at his own request.
- 2. We recommend that question 13 on Personal Report blank be amended so as to read "Have you appointed a lady visitor in each church on your charge for Our Church Home?" Also, that question 15 be amended so as to read "If so, have you met your obligations this year?"

Thanks.

1st. That our thanks are hereby tendered to the pastor and members of the First Methodist Protestant Church and to the citizens of Lynchburg for their royal hospitality bestowed upon the Conference during its session.

2nd. That we record our appreciation for the kindness of having placed at our disposal for Committee work, Memorial M. E. Church, South and the Y. M. C. A. Building.

We thank the Burroughs Adding Machine Company and the Hammond Typewriter Company for the use of their machines for the convenience of the Conference.

3rd. We extend to the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company our grateful appreciation for the delightful ride which enabled the Conference to view beautiful and historic Lynchburg.

4th. That we express our appreciation for the attention given to the sessions of the Conference by the newspapers which have reported its proceedings.

Last, but not least, We tender to the Lee Piano Company our gratitude for the generous loan of one of their splendid instruments, and to the C. & P. Telephone Co., for the phone gratuitously installed in the Church.

The Conference, having witnessed the impressive and suggestive "Missionary Vision", as rendered by the Christian Endeavor Society, of the First Methodist Protestant Church, of Lynchburg, Virginia, on Tuesday evening, April 1st, 1913, hereby expresses its high appreciation of the same.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.

H. L. SCHLINCKE, Secretary.

Report N

Missions.

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your committee has no measure to recommend for action of the Conference. Our church is fully committed to the work of evangelization at home and abroad. Our general agents and the missionaries in the field seem to be diligently and wisely conducting the affairs committed to their trust, and while the results fall sadly short of our aspirations they are probably as great as could be expected under our limitations, and give us reason to thank God and take courage. The statistical report of the word one and the statement of the needs and opportunities of the hour are so amply furnished in the oral and written reports of the Secretaries, and by the President of the Conference they need not here be repeated. The stirring exigencies of the time are not to be met by any reports of committees, or by any legislation of the conference, but by the intelligent and zealous exertion of our ministers and churches baptised in the spirit of our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world."

There is one phase of mission work strangely overlooked by all the churches, to which it may be opportune to call attention. The religious education of the alien population of this country is mission work of the most direct and practical kind. Immigration brings to the doors of our organized schools and churches masses of the very people whom we go afar and at vast expense, to seek and save in foreign missionary fields. early emigration to this land was from Scotland, England and Germany. But this is so no more. The one million who annually come to our shores for the most part, are Chinese, Italians, Hungarians, Poles, Greeks and people from the Balkan states. More than 35% of these are illiterates. Over two hundred and fifty thousand were admitted in a single year above the age of fifteen, who were unable to read or write in their own or any other language. The religion of these aliens is for the most part Romanist of the worst type. They are as morally debased as they are mentally darkened. Passing by the opportunity presented in these people for a wise, vigorous and consecrated church to extend the kingdom of the truth, we ought to reflect of what vital importance it is to this country, the perpetuity of its free institutions, and of all the civil privileges it enjoys and affords beyond any other in the world, that this vast host shall have the education that will tend to make them not only Christians but Protestant Christians. This republic would never have existed, and it cannot continue to exist, if any controlling number of its citizens hold the ideas of government and religion instilled into them in the Catholic lands of Europe. Romanize the United States and the chief coign of vantage for the evangelization of the pagan world is destroyed. To be glad this country affords the blessings of freedom and opportunity for these our fellowmen, is futile sentiment, if we cannot give them, when they come, the ideas of government and the principals of personal and civil righteousness, the want of which makes the misery which drives them out of Europe, the presence of which makes this the haven it is for the poor and oppressed. How can a man say that he loves the souls of pagans whom he has not seen when he takes no interest in the Pole, the Italian, the Chinese, the Hun whom he Would it not seem that a probation spent among these people in an attempt to win them to the truth and to Christ would be the best school for men and women who are fitting themselves to go into the lands from which these people came or into other still worse? Many of foreign nationality pass through this land, some as tourists, some as students of our institutions and life, some to be educated in our colleges. These in time go back. A large percentage of the immigrants themselves and their children return to their native countries. What if they bear witness there that the Christian Churches here makes no efforts, indicates no interest in their salvation; are willing to let them toil in the ditch, on the railroad embankments, in the mines, and herd in their hovels and show no care to have their children educated or lifted to our level? Can we not see what effect such a witness must have on the missionaries' work in foreign land? Will it not be discounted in advance? Will it not be stamped as insincere? For such reasons, among others, the education of the immigrants in Protestant Christianity is one of the most vital and at the same time the most difficult of the problems of the living church, and we commend it to your reflection.

The statement of the Foreign Missionary Secretary that only one-ha of our churches observe Childrens Day indicates a grievious fault whic ought to be corrected. We plead that Childrens Day and Easter Day throughout the church shall be dedicated to the mission cause and that the offerings be promptly dispatched. We renew the earnest advice that our ministers preach more frequently this gospel of world wide redemption and that Sunday Schools, Adult Classes, and Women's Societies take up courses of study in mission lands and work. Educate, agitate! Stir up the fire!

We recommend that the assessments of last year be continued and that the secretary of Conference be instructed to write to Dr. Van Dyke in reply to his letter assuring him of our commendation, sympathy and support.

We desire to call special attention to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It would be well if this society had a branch in every charge. Blessed are the deeds it has done, and every pastor advances his whole work who gives God-speed to these women who labor with us in the gospel. By all means in every way, let us enter "the great and effectual door" set before us!

D. L. GREENFIELD, Chairman.

OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We have five auxilaries in the Washington and Alexandria Branch and in each Auxiliary there are faithful workers. The salary of our Bible Woman has been paid by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniel, and forty dollars raised on the salary of another. Two scholarships are being supported, as well as one Day scholarship. Total amount raised this year \$375.00.

MRS. THOMAS J. WILSON, Secretary.

OF THE WASHINGTON BRANCH WOMAN'S HOME MISS. SOCIETY.

Washington, D. C.

April, 4, 1913

The Washington Branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, Lynchburg, Virginia. Our most earnest efforts have been given to our mountain work at Pine Ridge, Ky. Our work there needs the help of all the Methodist Protestant Churches in this Conference. is much to be done and we thank our Heavenly Father for the great work that has already been accomplished. Our Industrial School is now completed. We need the furnishings and a furnace and have about three hundred dollars towards the same. Will not the churches in this Conference, that have not a Home Missionary auxiliary organized, pray for divine help and use their efforts for us. If you could see the needs as I have, for I have visited Mrs. Everett twice and been among these poor ignorant people, I believe we would have a ready response. Mrs. Everett our Mountaineer Missionary has been the means of winning many souls for Christ and of carrying the gospel to many who never heard of our dear Savior and the very life of this church should be used here and in extending it further into these mountains. All of our auxiliaries are doing good work but we need more auxiliaries and we make an appeal here to the Maryland Branch to organize and give us their support. We believe that the W. H. M. S. would be one of the strongest branches in the uplifting of our churches and in fullfilling the great work which Christ commands us to do. Go and preach my Gospel. We ask your prayers for our work during the coming year. The amount raised this year \$189.02.

ELSIE JONES, Secretary.

Report O

Church Home.

OF THE COMMITTEE

The standing committee on Church Home to whom was referred the report of the managers and Treasurer of this institution beg leave to report as follows:

We are much gratified to hear that not a single death has occured among the inmates during the conference year. We cordially commend the present Board of Managers and, also, Mrs. E. O. Grimes the President of the Board of Lady Visitors for their wise and economical management of the affairs of the Home. We sincerely regret that a deficit amounting to five hundred dollars and more, has occurred and that the annual receipts are not adequate to meet the expenditures.

We are much pleased to note the enlargement of the buildings and the increase in the number of occupants who compose the happy family therein and, also, that the Home is now prepared to receive under its proper care both men and women.

We are glad to read in the report that a donation had been given by the son of a M. P. Minister of Philadelphia, amounting to one hundred dollars. We commend this generous spirit and liberality to others.

In view of the fact that money is constantly needed to meet the actual necessities of the Home we recommend that the request for a continuation of the same assessment on the charges be granted and that the pastors be urged to send in their respective apportionments the early part of the conference year.

We suggest that some definite plan in the way of literature together with a financial method be devised in the near future by the Board of Managers to awaken new interest and to bring the matter of this church institution and its needs intelligently before our people.

We believe if such a course is persued the pastors on their charges and the lady visitors who they may appoint to this aided in securing the entire amount of the assessment to this beneficint work.

N. O. GIBSON, Chairman.

JESSE W. NORRIS, Secretary.

OF BOARD OF MANAGERS, OUR CHURCH HOME

To The Maryland Annual Conference, Dear Brethren:

The Report of the Managers of the Church Home is herewith submitted.

The affairs of the Home have gone along in the usual way during the past year. No deaths have occurred and one person has been admitted, making the number now in the home, 17, 14 females and 3 males. This gives us, including the Matron and her Assistant, a regular family of 19, besides those who have occasionally to be brought in as extra help.

The present high cost of living has greatly increased the amount necessary to conduct the Home. The Ladies, under the excellent management of Mrs. Grimes, Pres. of the Ladies Board while providing everything for the necessities and comforts of the inmates, are at pains to see that there are no unnecessary expenditures.

The present year will show a deficit as will be seen by the report of the Ladies Board. This ought not to be, and must not continue, of we shall ultimately be brought to a condition of great embarrassment in our work.

As will be seen from the Treasurer's Report, there has been advanced from the Home Treasury to the Church Home Building fund the sum of \$3825.29, with \$221 in the Treasury of that Fund. This money was advance to pay for the building that was erected for the reception of male inmates.

If this were returned to the Home Treasury and invested at 5%, it would mean an annual addition of about \$180 to our revenues.

We have advanced during the present year \$1600 from the Home Treasury to the Ladies Board, that they could pay cash for current supplies etc. Most of the Conference Assessments are not sent in until the latter part of the Conference year, and it becomes necessary for the Ladies to have this advance.

We repeat the request for a continuance of the Assessment, and an increase if possible.

J. W. HERING, Chairman.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH HOME

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Amount in hands of Treasurer April, 1912\$	133	02
Amount received from Conference Steward	1076	25
Bequest of Mrs. Angeline Drinkhouse	1000	00
Entrance Fee Mary F. Scharf	300	00
Amount from College Sunday School	4	00
Amount received from Order of Red Men	21	00
Cash from Friend through Dr. Tagg	15	00
Bequest of Mrs. Eversole	300	00
Amount from Est. J. G. Jackson, by Bro. Meginniss	98	47
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Dr.

Amount Paid Lady Visitors\$ Amount paid Westminster Savings Bank, on ac-	1600	00	
count of Building Fund	835	33	9400
Amount of sundry expenses	124	79	
Amount in hands of Treasurer	387	62	\$2947 74
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Church Home Building Fund Account		
Amount Borrowed from Church Home Treasury as per state-		
ment of April, 1912\$	2989	96
Amount paid Westminister Savings Bank on account of Build-		
ing fund	835	33
	\$3825	29
Less amount in Building Fund Treasury	221	
	\$3604	29

J. W. HERING, Treasurer.

OF BOARD OF LADY VISITORS, OUR CHURCH HOME

Again we come submitting our report of the Church Home for the past year. We have worked diligently to lessen expenses. With the soaring prices of all household supplies and a family of nineteen, it seems almost impossible. We settle our bills monthly and to do this we have to borrow from permanent fund as receipts from Pastors are slow and not sufficient. Why not send their collections earlier in the year thereby helping us in our work and relieving their minds also.

We are thankful for the many generous donations during the year for the pantry, including money and a big Linen Shower. We trust our friends will continue their interest in the Home.

Last June the honored son of an M. P. Minister of sacred memory, sent me his check for One Hundred Dollars to be credited to Dr. Trout's Church, Philadelphia. We appreciate and thank him for this generous gift. At Easter he asked the privilege of providing a dinner for the Home. We gave them a royal feast which was enjoyed by all, with his "best wishes for a happy Easter season radiant with Christian Hope and joy."

I herewith submit my report for receipts and expenses for the year 1912.

Dr.

In hands of Treasurer, April 1912			\$ 44	11
Received during year from Pastors		¥ ¥,	410	00
Borrowed from Permanent Fund			1600	00
			\$2054	11
Special:—			N201 110 201	20/12/
St. John's per Mrs. Meekens		* *		50
West Baltimore through T. A. Murray		* *	20	00
Buckingham Ind. School			5	00
Mrs. Whaley			3	00
Linen Fund			33	85
As per request from Son of M. P. Preacher			100	00
Mrs. S. C. Thomas "from friend"		• •	10	00
			\$ 184	35
			\$2238	46
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Expenses, including Coal, Elec. Light, Tel., etc\$	2148	15		
Bal. in hands of Treasurer		31	\$2238	AR
Bal. In names of theasurer	30	OI	Ψ4400	40

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, President.

Report P

Church Enterprise

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee desires to congratulate the conference on the splendid progress made during the year in building new churches in old fields, and of building and strengthening new churches in new fields.

At the recent session of the General Conference in Baltimore, a new field was added to our Conference, comprising the great city of Philadelphia, Pa., with a population of 1, 600,000 inhabitants.

In this field, we have two churches: St. Luke's, a splendid property worth \$60,000.00, and Taylor Memorial, in process of erection with a

present value of \$16,000.00. Their plans call for a completed church worth \$50.000.00.

In the last eighteen months a Sunday School of 350 members has been gathered. Since last conference 416 houses have been built within a radius of one block, and contracts have been placed for the erection of about 600 houses within the radius of two blocks.

Within about a mile of this church is another district with 2000 people and rapidly growing, and with no church building of any kind. In the recent religious canvass, there were in western Philadelphia 4000 people who gave their church preference as Methodist Protestant, and in this part of the city can be found communities with 2000 people with no church.

We are in hearty sympathy with the action of this conference a few years ago, in recommending that a Church Extension Secretary be placed in the field; and we believe that this should be done at the earliest possible convenience.

C. K. McCASLIN, Chairman.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

Report Q

General Conference Expense Fund

OF THE TREASURER.

Receipts.

Bal. in hand at last Conference, \$287.94; Received from, Warwick, Md., \$4.00; Lynchburg, Va., \$5.00; St. Johns, \$12.00; Crisfield, Md., \$9.00; Wallace Memorial, \$1.00; Violetville, \$1.00; Lewistown, \$1.00; Salem, \$3.00; Leipsic, \$1.00; Dover, \$2.00; Trinity, \$5.00; Nichols' Memorial, \$1.00; Eutaw, \$4.00; Hampden, \$8.00; Greenwood, \$5.00; Northumberland, \$5.00; Cannon, Del., \$2.00; W. Wilmington, \$2.00; Kennedyville, \$3.00; Selbyville, \$2.00; Elizabeth, \$8.00; Potomac, \$4.00; Chincoteague, \$4.00; Caroline, \$5.00; Lauraville, \$1.00; Harrington, Del., \$5.00; Laurel, \$2.00; Leeds, \$4.00; Delmar, \$4.00; Salisbury, \$5.00; Deer Park, \$4.00; Christ Church, \$3.00; Wye, \$3.00; Lewes, \$1.00; Payson St., \$2.00; Salisbury, \$3.00; St. Lukes, \$4.00; Conquest, \$2.00; Susquehanna, \$5.00; Newark, \$12.00; Whaleyville, \$1.00; Deer Park, \$3.00; Howard, \$5.00; Brooklyn, \$4.00; Chesapeake, \$4.00; Finksburg, \$5.00; New Church, Va., \$3.00; Oxford, Md., \$5.00; Franklin City, \$4.00; Starr, \$14.00; Union, \$2.00; Amelia, \$2.00; N. Balto., \$8.00; Centreville, \$4.00; Buckeystown, \$12.00; Cumberland, \$5.00; Mariners, \$4.00; Pipe Creek, \$5.00; Cumberland Circuit, \$2.00; Chestertown, \$12.00; Frederick, \$5.00; Pocomoke City, \$9.00; Total, \$562.94.

Disbursements.

May 10, 1912, To W. G. Baker, Treas., \$227.94; Representatives to Gen. Conf: W. S. Phillips, \$9.50; W. R. Graham, \$6.30; H. L. Elderdice, \$2.35; Geo. W. Dexter, \$5.50; J. W. Trout, \$5.80; F. T. Benson, \$3.35; A. B. Stine, \$3.75; T. D. Bowers, \$7.50; F. P. Adkins, \$7.00; J. B. Jones, \$4.65; T. P. Fisher, \$2.92; F. T. Tagg, \$2.50; T. R. Woodford, \$2.50; F. C. Klein, \$1.35; J. B. Mills, \$2.35; J. M. Sheridan, \$2.50; Aug. 7, W. G. Baker, Treas., \$59.18; Dec. 4, W. G. Baker, Treas., \$23.00; 1913, Jan. 14, W. G. Baker, Treas., \$39.00; Feb. 10, W. G. Baker, Treas., \$48.00; Feb. 28, W. G. Baker, Treas, \$30.00; Postage and Stationery, \$2.00; Mar. 29, W. G. Baker, Treas., \$64.00; Total, \$562.94.

T. R. WOODFORD, Treas.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The Committee having in charge the entertainment of the General Conference gives herewith its financial statement to date. While the receipts and disbursements appear to be large they represent not the Committee's expense but payments and disbursements made through the Committee on the part of those who paid the board of delegates rather than entertain them in their own homes. It also embodies the transactions in the publication of the special issue of the Methodist Protestant showing receipts from advertisements etc. The particular expense items of the Committee were, the excursion given the Conference to Annapolis, Plumbing in the St. John's church, Balance on special issue of Protestant not covered by advertisements. These items in addition to the incidentals brought the total needs of the Committee up to about \$700. The Committee has received from the Conference less than \$500 and there remains unpaid on the assessment more than \$300 which when paid will fully meet the outstanding obligations.

Your Committee endeavored to do the entertaining in such a way that would be creditable and from the many expressions of appreciation from the delegates to the Conference feel that their efforts were successful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN. Chairman.

William G. Baker, Jr., in account General Conference Committee.

Receipts.

1912				
May 9th, Recd. G. W. Haddaway, Lyric Boxes	\$	35	00	
May 10th, Recd. T. R. Woodford	Ů.	227	94	
May 13th, Recd. J. W. Kirk, account Entertainment				
Committee		100	00	
May 17th, Recd. J. W. Kirk, account Entertainment				
Committee		25	00	
May 21st, Recd. J. W. Kirk, account Entertainment				
Committee		5	00	
May 21st, Recd. T. O. Crouse account Entertainment				
Committee	*	5	00	
May 28th, Recd. F. T. Little account Entertainment		17	120120	
Committee		60	00	
May 28th, Recd. J. H. Straughn account delegates			-	
at Shirley, paid to him on hotel bills		13	00	
May 28th, Recd. J. W. Kirk, account Entertainment				
Committee		15	00	
May 28th, Recd. J. W. Kirk, account Violetville			0.5	
Church			25	
June 3rd, Recd. J. W. Kirk, account Entertainment		(00)	00	
June 3rd, Recd. J.M.Sheridan, through H. K. Muller	•	O	00	
June 4th, Recd. W. C. Perkins, account Advertise-		321	00	
ments Extended the first terminal transfer to the contract transfer transfer to the contract transfer tran		341	UU	
June 5th, Recd. F. T. Little, account Entertainment		110	00	
from Alnut Church		38		
June 6th, Reed. T. O. Crouse		20	5.8	
June 17th, Recd. E. T. Read		30		
June 20th, Recd. E. C. Makosky July 8th, Recd. W. C. Perkins, balance advertise-		00	•	
ments		6	00	
Aug. 1st, Recd. W. C. Perkins (per H. K. M.) for ad				
Baltimore Press Club		10	00	
Aug. 8th, Recd. T. R. Woodford, Agent		59		
May 28th, Recd. Borrowed from Baker, Watts & Co.		350	00	
June 21st, Recd. Borrowed from Baker, Watts & Co.		175		
Dec. 3rd, Recd. T. R. Woodford		23	00	
1913			11	
Jan. 14th, Recd. E. C. Makosky		10	00	
Jan. 15th, Recd. T. R. Woodford		39	00	
Feb. 12th, Recd. T. R. Woodford		48	00	

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30 00 Mch. 1st, Recd. T. R. Woodford 64 00 Apr. 1st, Recd. T. R. Woodford..... \$1,843 37 Disbursements. 1912 May 11th H. K. Muller, Com. on adv..... 24 00 May 14th, John D. Toberer, Com. on adv..... 65 75 May 15th, J. H. Straughn, personal expenses..... 15 00 May 17th, Torsch & Franz Badge Co. Badges..... 4 00 200 00 May 22nd, H. K. Muller, account Excursion 35 00 May 24th, Refund of Lyric Boxes..... May 24th, H. Kinsey, Mgr. Settlement Lyric 50 00 16 00 . May 24th, E. D. Stone, Expenses for music..... May 25th, J. R. Spillman plumbing church..... 100 00 May 28th, J. H. Straughn, personal expenses...... 10 00 542 82 May 28th, Entertainment as per vouchers...... May 28th, James W. Hughes, Lunch excursion.... 45 00 June 3rd. John S. Bridges & Co. Printing...... 17 35 1 40 June 3rd, James C. Green, Sundries...... June 3rd, W. F. Keen & Co...... 5 86 1 75 June 3rd, Sumwalt Ice Company, Ice...... June 3rd, Methodist Protestant Book Concern, Sun-11 30 dries June 3rd, H. K. Muller, Sundries...... 80 June 11th, John W. Kennedy & Co., cards...... 1 50 368 14 June 19th, Meth. Prost. Book Concern...... 2 27 July 5th, Baker, Watts & Co., Interest on loan.... Oct. 1st, Baker, Watts & Co., Interest on loans.... 8 05 Oct. 1st Baker, Watts & Co., on account loans.... 100 00 1913 Jan. 2nd, Baker, Watts & Co., Interest...... 6 51 Apr. 1st, Baker, Watts & Co., Interest...... 6 38 Apr. 1st, Baker, Watts & Co., Loan..... 175 00 \$1,813 88 Balance..... Borrowed from B. W. & Co......\$525

WM. G. BAKER, JR, Treasurer.

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Report S

Special Committee on Superannuated Fund Society.

Report of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Superannuated Fund Society.

The Committee appointed at the last session of this Conference to revise the constitution of the Superannuated Fund Society respectfully reports that after careful deliberation, the decision was reached that no change whatever is needed.

· J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

Report T

Special Committee on Paid Entertainment.

Your Special Committee to whom were referred a resolution from the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting on Paid Conference Entertainment and also another paper providing specific plans for Entertainment, has given the matters consideration and begs leave to report as follows:

While we are in sympathy with the general aspect of the subject, yet in view of an invitation for Free Entertainment already extended, we recommend a continuation of the present plan for at least anothre year.

The matter of Paid Entertainment is a subject of so vital importance, especially in the formulation of specific plans, that it should have more consideration than can be given during the busy and hurried sessions of the Conference. Its adoption would mean a departure from a long standing custom and would inaugurate a new regime for our conference gatherings. We recognize the many changed conditions of social life. There are problems to be faced and details to be worked out. We therefore recommend that the President of the Conference be authorized to appoint a committee of five, composed of three ministers and two laymen to give the matter the fullest consideration from every angle of approach and to report to the next session of the Conference a plan for entertainment which shall be the most equitable and satisfactory to all parties concerned.

We also recommend that the above-named paper on specific plans for Conference Entertainment be referred to the committee to be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

L. F. WARNER, Secretary.

Report U

Special Committee on Change in Report Tables.

Your Committee on change in printing the Conference Minutes beg leave to report the following:

We recommend that the Bible and the Tract Collections be recorded under Miscellaneous, and that there be a separate column for the Easter Offerings, the Children's Day Offerings, Special for Foreign Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and for the Anti-Saloon League's collections.

FRED C. KLEIN, Chairman

T. W. DONOHO, Secretary.

Report V

Special Committee on Report of Deaconess Board.

The report referred to your Committee has in it two requests or suggestions to which we have given serious consideration.

- 1. We recognize the need of a dependable income for the maintenance and development of the Deaconness work, but we deem it unwise to lay an additional assessment on the district and we recommend that the request to give an amount equal to one-third of the amount assessed for the President's salary, be continued for the ensuing year. We appreciate the loyalty and the financial assistance of those charges that have complied with this request, and we urge upon all our pastors and churches the importance of giving this work their diligent support.
- 2. We believe that it is essential to the permanence and development of the Deaconess work that a suitable and permanent home be secured at the earliest moment. Your Committee has not been able to make any satisfactory plan but we do urge the Deaconess Board to make every effort to provide such a home and assure the Board of the moral and financial support of the Conference in this updertaking.

We report that the term of T. O. Crouse as a member of the Board expires at this Conference, and that there are two vacancies in the Board,—one layman and one lady member.

T. O. CROUSE, Chairman.

W. A. MELVIN, Secretary.

OF THE DEACONESS BOARD.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:-

The Deaconess Board submits the following as its report for the Conference year ending April 1913.

We have now two graduated deaconesses in active service, Miss Jefferson and Miss Perrin, and their work has been approved by the pastors and churches who have employed them. They are industrious, faithful, efficient and eager for work, and will no doubt prove even more helpful as they gain in experience in the service to which they have devoted their lives. We heartily and confidently commend them to pastors and churches needing the special ministries for which they are trained and so well adapted.

Your Board has endeavored to establish and widen the work committed to it by the Conference in 1909. We have not been able to do all that we desired, but it may be permitted us to say that with our limited resources we have done all that could be reasonably expected.

Last year we asked that an annual assessment of \$1000 be laid upon the charges of the district and thus insure to the Board a dependable The Conference thought it wise to refuse this suggestion, and instead passed the following resolution: Each charge is requested to give an amount equal to one-third of the amount assessed for the President's salary. At the time of writing this report, March 31st there have been thirty-one charges responding to this request and the contributions aggregate about \$240. There is reasonable expectation that other charges will report at this session of the Conference; but there is no assurance that this response will be general and no guarantee that enough money will be received to meet the needs of the work. Your Board does not venture any criticism of the Conference or the pastors; it fully appreciates the difficulty in increasing the number or the amount of the assessments; but we are constrained to say that a larger and more dependable income must be provided or we shall be compelled to abandon this enterprise that gives so much promise and is, we believe, so consonant with the ideals and services of the Apostolic church. This would be in the judgment of the Board not only a humiliation, but a calamity. A careful estimate of the financial needs of the work shows that we cannot support and properly care for the two young women already engaged in the deaconess work with a less sum than \$979. This makes no provision for the training of other candidates who have offered themselves to the service of Christ and His church in this calling, nor does it leave any surplus to be applied to the purchase of a permanent home. Every year strengthens our conviction that a Deaconess Home is imperative, and that we cannot carry on the work efficiently or satisfactorily without a well located and properly equipped house for the use of these servants of the church. When it is remembered that we have asked these young women to separate themselves from their own homes, to hold themselves in readiness to go wherever the Board shall assign them, to engage in every kind of Christian service as pastor's assistants, mission workers and nurses and that the allowance given them is barely sufficient for clothing and personal necessities, it becomes apparent that we are bound by every consideration of justice to provide a comfortable home where they may find needed retirement and rest after the exacting labors of their daily ministeries. Besides we need such a Home as a place of training for those young women who are seeking preparation for this beautiful field of Christian service.

The Board has received \$172.35 from the Ladies' Co-operative Board, and desires to express to the good women congratulating this important auxiliary organization its grateful appreciation not only for this financial assistance, but for the efforts they have made to stimulate interest in the work. We earnestly appeal to the women in all our churches for their sympathy and support, and ask that Deaconess Circles be formed throughout the District. Miss Estelle Gilligan, 2326 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, president of the Co-operative Board will gladly furnish information and render any assistance possible for the organization of such Circles as we have named.

The Board has two specific requests or suggestions to the Conference:

- 1. That a dependable income of at least \$1000 per annum be secured to this work, either by assessment or other means approved by the Conference.
- 2. That a Home be purchased and properly equipped for the use of our deaconesses. We believe this can be done at a cost not exceeding \$2000, and that such an arrangement can be made as will secure in rent for a portion of this home a sum sufficient to meet the interest on the purchase price.

F. T. TAGG. President.

Report W

Of the Program Committee.

Your Committee on program herewith submits its report which has been printed by the Conference church, and trusts that as far as possible the Committees conform to the schedule. We call particular attention to the arrangement for the devotional services, having them to come at 9.15 in order to accommodate those who may be entertained at a distance from the church. We also invite attention to the afternoon Conferences on themes which the Committee deems important.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report X

Of Special Committee on Wilmington Church.

The Special Committee on Wilmington Church appointed at the last session of this conference respectfully reports that during the year there have been no developments which call for any formal action on the part of the committee. The chairman of the committee visited Wilmington once with the President in the interest of the church.

We report that a Board of Trustees has been elected by the church and a meeting of the membership is to be held on the twenty-fifth of this month to authorize the sale of the church property. We recommend the continuance of a committee for the ensuing year.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report Y

Special Committee on Linthicum Heights Church.

The Special Committee on Linthicum Heights Church respectfully reports that the church was completed and opened for religious services in the early part of the Conference year.

An organization has been effected and the membership should increase as the community develops.

As the church is now established and a membership secured we recomend that the committee be discharged.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Secretary.

Report Z

Special Committee on Pastor's Quarterly Report Blanks.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following form, which has been approved by the President:

- 1. Pastoral Calls?.....
- 2. Number of Conversions?....
- 3. Number of Probationers Received?....
- 4. Number of new S. S. Scholars?.....
- 5. Have you Sunday Schools in all your churches?.....

6.	What steps are being taken for the improvement of your Young People's Work?
7.	How long have you been absent from your work, and for what purposes?
8.	Have the Conference assessments been provided for?
9.	If so, what amount has been paid, and for what interests
10.	Have you adopted a system of finance in your church, or churches, of your charge?
11.	Is there any indebtedness on church, or parsonage, property?
12.	Are you engaged in any building or improvements?
13.	If so, what is the nature of same?
14.	Are there any embarrassing conditions to hinder you in the prosecu-
	tion of your official duties?
	If so, what?

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution 1

Printing Sermon in Minutes.

RESOLVED: That E. C. Makosky be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon preached to the conference for publication in the Minutes.

G. W. HADDAWAY, L. F. WARNER.

Resolution 2

On Revising Historical Record.

WHEREAS, The great assistance and unbounded satisfaction derived from the Conference Historical Record, as last revised by Dr. T. H. Lewis, and brought down to 1903, leads us to express our high appreciation of his sacrifice and work.

Therefore, Be it resolved, That Dr. T. H. Lewis be, and he is hereby requested to continue the complication of that Record to date, 1913, in time for publication in the Minutes of 1914.

J. E. NICHOLSON,

J. M. SHERIDAN.

Resolution 3

Ministerial Education Assessment.

RESOLVED, That in the absence of official information on the subject the Board of Finance lay the same assessment as last year for Ministerial Education.

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

Resolution 4

Amending the Manual.

RESOLVED, That standing rule XII be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words between the word "shall" on the sixth line and the word "be" on the seventh line.

F. T. LITTLE, H. L. ELDERDICE.

Resolution 5

Pledging Support to Anti-Saloon League.

RESOLVED, That we congratulate the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland upon the completion of its \$25000 campaign Fund and its Superintendent upon the increasing expression of fear and hostility from the liquor camp and assure him that we are ready to follow the management of the League in whatever procedure it deems necessary for the promotion of our welfare against the liquor traffic.

F. T. TAGG, J. L. NICHOLS.

Resolution 6

On Payment of Money to Mrs. Wright.

RESOLVED, In the payment to Mrs. Florence Wright, widow of Rev. H. F. Wright, the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars from the Superannuated Fund during the interim of conference 1912 and 1913, the action of the Conf. Treasurer is hereby approved.

J. M. SHERIDAN, F. T. TAGG.

Resolution 7

On Merging the Md. Educa. Endow. Soc. with Md. Conf. Trustees.

RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore City, be hereby requested and instructed to seek proper legal advice as to the legality of merging the Maryland Educational Endowment Society, of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore City, into the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and report their findings to the next session of the Maryland Annual Conference.

H. L. ELDERDICE. F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 8

Charges Deficient in Pastor's Salary.

WHEREAS, There are not a few charges which annually fail to pay the pastor's salary in full and there seems to be no redress for the pastors, BE IT RESOLVED, That all charges which hereafter fail to pay the Pastor's salary in full be required to make explanation through the delegate to the Conference.

F. P. KRAUSS, SAMUEL ROL.

Resolution 9

Changing Evening Program.

WHEREAS, The uncertainty of the Completion of Conference business in time for adjournment at noon to-morrow, may prevent many members leaving on the 1 o'clock train, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the program for to-night be so changed as to permit a session of the Conference.

H. L. ELDERDICE, W. A. MELVIN.

Resolution 10

Amendment to Manual.

Rule 10; Section 3; Insert after the words Standing District "Trustees of Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other societies and organizations of this Conference."

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, G. I. HUMPHREYS.

Resolution 11

Concerning dates of Summer Conference and Camp Meetings

In view of the meeting of the Summer Conference at Westminister August 4-8 next,

. RESOLVED, That the camp meeting committees be requested to fix the dates thereof so as to avoid those of the Summer Conference.

L. A. BENNETT, L. B. SMITH.

Resolution 12

That the pastors of all delinquent charges in the matter of General Conference Assessments are urged to collect the amount due and forward to Rev. G. Q Bacchus, Treasurer of the Fund, by June 1st.

F. T. LITTLE, G. I. HUMPHRIES.

Resolution 13

On Bethany Church.

RESOLVED, That the President of this Conference be authorized to appoint on the Building Committee of Bethany Church, Batimore, one man or more, from the Conference, as he may determine.

This is in harmony with the Quarterly Conference action.

BENJ. A. BRYAN, J. W. BALDERSTON.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society

The Superannuated Fund Society met at 10.00 a.m., with First Vice-President J. L. Mills, in the chair.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray for his splendid service to the Superannuated Fund Society.

A vote of thanks to the Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather, was also extended for his service rendered to the Society.

Election of officers and Managers of the Society.

Officers: First Vice-President, J. L. Mills; Second Vice-President, F. T. Benson; Third Vice-President, C. M. Compher; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, E. L. Bunce; Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers, Ministerial members, J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway,

J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Judefind.

Lay Members, Daniel Baker, T. A. Murray, Dr. E. B. Fenby and J. B. Mills.

No further business the Society adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, Sect'y, Pro-tem.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR APRIL 1912-1913

Thomas A Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society

Permanent Fund.

To Balance per last report			\$2008	69
To amts. received in redemption, \$2000, Consol. Gas.				
E. L. & P. Co. notes	\$2000	00		
To \$1000. Columbus Water Co. Bond (through Re-				
ceivers)	925	00.		
Balance of Principal Martin Mortgage	100	00		
Conference Parsonage Loan, on account	500	00		
	\$3525	00		
To Balance account Drinkhouse Legacy\$ 355 70				
To amt. from C. P. Nowlin, Steward1479 14	1834	84	5359	84
	8		27268	5.2

To amt. invested in Mortgage Loan	\$6200	00		
To Balance on deposit to credit Permanent Fund	1168	53	\$7368	53
Income Account.	8			
To amt, of Income from Investments collected	\$6044	44		
To Interest on Deposits in Bank	105	86	\$6150	30
By 1913 Taxes on Securities paid \$79 94			3	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box paid 5 00				
By expenses of collecting, etc 75 00	159	94		٠
To amt, remitted to C. P. Nowlin, Steward:	→ 8			
July 22, 12, Check #191\$1600 00				
Oct. 22, 12, Check #193 1454 44				
Jan. 23, 13, Check #194 1408 29				
Check #197 herewith 1527 63	5990	36	\$6150	30

Respectfully submited,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treas.

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

J. W. KIRK, G. W. HADDAWAY.

Auditing Committee.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS

- 1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuated 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 Conference Treasurer shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, and shall make a quarterly distribution of the funds, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

- 6. 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? Age of your children, respectively?
 - 4. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
 - 5. Do your children attend Sabbath School? If not, why not?
 - 6. What is the amount of your private income?

Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society convened on Tuesday at 10.30 A. M. with Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., in the chair. C. R. Strausburg was elected Secretary

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected. President, J. L. Mills; 1st Vice-President J E. Maloy; 2nd Vice-President, B. F, Ruley; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg.

The Board of Managers—Ministers, J. M. Sheridan, J. S. Bowers, T. O. Crouse, G. I. Humphreys; Laymen, W. W. Smith, J. N. Gilbert, J. Bibb Mills, J. H. Roberts. Adjourned.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.

1912								
July 2	21st,	from	Rev.	J.	E.	Massey	\$ 62	00
Aug.	8th.	from	Rev.	H.	В.	Jester	14	00

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	22	00
Sept. 5th, from Rev. G. A. Ogg	44	
Oct. 6th, from Rev. F. D. Reynolds	40	
Dec. 4th, from Rev. A. B. Dupuy	102	3611-3601
Dec. 7th, from Rev. E. D. Stone		*1000
1918	35	00
Jan. 27th, from Rev. Jno. A. Wright Feb. 13th, from Rev. C. M. Compher	52	0.000
Feb. 14th, from Rev. Louis Randall	90	
Mar. 1st from Rev. J. Ralph Wright	21	
Mar. 5th, from Rev. J. M. Holmes	15	
Mar. 17th, from Rev. F. S. Cain	35	00
Mar. 21st, from Rev. J. McLain Brown		00
Mar. 21st, from Rev. J. McDain Blown	177.5	8.6
Total from Charges	557	00
1912	1	09
July 1st, Interest on Deposit	215	
Aug. 14th, from Estate of Mrs. Lydia E. Brubaker	210	• •
Dec. 7th, from Estate of Mrs. Eversole widow of Rev. A. S.	343	96
Eversole	010	
1913	2	12
Jan. 1st, Interest on Deposits	_	00
Mar. 25th, from Rev. J. S. Bowers		
	\$617	17
1912	¥02.	
Dec. 7th, Paid on account of Note of J. Seth Linthicum \$341 96		
One Seal	343	96
One bear		
Balance	273	21
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Disbursements.		
Disputsements.		
1912		
Paid Rev. J. M. Sheridan advanced on appropriation to Christ Ch	urch	
Oct. 20th \$ 50 00		
Nov. 16th 100 00		
1913		
Mar. 12th 100 00		
	\$250	0 0
1912	,	
Dec. Paid Rev. C. W. Bates part of approprition to Greensbor	0	
charge		1 66
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1913	SOCIETIES	9	113
	Paid Seth H. Lithicum executing Mtg. on Linthicum Heights Church	98	00
1913			
	5th, To Chas. C. Fulton, Advertisement		50
0.000	23rd. Stamps etc	2	00
	Paid Rev. McLain Brown on appropriation	100	00
	Total	\$502	16
	Check to Rev. E. H. Jones Conference Steward	54	84
	Total	\$557	00
,	Bank account Maryland Savings Bank.		
1912			
Apr.	WIG DOT JUDGES PORTE TO	\$ 53	74
July	1st. Interest on Deposit 1 09		
	. 9th, Deposit		
Dec.	7th Deposit		
1913			
	1st Interest on Deposit		
Mar.	25th, Deposit		
	Total	617	17
		\$670	91
1912		343	96
Dec. 1913	7th, By Check	010	30
Mar.	31st Balance	\$326	95

CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS

T. HARRY BARTLETT, Treasurer.

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 Con-

ference 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 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.
- 10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.
- 11. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.
- 12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.
- 13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

- 14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.
- 15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.
- 16. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.
- 17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.
- 18. Hereafter, 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 naming the members of this committee from time to time, to retain a sufficient number of those familiar with its work to secure hest 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 ald, shall be guided by the information contained in the blanks; and the changes 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 withold 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."

correct.

The Mutual Relief Association

The Mutual Relief Association convened Monday morning, April 7, 1913, with Rev. J. E. Nicholson in the chair and Rev. J. A. Weigand, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following officers were elected: J. E. Nicholson, 1st Vice-President; G. Q. Bacchus, 2nd Vice-President; G. A. Ogg, 3rd Vice President; J. A. Weigand, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Lewis the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the 1st Vice-President and Secretary be empowered to draw up a blank form to present to new members making application for membership in the Association.

On motion, the Secretary of the Conference was requested to publish the entire roll of membership in the Conference Minutes.

On motion the Association adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec'y-Treas.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the Year ending April 2nd, 1913.

Amount in hand from 35th Advance Case	\$	159	00
Amount in hand from 36th Advance Case		160	00
Amount in hand from 37th Advance Case		149	00
Amount in hand from 38th Advance Case		147	00
Expense of collecting 35th case		4	00
Expense of collecting 36th case		4	00
Expense of collecting 37th case		4	00
Expense of collecting 38th case		4	00
		\$16	00
Paid Mrs. W. S. Phillips	\$	154	00
Paid Rev. J. M. Sheridan		154	00
Paid Mrs. R. S. Rowe		144	0.0
Paid Mrs. C. S. Arnett		143	00
		\$595	00
Deceased during year			4
Now on roll			164
Total number lasped			3
Rev. C. E. Dryden and Rev. A. W. Mather were appointed	an	audit	ing
Committee. The Committee reported the Secretary-Treasur			

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMBERS OF MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

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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.

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Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant	1820	1846	1894
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William Greenbury Holmes	1822	1855	1900
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OBITUARIES

Rev. William Sherman Phillips

Rev. William Sherman Phillips, of the Maryland Conference, who died in Newark, N. J., July 10, 1912, was born near Cambridge, Dorchester County, Md., January 14, 1868. His father was the late Mr. George C. Phillips, who died of gunshot wounds, accidentally received while duckshooting in 1875, and his mother, who still survives, was Miss M. A. Sherman, of the same county. A brief biographical sketch, published in a St. Michaels paper some years ago, credits him with having "descended on both sides from some of the oldest and best families of Dorset."

His early education was secured in the public schools of Cambridge, Md., and upon leaving the academy of that place at an early age he accepted a position in the office of the "Cambridge Era", where he learned the newspaper and printing business. Developing talent for literary work and growing taste for journalism led him, in 1885, to venture the publication, on his own account, of a weekly newspaper-"The Cambridge Globe". In this enterprise he was soon joined by Mr. Harry Thompson, a young man of similar tastes and aims. The labors and ambitions of the young men in this particular direction soon ended, however, the office and entire plant being swept away by fire in 1886. With this apparent providential interference in their plans and efforts there came again to the young companions, more definitely and powerful, perhaps, than ever, the call of the spirit to "leave all and preach the Gospel". This time their answer was prompt and complete. Mr. Thompson entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the church of his family, while Brother Phillips entered the Seminary at Westminister, Md., to finish preparation for the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, which was the church of his family and choice. After a three years course he graduated from the Seminary in the spring of 1889. Joining the Maryland Conference the same spring he received his first appointment as associate pastor with Rev. J. M. Sheridan of Jefferson Circuit, serving the charge most acceptably for two years. His subsequent pastorates were, Mount Tabor, Washington, D. C., Saint Michaels, Eutaw, Harrington, Del., Crisfield, Salisbury, and Newark, N. J., from which latter place he passed into higher life and light and glory of immortal service.

On the 8th day of January, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Eva Louise Thomas, of Washington, D. C. It was indeed the union of loving hearts and congenial spirits, each the compliment of the other

and both true helpmates in the home, the church and the general work of life. Now the one is taken and the other, with her five boys, is left. How gladly they would have had him stay with them here, and how willingly he would have remained for the sake of the precious wife and dear boys. But God said, "It is enough, come up higher". He answered, "I have much to live for; nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done".

For ten years he was, by unanimous choice, the efficient secretary of the Maryland Conference, rendering in the office, to use the words of Dr. T. H. Lewis of this committee, "a notable service—notable not only in length of service, exceeding any previous occupant, but in striking efficiency and progressiveness raising that office to a value and dignity it had never known". The writer bears cheerful and loving testimony to the painstaking care and enthusiastic pleasure with which he studied and toiled in the secretaryship during the five years we were closely associated in official duties.

Brother Phillips possessed a charm of manner, a gentleness of disposition, a simplicity and sincerity of spirit which made him a welcome guest in any circle, and a dear companion of all pure-minded people. He exalted comradeship to delightful privilege and glorified friendship as a sacred thing. Hence no Ahithophel's treachery or Judas-kisses ever marred the sweet, disinterested relations with the chosen ones of his heart and fellowship. He was, indeed, "a man without airs, without pretence or anything approaching affectation". Dr. Lewis, in his funeral address at Salisbury, called him "brave, true, gentle, broad-minded, wisehearted, capable, conscientious, following after holiness with sincerity."

Mr. William K. Hill, of Washington, D. C., writes thus of him, "Sherman and I became friends while he was a student at the Seminary and I a student at Western Maryland College in 1886-7, and my appreciation of his lovable qualities grew with the years. Always of a cheerful disposition a man who could smile when everything went dead wrong—broad-minded, conscientious, true and noble; always the same to everyone. In addition he had remarkable business capacity. If he had entered commercial life he would, I am sure, have been a very successful business man. But he loved his church and her interests and work were first, last and always supreme with him. His loss to the church will be deeply felt and his place in the Conference hard to fill. But while some one will be found to take his place there, there is, alas, no one who can fill his place in my life".

Rev. A. N. Ward, of the committee, writes: "Sherman Phillips was a minister of the kind most needed in this day. First of all he was saved himself by the grace he offered as a saving thing to others. And next to that he had a high sense of the honor and nobility of his calling, and the message of a manly man to manly men. He understood men and drew them to himself by the magnetism of a perfectly sincere personality. There was

no sham or pretense about him. Men loved and trusted him and liked to have him around. He was a welcome friend everywhere.

"At the summer conference of 1911 he delivered one of the very best addresses of the whole conference. I had never heard him speak in a public address before; but hearing him then I mentally fixed upon him as one of the really strong men of the Maryland Conference, possessed of the kind of eloquence most appreciated in this day, and with a message that busy men are willing to stop to listen to. I regarded him as one of my best friends and looked forward to a happy ministry with him at my side. But God has taken the one and left the other. I can not fathom the mystery, but I know that my poor heart will take a fresh courage many a time when I think of him who has gone on, but who lives in my heart and in the hearts of many others as well".

Mr. Edwin A. Kirch, of Newark, also of the committee, says, "You know the feeling I had for him and anything you may write of his sterling qualities will be approved by me. I always had the greatest admiration for him as a man and as a minister of the Gospel, and felt that he was the kind of man I wished I could be. I especially admired his frankness and honesty of thought".

Mr. Fred P. Adkins assures us that "Brother Phillips' memory is dear to the hearts of many people in Salisbury. His influence with those who knew him intimately was remarkable, and his success as a pastor in many ways, I think, quite wonderful. Being one of the most companionable of men, and deeply interested in the welfare of all those about him, he made many staunch friends who will always revere his memory".

As a preacher Brother Phillips was plain, direct, persuasive, intelligent, spiritual and evangelistic; easily recognized by his hearers as one whose life gave emphasis and interpretation to his message because the root of the matter within him. He preached a Gospel whose power he had personally tested, and he preached it without frills, or catch-phrases, or sensational headlines, or any kind of freak furnishings, but simply and in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. And was not that the reason he could truly be called a genuine Gospel preacher And that of him it was so often said, "He is a man's man and in every church he served he found and held the best men there."

As a pastor he was the personification of faithfulness, sympathy and tenderness among his flock. The poor and the sick loved him and watched for his coming as thirsty souls long for refreshing from cooling springs; the sorrowing and bereaved leaned upon him and found him granite for strength and wisdom for help; the burdened and distressed found in him a strong arm of support and a wooing voice of comfort, while to the guilty and the sin-sick he offered a helping hand and taught a saving grace. In all these respects his praise will be found in the churches he served. He

deeply loved the work to which God had called him, and the denomination in which he found the field of that work by the same divine call, as he verily believed. He felt the call to the ministry and the field in wheh that ministry was to become effective to be not only coincidental but in a large sense inter-dependent. Consequently he could never dream himself larger than the church in which God had given him his labor of love and salvation. but was want to regard such dreams in whomsoever found the result of an inflated egotism born not from above. Hence he loved the Methodist Protestant Church and the Maryland Conferece with unforced enthusiasm, and labored therein with diligence, delighted to find in it the suitable, sufficient. satisfying place of his God-given vocation. But he was no bigot, no sectarian, no mere denominationalist. He was big enough, broad enough. pious enough to love all the churches and people who were laboring to save the lost children of our common Father. Well has Dr. Lewis said of him; "His love for his church was intelligent as well as enthusiastic; and his confidence in her was so strong and founded on so clear a perception of her excellence that he indulged himself freely in the heartiest fraternity with other denominations without the thought ever occurring to him, I am sure, that he had to be on his guard lest he love other Christians too well".

The Conference responded to his love and labor in its behalf by a steadily increasing appreciation, love and confidence in him as a worthy son and co-worker in the kingdom and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ, as was shown not only by retaining him for more than a decade in the responsible office of secretary of the body, but also by electing him to two General Conferences. He was everywhere and always a gentleman, a Christian and a worthy representative of a worthy constituency. And it is safe to add, that, could we have kept him with us we would have continued to delight to honor him as he would undoubtedly have continued to honor us.

The writer knew Sherman Phillips long and well and loved him dearly. He was the soul of honor, the embodiment of sincerity; a living epistle of friendship; a true minister of Jesus Christ, a tender, loving shepherd of the flock of God; a brother beloved. And withal such a genuine man, thinking for himself, reaching conclusions by logical and conscientious courses of reasoning—by investigation, comparison, analogy, earnest testing—and when a conclusion was thus reached he stood on an intelligent, solid foundation from which he could not easily be moved. Suggestive whisperings, cajoling taps on the back, honeyed-words of flattery, even threats of reprisal were alike unavailing to swerve him from his honestly chosen course. Such a man could not crucify responsibility by doing what some other men told him to do, and simply because he told him to do it, or be used in any position to compass the ends of designing individuals.

The crowning work of his ministry proved to be the concluding labor of his valuable life. The welding of the membership and congregations of old First and new Clinton Hill churches of Newark, N. J., into one united, harmonious, aggressive organization, with the erection of its splendid appointed house of worship, will stand an enduring monument of the commanding leadership and marked abilities of this dear man of God, whose stay among us was all too short, as we view it, and for whose presence and hepful fellowship our poor hearts cry out even now as we write. Farewell brother!"

"We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best, Good-night! Good-night! But in that clime which, nightless knows no west, Bid us some day, good morning."

Brother Phillips is survived by his mother, a half-brother, and sister, his widow and five sons. God bless them all in their great sorrow, and may the sons live to honor the name of father and comfort and help their grief-stricken mother.

Funeral services over the remains were held in the beautiful new church on Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J., -the building into the erection of which the devoted pastor had put all his energy, wisdom, skill and strength even to the breaking point. The time was eight o'clock of the evening of Thursday, July 11, 1912. Dr. J. S. Bowers, president of the Conference, was in charge of the exercises. A large gathering of the members of the church and congregation, with pastors of several neighboring churches of other denominations, attested their grief and sympathy over the departure of the loved pastor, friend and neighbor, and for his suffering widow and fatherless boys. Sweet and tender music was impressively ren-President Bowers and F. T. Little made addresses. Joseph F. Folsom, pastor of Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, representing the ministers of that part of the city, read the following paper: "The ministers of the southern section of the city of Newark, neighbors of the late William S. Phillips, desire at this hour to express their earnest sympathy for his bereaved wife and sons, and for the membership of the church he served. They would also make known their sincere appreciation of the great worth and noble Christian character of their beloved brother in the ministry.

"He was a man among men and a brother among brethren, bearing always the marks of one who knows the truth and endeavors consistently to live it. His deeds equally with his words taught the doctrines of his Master.

"His faithfulness and tenderness as husband and father recognized by

all who knew him, is best known in this hour of mourning by the sorrowing family from which he has been called so early away.

"His self-denying services as pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church, thankfully recognized by its membership, are given, in the light of this sudden bereavement, a clearer revealing.

"His brother ministers, with whom he has cordially co-operated in various religious and benevolent movements, desire to testify that in everything he showed the virtues of a true Christian minister, and the manly spirit that accompanies always a true citizen. Moreover by his brotherly approachableness he won their esteem and affection. It is theirs now only to add the words of the Master: "Well done good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

On the following morning the remains were taken to Salisbury, Md., where, upon the arrival of the train, they were conveyed to the church, over which he had presided as pastor for three happy years before going to Newark. Another large gathering of appreciative friends and former parishioners, together with many of his brethren of the ministry of the Maryland Conference, paid their loving tribute to his memory. The President again had charge of the services and Dr. T. H. Lewis made the beautiful address which has already been published in the church paper. After these tender exercises his body, born by loving ministerial brethren of his own Conference, and followed by many to whom he had ministered in holy things, was laid away in the cemetery of the city to await the trumpet sound for the resurrection of the just.

F. T. LITTLE, T. H. LEWIS, A. N. WARD, W. K. HILL, E. A. KIRCH, F. P. ADKINS.

Rev. Herbert F. Wright.

Rev. Herbert F. Wright was born near Preston, Md., March 24, 1866, and died in the parsonage of the Methodist Protestant Church, at Towson, Md., Tuesday August 20, 1912, aged 46 years, 3 months and 27 days. His parents were Curtis A. and Lydia P. Wright, both of whom were held in high esteem because of their sterling worth. His boyhood education was secured in the public school of the town in which he was born.

His conversion to Christ was strongly and deeply marked. Even at the early age of eleven years, he felt the divine persuasion, and sought the Savior in the Grove Methodist Protestant Church. He was not, however, satisfied with his experience at the church altar, and though so young a lad, he was not diverted from his purpose to find his Lord, and continued in prayer and supplication in different places and at different times, and came into a glorious experience of pardon and joy while riding on the public highway.

He grew in grace, and in the favor and love of the adult people of the church, and soon he was clothed with serious spiritual responsibility in the church. At sixteen years of age his intelligence and Christian worth were so recognized that he was made the teacher of the Bible class at Grove Church, and at seventeen years he was given the very great work of presiding over the Sunday School as its superintendent.

His call to the ministry was strong and insistent. His first plan was that of a business career, and then, in his large feeling for humanity, he looked with earnest longing to medicine, especially that branch called surgery. But, underneath all his plans, and running through them was the conviction that he should preach and it seemed that God bade him to enter the ministry. The voice of God called to him at a very early age. He could not suppress it, and finally giving up business and medicine, he yielded to God, saying afterward, "I felt so urgent a call I could not resist it."

His next step was the preparation, and so he was found at Western Maryland College in 1892. Here he pursued a partial course in the college curriculum, and later, continued his studies in our Theological Seminary at Westminister, from which he graduated in 1896. From this institution he went directly into the ministry, and his name appears on our Conference minutes for that year. His ordination followed one year afterward, in 1897.

His first charge was Campbell, Va. Remaining here a year, he was next appointed to Fairfax, then successively to Reliance, Federalsburg and Towson, and from here, he passed out of Conference authority to continue his work for Jesus in the world of unseen glories.

It was while on Fairfax Charge he met the lady who was to become the queen of his home, and the helpmeet of his life. She was Miss Florence Leeds, Vice-principal of Falls Church School, a woman of culture and refinement. On March 29, 1899, they were married by Rev. A. D. Melvin, president of the Maryland Annual Conference. This proved to be through thirteen beautiful years a most happy marriage. Husband and wife labored and sacrificed together for the church, and in all the problems and trials incident to the husband's life and work, she was comfort and strength and inspiration to him, and in labors abundant, and now in her widowhood, she bears about in her heart the memory which is more precious than gold, that of a delightful happy married life. One child blessed this union, a girl, named Gertrude Lydia Virginia. Upon this child

was showered great affection, and with great fondness and hope the father pictured her future of development and education, and laid plans for her welfare only as a father's fond heart can lay them. God has taken him, but who can say that God will not arrange the plans for this darling baby?

As a preacher, Brother Wright was plain, direct, earnest, strong, gripping the heart and conscience with his warm and hearty appeals. He was thoroughly evangelical and biblical. No man ever went from his ministry with a feeling that a question mark had been dropped into his belief. He sought in his sermons spiritual fruitage in the hearts of his people, and ever called them to "a closer walk with God," and strove to preach to them "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and power."

As a pastor he manifested splendid judgment, was conservative and safe, a man of solid worth. He was tactful and of executive ability. He led and inspired in leading. He was full of enthusiasm, and others believed in impossible things because he believed in them. Of large physique, of excellent health, of bounding energy, he was not afraid to undertake great projects, even in the face of persistent statements that things could not be done. He had unflinching courage, was dauntless, undiscouraged, and unheedful of obstacles, refusing to see them.

He was painstaking, never hasty, never rushing into a work, and then rushing out, never spasmodic, but was careful, cautious, wise, thoroughly studying the needs of his work, a man of steady glow, thinking out the line of procedure, and then aggressively bending his great force to its execution, neither stopping nor turning aside because of difficulties. A sentance spoken by him to his wife a week before his illness, revealed his heart attitude toward his work as a pastor. He said, "I feel so wretched." She replied, "You have worked too hard. I do hope when we move again, we will be under less strain." He replied, "I know it is very hard, but really if I should go to a place where building was needed, I must do it."

This spirit made him very effective in accomplishment. On Reliance, two new churches were erected. His indomitable heart could not be overcome by the most trying of conditions. He found an opportunity for our church in Federasburg and quickly seized it. Our excellent church building and parsonage in this town testify to his aggressive operations. How fine was his work at Towson. Who could have thought to have seen during one pastorate such a stone structure of so much value on this charge! And, what shall we say more? Even this, that close by this church stands a splendid new parsonage finished just before he died and out at Texas, a little town a few miles from Towson, are the preparations which give testimony to the fact of another new church which was to have been begun and which would have been completed this fall and winter.

Rev. B. F. Ruley writes: "It was my pleasure to spend many days in

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his home, and I always found him the same true man. As a Christian man he was exact: upright and straight, and lived as he advised others to do. As a preacher he believed in experimental religion, his sermons were evangelical and many souls were saved by them. His fath was strong. He believed, and therefore he labored and lived in the faith of the Son of God. I shall miss him. The Conference will miss him. Although having the apparent strength of a giant, he was loving, kind, genial, sympathetic, and as gentle as a maiden."

Mr. W. O. Gent, of Glyndon, Md., and a member of the charge, writes: "In the untimely death of Herbert Wright, the Maryland Conference loses an earnest, faithful minister of the Gospel; one who labored incessantly to build up the temporal as well as the spiritual interests of the church. Being blessed wth a companion who was devoted to him, and to the Master's work, he always accomplshed the work he set out to do, or, if he failed, he 'knew the reason why.' He was withal a most genial and companionable man, whose death will be mourned by a large circle of devoted friends, in whose hearts his remembrance will ever be kept green, and who will look forward with glad anticipation to meeting him in 'that bright city,' of which he used to love to sing.'"

Rev. H. O. Keen writes: "There was no man in the Conference I was closer to. I think I knew him. Our associations were most pleasant and profitable, and I never saw anything in his life which reflected on his high calling. He was a good man. His cheerful spirit uplifted every one it touched. His loyalty and-fidelity to Christ and the church were strong marks in his character. He was a clear forceful preacher, and never for a moment compromised with or countenanced wrong doing. Everything that can be said about a good man, can be said about Herbert Wright."

Brother H. K. Muller writes: "I became acquainted with Rev. Herbert Wright about twelve years ago. Our acquaintance ripened into a very strong and lovable friendship, which continued without interruption until the day of his death. He was a devout, spiritual minded man of God. He loved his Savior, and was never better pleased than when he was serving him in ministering to the people of his charge. He was invariably bright and happy. His loss will be very great to the church. His labors were hard, but, notwithstanding the strain of his work, he was ever ready to help any who might apply to him for succor or consolation. The people of his different charges all loved and revered him as a man of God. I shall miss him so much because I loved him much. When I think of my loss in comparison to his gain, I cannot help but say, 'Blessed be the name of the Lord," and I rest in the hope that I shall meet him in the 'Sweet by and by.'"

Mr. J. Bibb Mills writes: "I first knew Herbert Wright when he was a student at the Seminary and played on the Western Maryland College

football team. He was the largest man on the hill, was one of the best guards we ever had in those days, and was one of the sweetest spirited men we had in my day. He was so large that he seemed to have a large way of looking at things. I well remember how his pleasant smile and hearty laugh would remove my troubles when I would take them to him as a boy. I have not seen a great deal of him in these latter days, but, whenever I have been thrown with him, I have been helped by his optimism happy spirit, and common sense. I can truly say that I have been benefited and blessed by knowing him, and his presence on College Hill was especially helpful to me when I was passing from boyhood to manhood, the most perilous period of every man's life, and it will never be known until the great day of judgment how many others he helped in the same way."

Funeral services were held in the new church at Towson, Md. Dr. F. T. Tagg conducted the services. He was assisted by a number of our ministers. A large number of persons were present, testifying to the great respect in which he was held in that community. His brother ministers were there in a large body, feeling deep grief of heart at his departure. At the close of these touching exercises, his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Towson to await the glories of the resurrection.

J. W. KIRK, B. F. RULEY, H. O. KEEN, O. W. GENT, H. K. MULLER, J. B. MILLS.

Rev. Robert Semple Rowe.

Rev. Robert Semple Rowe, the son of Rev. George and Lucy Rowe, was born in Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1832. He was converted in October, 1849, and licensed to preach in 1858. On November 28, 1912, he fell asleep in Jesus and entered, as we confidently believe, the church triumphant in heaven.

On December 6, 1853, he was united in marriage to Lavinia, daughter of William S. and Araminta Greenwood, of Baltimore, Md., and through fifty-nine years this excellent woman proved a true helpmate and a most devoted wife. Brother Rowe's labors as a preacher in connection with the Maryland Conference began in 1864, when he served as an assistant to Rev. L. W. Bates on Kent Circuit, embracing Chestertown, St. James and Kennedyville. At the Conference of 1865 he was ordained and sent to South Baltimore Station as pastor in charge. He remained here for two years doing heroic and effective work in a difficult situation. His subsequent

appointments were Newtown, Salem, Philadelphia, a second pastorate at South Baltimore, Northwest Mission (Lexington Street), Warwick. Talbot. Washington Street, New Market, Crisfield, North Carolina Avenue. Union Bridge, and Kennedyville. At the Conference of 1906 he was granted a superannuate relation, having spent forty-two years in active service. In the years of his vigor he shrank from no task the Conference required of him, and so far as the writer of this memoir knows, disappointed no reasonable expectation. There were difficult fields assigned him at various times and some labors that taxed all of his rare gifts as an administrator; but in every case he was faithful and energetic and made a record no man among us can despise and all might covet. Few members of the Maryland Conference were more widely known in our district or more respected and beloved than he. His genial spirit, his courteous bearing, his unblemished character, his efficient labors, his earnest pulpit ministrations and his constructive genius as an admnistrator in church affairs, gave him an honored place in our ranks and will make sweet and precious his memory for many years to come.

Perhaps the most conspicuous triumph of his ministry in the way of material improvement was in connection with his pastorate at Washington Street. 'No greater achievement has been accomplished in the way of church extension in our Baltimore work than was the building of the splendid church known among us as Alnutt Memorial. A remarkable train of providences made possible this notable achievement, but it is none the less true that the wisdom, energy and administrative ability of Brother Rowe were splendidly exhibited in the enterprise, and whatever honor may be justly given to others who carried forward the work he began, our church property at Chester and Lombard Streets stands as a monument to the constructive genius and unremitting toil of the subject of this memoir."

Brother Rowe was a fervid, evangelical preacher, delighting to declare the wonderful love of God and to bring forth from the treasures of the Word the soul-inspiring messages that cluster about the cross of Jesus Christ. He was a preacher loyal to the great doctrines of the Gospel concerning sin and grace, and he gave his hearers the deep and abiding things that stand vitally related to present and eternal salvation. And not only was he evangelical, but fervid; a glow of genuine emotion gave warmth and impressiveness to his preaching and men and women were moved and greatly helped under his ministry. There is no joy on earth equal to that of one who has gone out in the name and in the spirit of the great Shepherd, and has found the wandering sheep, and has seen it laid upon the shoulder of the good Shepherd and carried home to the fold. This joy was often given to our brother, and the seals to his ministry are to be found in almost every congregation he served. But not alone in the pulpit did our brother fulfill his great vocation. He was a faithful pastor, and by his kind and sympa-

thetic ministries in the homes of his people won their confidence and affection. Mr. James H. Roberts, a member of this obituary committee, writes: "In my home the memory of R. S. Rowe will ever linger as a sweet perfume. He was the pastor of the first Methodist Protestant Church I ever attended, then known as Washington Street Station. I was not a member of his church at that time, but was often found in his congregation. His sermons were preached with so much fervor, zeal and power that I was impressed that his greatest object was to win souls to Christ. Later on he united my wife and me in matrimony and baptised our only surviving child. Of course I learned to love him. His example as well as his preaching invited the thirsty to the living waters. Many times his words of encouragement in the hours of despondency were like the shouts of victory amid the roar of battle. He stood out as a bright beacon and as I know, many mariners over the tempestuous sea of life were warned by him of the hidden shoals and rocky shores and guided into a safe haven."

The last years of Brother Rowe's life were spent in Baltimore and in fellowship with North Baltimore Church. Here he was found with great regularity on the Lord's Day, except when he was called to preach in some other church. To the pastor he was a most valuable co-worker and a sympathetic and helpful friend and brother, and to the entire congregation his presence, his prayers and his occasional sermons were grateful inspirations. In this church his funeral rites were held in the presence of a large congregation on Sunday afternoon, December 1, 1912. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Gray, the Scriptures were read by Rev. F. T. Tags, D. D., and the address was by the pastor of the church, T. O. Crouse.

Besides the bereaved widow there are two children, a son and a daughter, and several grandchildren to mourn the loss they have sustained in the departure of this good man and loyal soldier of Jesus Christ.

W. D. LITSINGER,
T. O. CROUSE,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
DANIEL BAKER,
JAMES H. ROBERTS,
FRANK W. LEWIN.

Rev. Charles S. Arnett.

Rev. Charles S. Arnett was born in Baltimore, July 22d, 1852, and passed to his heavenly home February 4th, 1913. In early life he was converted and united with Broadway Methodist Protestant Church.

In a brief history of his life, which he wrote just previous to his death, he states that shortly after his conversion he felt the consciousness that it was his duty to preach the gospel. He first made known his

convictions to W. J. Neepier, A. A. Harryman and F. T. Little, who were then his associates in Broadway Church. He received encouragement from his pastor, Rev. Peter Light Wilson, and under him began the study of theology. Later he entered Western Maryland College, from which he graduated in June. 1874. In the Fall of the same year Dr. David Wilson, President, appointed him a supply on Accomac Circuit as assistant to Rev. I. T. Adkins.

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In March, 1875, he was received into the Maryland Conference, and sent as assistant to Rev. J. M. Holmes on Dorchester Circuit. He was ordained an Elder in 1878, and on December 24th, of the same year, was married to Fannie C. Whillock, the daughter of Rev. B. Whillock, of the Primitive Methodist Church, who proved a loving and devoted companion and shared with him the trials and triumphs of a long itinerant career.

From 1874 to 1901, a period of twenty-seven years, he was in the active ministry. In April, 1901, on account of serious throat affection, and also to enable him to settle his father's estate, he was left without an appointment, which relation was continued until April 1908 when, his health not having improved, his relation was changed to that of a Supernumerary, and he was assigned to the Quarterly Conference of West Baltimore Station, During this period, he did supply work in Baltimore and assisted the pastors wherever his services were needed, and his health permitted. In the twenty-seven years of his active ministry some of the charges he served were weak and the salary small, so that he knew by experience the privations and sacrifices of the itinerant minister. In it all he endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

He was an intelligent and forceful preacher of the gospel, a successful administrator of church interests, and on the various charges he served many souls were converted, and in a number of instances extensive material improvements were made to the church property. Although deprived of the privilege of continuing in the active work, he never lost his interest in his beloved church, to which he had given his life. In fact, his devotion to the church, and his loved brethren, became more ardent as the years passed, and he was never so happy as when joining the people in worship in the sanctuary, or having social and personal communion with his brethren of the ministry.

He recently purchased a beautiful home, at Mt. Alto, Baltimore, and, surrounded by a loving family, was situated to enjoy life when he was stricken and after a brief illness, was called from the earthly home to the "House not made with hands eternal in the heavens," His was a life well spent and for such death has no terrors. He knew whom he believed, and was fully persuaded that he was able to keep that which was committed unto him against that day.

Rev. E. C. Makosky writes as follows: "My intimate relationship with

Brother Arnett dates from April 1909, when I became pastor of West Baltimore Station; he was then, and continued throughout my pastorate the Supernumerary assistant pastor of that church. He was a clear, convincing and effective preacher, a generous and sympathetic listener, and a wise counselor.

During the years of our association, Brother Arnett's physical condition prevented him from doing all he would like to have done for Christ and the Church, but as far as his strength allowed he gave himself to the work, and often when he knew, the attempt would cause him suffering and distress he gave generously to the church and poor, and in every way proved himself a consecrated servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a worthy minister of His word."

Professor Edward Reisler, another member of the Committee, gives this tribute to his memory; "I was a fellow student of the Rev. C. S. Arnett, at the Western Maryland College. In his college days, as well as in the years of his ministry, he was ever the Christian gentleman. Decided in his convictions, settled in his faith, orthodox in his preaching and consistent in his life is the sum total of the impress of his character left upon the mind of his college mates and his friends and associates of later years. It is a pleasure, sad though it be, to add this testimony to the noble spirit of Brother Arnett".

Mr. T. A. Murray, another member of the Committee, adds this testimonial. "There is much of a personal nature that I could say and would take pleasure in saying were it appropriate to this memorial. Personally, I feel that I have lost a true Christian friend and brother. It is but fitting that special recognition should be made of the valued services of Brother Arnett to West Baltimore church during the years he sustained supernumerary relation thereto. Rich in Christian experience, wise in counsel, forceful and helpful in his sermons and ever ready to lend his aid to pastor and people in furthering the interest of our Church, his association with us has proven an inspiration to all towards a better life and greater devotion to the Master's work. He had proved to be and was regarded and honored as an assistant pastor in the true sense, and in his death our local church has especially sustained a great loss. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. J. S. Bowers, President of the Conference, assisted by a number of our ministers. Many friends were present to attest their sympathy and The Maryland Sunday School Association, of which he had long been a member and recording secretary, was represented by the president and several other members. There were also representatives from the Orders of Masons and Odd Fellows, the latter participting in the burial services. Sister Arnett, with her five children, all of whom are grown and filling honored positions in life, feel very deeply the loss they have sustained in the death of a loving husband and devoted father, but they have the rich legacy of his consistent life and noble character and inspiration towards the lofty ideals to which they should aspire in all their living and labors.

J. M. SHERIDAN, E. C. MAKOSKY, F. C. KLEIN, DANIEL BAKER, T. A. MURRAY, EDWARD REISLER.

Rev. Samuel Joseph Smith.

Rev. Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D., was born in Caroline County, Maryland, August 17, 1854. He received his early education in the public schools, and afterward graduated with honor at Washington College, Chestertown Md., he being the valedictorian of his class. He was received into the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1887 and was appointed to Dorchester Circuit as assistant Pastor. He subsequently served Snow Hill, Howard, Broadway, Ellicott City, Crumpton, St. Michaels, Alexandria, Queen Anne, Eutaw, Central, Seaford, Oxford, Salisbury, Stewartstown and Harrington; and on account of failing health was superannuated in 1910. After a heroic but vain struggle to regain his health to preach again the Gospel, he entered into rest March 26, 1913.

While Pastor at Ellicott City he was married to Miss Rose Ella Pearchon made him a faithful wife, and a helpful companion until her health broke down, when she was tenderly nursed by her devoted husband until her spirit took its flight to the bosom of her Savior, after twenty-five years of married life. Two children were born of this union, both of whom attained their majority, but both, after prolonged suffering, preceded their father to the better land. While stationed at Harrington, Delaware, Dr. Smith was married to Miss Rebecca Shockley, and this union promised much happiness to both and they worked together enthusiastically to help the church and people of Harrington, thinking of many years of successful work together for the cause of the Savior they both so dearly loved, but this earthly ministry was soon to close, and Harrington was the last Charge he served as Pastor.

In 1900, his Alma Mater, Washington College, in recognition of his scholastical attainments, and his character as a minister of the Gospel conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Doctor Smith was converted in boyhood under the ministry of Rev. William G. Holmes. Being awakened to a sense of his spiritual condition he went to the altar of prayer, but not finding relief there he continued to pray, and in a field he found peace and was made to rejoice in the

knowledge that he was saved from sin; and he gave his life to the Lord who saved him. My acquaintance with him began in 1879 when he was appointed assistant pastor on Howard Circuit. The previous year he had traveled with Rev. W. M. Strayer on Snow Hill Circuit, then comprising the present Snow Hill, Franklin City, and part of New Church Charges. It had been a year of toil and of glorious revivals. I found him modest, unassuming but with strong convictions which he was bold to maintain. He lived in my home, was one of my family for more than a year. He was He was genial in the home, pious, studious, zealous, faithful, efficient. and my children loved him as a brother. We read together, studied the Word together, visited together, prayed together, compared experiences and criticised each other's sermons. Our mutual affection beginning then, intensified as the years passed on. He had a passion for souls. We had been holding a meeting for nearly two weeks without conversions. brethren thought it time to close the meeting. Brother Smith said "Let us pray again", and he led in prayer, a prayer I have never forgotten, how with earnest, fervent entreaty, with streaming eyes and aching heart he plead for souls, and the revival began, and souls were won for Christ.

As a preacher, Brother Smith was clear, forceful, earnest, and he had the ability to convince his hearers. His sermons were carefully prepared after consulting the original language of his text, but he rarely used notes in their delivery. As a pastor he was industrious and he sought to be helpful to those he visited.

He was a clean man. He had a clean heart, a clean mind and clean lips. He was unselfish; he loved God with all his heart, he loved his fellow men and he loved to serve. He was practical, used no sensational methods, he believed the Bible to be the Word of God, and he would win men by the Word. He abhorred evil and was zealous in his efforts to overcome the evil, and his zeal and success in this direction would sometimes arouse the antagonism of evil men, but he was so true and so fair that even his antagonists respected and honored him. When appointed to Seaford he found a congregation not large, worshiping in a small church unattractive in appearance, but during his pastorate there his faith and courage inspired the people to build, and the present substantial and beautiful brick structure stands a monument to his zeal, enterprise, sacrifice and faith and his ability to secure the co-operation of the people. He was very popular in Seaford and his name is held in affectionate remembrance by many both in and out of the church.

At Salisbury, the church was remodeled and enlarged, the congregation and membership increased, he was found in the homes of the sick and of the poor and won for himself a large place in the hearts of the people. He had a sick family, and often when worn with nursing, without sleep and without rest he would attend to his duties as pastor. He led in the splen-

did fight to banish the licensed saloon from the town, and largely through his efforts the town became dry.

In 1907 he was selected by the President of the Conference to preach the Conference sermon, and his sermon showed the President made no mistake in his selection.

While pastor at Harrington a severe attack of Grip disabled him, and after seeking medical advice he went to Penna., to a Sanatorium in hope of regaining his health. Not getting well there he went to Pittsville, Md., thence to a Maryland Sanatorium, thence to Stewartstown, Pa., among his his former parishioners who loved him, and again to Pittsville, Md., where he was tenderly cared for by his devoted wife and loving friends. longed to be well again that he might preach the Gospel of the blessed God, and made a brave fight against disease. In his sick room; on the porch of his home he thought out sermons. He told me he had clearer visions of the Christ, and that the Scriptures were more precious to him during his illness than ever before. Such was his zeal and love for Christ and for souls that during his illness whenever opportunity offered he preached; and only on the Sunday before his departure from earth he made a touching address in the church at Pittsville. His faith in Christ as the all-sufficient Savior never wavered. He was patient in suffering and hopeful to the end. He loved his brethren of the Conference and was interested in all that concerned them.

A letter written a few days before his decease said, "The struggle for health does not seem encouraging, but in the spiritual warfare I shall win out." He frequently wrote of the great comfort he received in reading the word of God, and from the conscious presence of Jesus Christ and His sustaining grace. Now, the struggle for earthly life has ended, but we can exclaim with the Apostle, O Death where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our brother has gone to be crowned! He has left a good record on earth, and his godly example, his exemplary life, his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ and his zeal for His cause live in the memory of those who knew him; and he lives in the hearts of many who were won to Christ by him. His Savior is our Savior; and may we, by the grace of God, also win out and meet him in the skies. When the Conference Roll was called a few days ago the voice of Brother Smith did not respond, but he had answered to the roll-call of the glorified saints of God in that land where the inhabitants are never sick, and where there is no more death. May the bereaved ones be comforted in their great sorrow by the great Comforter Who abideth for ever. A. W. MATHER.

W. M. STRAYER, C. M. CULLUM, W. E. SHEPPARD,

L. W. HURLEY.

Mrs. Catherine Alverda Read

Mrs. Catherine Alverda Read was born in Baltimore, February 7, 1831, and entered "the heavenly places" February 21, 1912. She was richly related; the daughter of the honored Edward C. Thomas; the wife of Rev. J. Edgar Read, whose memory after thirty-five years yet lingers as sweet incense; the sister-in-law of Rev. William S. Hammond, another of the most beloved of our ministers, and the loving and beloved mother of our Edgar T. Read, now in the ardent morning of his ministry.

Mrs. Read was converted when about fourteen years of age in Fayette Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Her activity, which at once began, found its special shere in the Sunday School; it gave her delight in the days of her strength, and the memory of it was her comfort when the disability of age fell on her. But it was rather within the lines marked out by her sanctified affections, her "work of faith and labor of love" was done. Quite to midlife, with a measure of devotion that reserved nothing, she gave herself up to minister to her idolized father; then, at his death, came the very abundant affection to her husband through the brief years he was spared; and then, for the thirty-five years of her widowhood, she poured out her her life to rear her child in an atmosphere fragrant with the memory of his father, to induce in him the piety that hallowed that father and fit him to complete the ministry of that father so prematurely closed. Very quietly it was all done, for her life was "the moving tide asleep, too deep for sound or foam." It meant sorrow; that which came of frequent bereavement and care and pain, and even more of tender sensitiveness; but it was born in still patience. It meant dwelling in "the secret place of the Most High;" an intimacy with God that made no sign except in the unfailing patience and love which is only maintained when "the dews of sorrow are lustered by His love;" and in annotated passages in her Bible found when she was gone, like these: Fear not: I will keep thee, saith Jehovah thy King, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Fear not: I will keep thee, I have called thee by thy name. Thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and when thou walkest in the fire thou shalt not be burned.'

Before me are the words in which her pastors of recent years express their appreciation of Mrs. Read. Rev. J. W. Kirk writes: "She lived with an unfailing devotion to the spiritual idea. She was a godly woman, with holy purposes and aims, wishing nothing better than to be a humble Christian, fulfilling the will of God and making the world better. She loved to do right and feared to do wrong because the love of God was in her heart. Her church and her pastor were always dearly loved, and the interest of her life centered in the welfare of God's cause. She was the loving keeper of a loving home, and she left behind her a memory both sweet and delight-

ful." Rev. E. C. Makosky sums up all in one phase, "She was a beautiful character, a devout Christian and an effcient worker. Those who knew her esteemed her most highly and cherished her memory as a benediction."

The passing days were full of pain and peace. In the room where she was confined the little Catherine, her grandchild, played, preferring to play there; the little one chattering to the feeble matron in her unknown words, the aged mother's heart pouring out an unknown love on the dear child of her child. The last night her son helped her to her bed, and, softly returning before he retired, found that her spirit had flown; the cover he had smoothed was not disturbed or moved. "God kissed her and she slept." A great tearful company met for the last service love and esteem could render, and in Loudon all that was mortal of her was laid in hope.

"Beyond the smiling and the weeping we shall be soon."

D. L. GREENFIELD. For the Committee.

Mrs. Octavia Galloway Bunce.

Mrs. Octavia Galloway Bunce, wife of Rev. Edward L. Bunce, of the Maryland Conference, now stationed at Hallwood, Va., departed this life November 11, 1912, after an illness of twenty days, with typhoid fever. Mrs. Bunce was born in Havre de Grace, Md., November 22, 1884. She moved to Baltimore with her parents, John and Amanda Galloway, when about eight years old. Her father died about five years ago. She is survived by her husband and two small children, Leon Kenneth, aged three years, and Amanda Virginia, aged seven weeks at the time of her death. She also leaves a mother and two sisters, Mrs. William B. Schafer and Mrs. Julius Solorzano, of Baltimore, to mourn her loss, Her funeral took place in Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Thursday, November 14, 1912, and was conducted by Rev. John S. Bowers, D. D., president of the Maryland Annual Conference, assisted by Rev. J. M. Sheridan and the writer.

Before her marriage while a member of Broadway Church, she impressed her pastor with her deep Christian character and her sterling worth. She seemed well suited for a pastor's wife. She was quiet and dignified in her manner, yet pleasing and attractive in her conversation. She was faithful in the performance of her religious and church duties. She first became a member of Mispah Church of the Saviour's Mission under the pastorate of Rev. J. K. Snyder, later joining the Broadway Church by certificate during the pastorate of Rev. G. Q. Bacchus. Brother Bacchus says, "I found her to be a most useful member. She had a lovely Christian character and was a very willing worker. She was worthy of membership in any church." Rev. H. B. Jester, a Conference classmate of Brother Bunce, says: "Mrs. Bunce commanded my highest esteem. I have visited the home

several times and she impressed me as being a loving and lovable Christian of the highest type. Her dignity and grace of personality was attractive. Her heart was full of sympathy and this made her a true helper to her husband. She always knew when to talk and what to talk about. influence in the church and on the streets held her in the highest regard by all who knew her. I shall always remember her charm of personality, and her soft voice, as I have often heard it in the home. When I heard of her death, my heart was wounded, for I had learned to love her as I love her husband." Brother W. S. Nock, of Hallwood, Va., says: splendid Christian lady, a lovely neighbor, a very kind and affectionate wife and mother, and an ideal pastor's wife, one of the best I have ever seen, and can truly say she was the most appreciative person I have ever known, as it mattered not how small the favor or gift she highly appreciated it and would often speak of it. In her death we have lost much." Brother Jas. W. Broughton, of Hallwood, says: "I am really at a loss to know what to say of so excellent a person. To us, she was of a retiring disposition. Kind and gentle to all she met, and an ideal helpmate in all that word implies." Brother W. Edgar Harrison, of Payson Street Church, where Mrs. Bunce went as a bride, writes as follows: "I have known Mrs. Bunce for about five years, she became the wife of Brother Bunce during his ministry at Payson Street. She was a woman that we all learned to love and respect, one who always had a kind word and pleasant smile for everyone, and who seemed to always think twice before speaking. Her conversation and manner was one of thoughtfulness for others, always calm and Christlike."

"Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears
And there, sometime we'll understand."

W. A. MELVIN, G. Q. BACCHUS, H. B. JESTER, W. S. NOCK, J. W. BROUGHTON, W. E. HARRISON.

Mrs. Sarah A. Eversole.

Mrs. Sarah A. Eversole, widow of Rev. Abraham S. Eversole, M. D., of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, departed this life at her home in Seaford, Del., May 10, 1912, in the ninety-sixth year of her age. She was the daughter of Henry and Margaret Wallace. Her father held a major's commission in the war of 1812-

14, and has an honorable military record in the War Department at the national capital, as well as in the archives of the State of Delaware. 1857 she married Mr. James Brittingham, by whom she had one son, James, who was drowned in his sixth year, a source of immense sorrow to his widowed mother, as he was a boy of such fine promise and the object of her deepest affections at that period of her life. In 1867 she married Dr. A. S. Eversole, her brother-in-law, who passed to his reward February 3, Excepting the period of her itinerant life she passed the most of her years in Seaford, the place of her childhood. Trained in a Christian manner, and in close association with the Church, she manifested early in life her high appreciation of vital goodness. Sister Eversole possessed unusual talents and great mental endowments, which always show depth of ruling and great decision of character. She early in life became recognized as possessing power of conception and executive ability of an unusual degree in community and church life, which had a salutary influence upon her friends and associates. Sister Eversole could praise without hypocricy, rebuke without malice, rejoice without envy, and assist in every noble enterprise without ostentation. Her friendship was of a high and noble cast; a friendship that loses nothing by death; and the face that has been shadowed by the grave looms larger to the eye of faith, that looks beyond the veil of flesh and the poverty of earthly circumstances, to that which makes "us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." with this world's goods she liberally contributed to every church enterprise; and when our new church was constructed during the pastorate of Dr. S. J. Smith, she contributed very largely to its construction, and was pleased with the new church edifice, completed in all its appointments. In her will Sister Eversole left one thousand dollars to the board of trustees of the Maryland Conference for its permanent fund; and three hundred dollars to Our Church Home. Monday, May 13, at 2 P. M. the funeral services of our beloved sister were conducted by two of the members of the obituary committee, assisted by Rev. Philip H. Rawlins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the new church that she did so much to make possible in her native town; after which her remains were laid beside those of Dr. Eversole to await the resurrection of the just.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13.)

S. B. TREDWAY,
A. W. MATHER,
J. ERNEST LITSINGER,
GEO. W. LeCATES,
L. W. HURLEY,
L. E. WALLACE.

Mrs. Matilda Warfield Sheridan.

Mrs. Matilda Warfield Sheridan, beloved wife of Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday morning, October 6, 1912.

Mrs. Sheridan was the daughter of George K. and Martha A. Ridgeley. of Howard County, Md. Her father was a life-long member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and all of her early associations were with the church of her parents. Her conversion, which occurred in her early girlhood, was in what was then Bethany Independent Methodist Church of Baltimore. Subsequently she united with the society at Union Chapel, Howard Circuit, where she remained until her marriage. She was united in marriage to our Brother Sheridan March 6, 1879, and went with him as a bride to Salisbury, Md. From the first she exhibited those excellent traits of character and temper that made her a true help-meet to her husband and a beloved and popular pastor's wife. The character of our sister is one pleasant to recall and contemplate. It was distinguished by mild-Her manners were cordial and winness, equableness and simplicity. It was not ning, but never obtrusive or extravagantly demonstrative. given to her to be an aggressive leader in church or philanthropic work. An innate modesty and, perhaps, an undervaluation of her own gifts made her shrink from the more public activities of a pastor's wife. But no one who came into contact with her, or who knew her in the intimacies of the home-life, could have any doubt as to the genuineness of her piety or her deep devotion to the church in which her lot was cast. Her religious life partook of the general features of her character. It was warm, but not demonstrative; earnest, but tranquil and serene; a daily habit, not an occasional or spasmodic impulse. Her real worth was best discovered in the quiet and seclusion of her own home. There her gentle manners, her quiet and refined dignity, her almost childish transparency and unaffected goodness shed an atmosphere as warm, as pleasant and as beautiful as the breath of a delightful summer's day. A beautiful myth of English history tells how Queen Eleanor sucked the poison out of her husband's wounds; and in a moral and spiritual sense this every true-hearted wife seeks to do for her husband. Such a companion and sympathetic help-meet to her honored husband our sister sought to be and was. It is a high but deserved tribute to her well-poised character and excellent judgment that in all the 33 years of her married life, and the different charges served by her husband she was never the subject of adverse criticism or involved in any parish wrangle, but commanded universal respect and esteem. of such as she that King Lemuel wrote in the closing chapter of Proverbs: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

For five years before her death her health was impaired, and during much of that time she enqured with great patience and fortitude severe suffering. Her last illness was brief, and the end came as a shock to a wide circle of friends who had indulged in the hope that she was gaining strength and would be spared to her family for years. But the Lord in Whose hand our breath is and Whose are all our ways, ordered otherwise, and took her to that unsuffering, unsorrowing world where sickness is unknown. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, October 8, in Broadway Church, Dr. Sheridan pastor, and were in charge of the president of the Conference, Rev. J. S. Bowers, D. D., assisted by Revs. D. L. Greenfield, J. W. Gray, and T. O. Crouse. Interment was made on Wednesday in Oak Grove Cemetery at Glenwood, Howard County.

In addition to her husband she leaves to mourn their bitter loss four children—J. Ridgely, of Fairmount, W. Va.; Mrs. Walter T. Morris, of Kent County; Miss Sallie E., and Jarrett M., Jr., both of Baltimore.

T. O. CROUSE, F. C. KLEIN, W. H. LITSINGER, DANIEL BAKER, E. B. FENBY, L. L. KIRBY.

Mrs. Victoria Stoner Murray.

Mrs. Victoria Stoner Murray, widow of Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., April 18, 1839, and died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Geo. R. Lawrence, in Sewickly, Pa., June 17, 1912. She was from early life until the time of her death a devoted, generous and useful member of the First Methodist Protestant Church, of Pittsburgh. Gifted with a sweet and musical voice, which had been carefully trained, she used it well for many years in the choir of her church. She was long a teacher in the Sunday School, and was active and zealous in every line of Christian endeavor, where she could make herself useful. She gave much of her time to charitable work outside of the church; was a member of the Sheltering Arms, an institution for the rescue of fallen girls and women; was interested in the Newsboy's Home of Pittsburgh, to which she contributed of her means and her labors, and later on became interested in the foreign mission work of the church. After her marriage she became one of the most active, efficient and generous members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, a society which she remembered in her will with a handsome legacy. But as a staunch member

of her denomination, she was a most liberal supporter of all the local and general interests of the church. She was a gentle, affectionate and loyal companion to her husband, and entered into all his duties as a minister with true Christian zeal and devotion. One who had the best opportunities to know her intimately writes: "She was a woman of much strength of character; loyal to her friends and family to an extent that I have rarely seen surpassed; intensely religious by choice, rearing, association and study of God's word; reticent by nature, never wishing to thrust herself in any position, and yet she never shrunk from the call of duty." Her husband's death was a great blow to her from which she never recovered, and since then she was practically an invalid. But her faith in her Redeemer never wavered, and when the end came she passed away in the triumph of her religion, with her work well done and her victory won.

"And the love in which she trusted, upward drew her waiting eyes
Till we saw them change and brighten, with a sweet and glad surprise.
She had guessed not of the darkness till she saw the breaking day;
Caught no glimpse of death's dark shadows till they changed and fled

Gentle life with gentle closing, could we wish for aught more blest? Could we ask more sweet transition, to the promise Land of Rest?"

F. T. TAGG, T. O. CROUSE, J. M. SHERIDAN, H. K. MULLER, JOSEPH ENGLAR.

THE SERMON

By Rev. E. C. Makosky.

Text-I Corinthians, III:9: We are laborers together with God.

The Apostle Paul surpassed all the other Apostles in his conception of the vastness, completeness and grandeur of the economy of redemption. This, doubtless, was due to two causes:—the well-trained, giant intellect which he possessed, and "the abundance of the revelation" which he received of God. In Damascus, when Ananias put his hands upon Paul's head. at the command of God, there fell from Paul's eyes as it were scales, his eyes were opened to a new world, new truth, new work, a new future and a new life. This power to see things was gratified in many ways and places. From the Desert of Arabia to the "Third Heaven," God gave to him an insight into His plans and purposes for mankind and the church, that enabled him to instruct the ages; and become the leader of the great hosts, working with God for the salvation of the world.

The church at Corinth had been organized by Paul. After him came Apollos and others of the leaders to continue the work of God in that great city. The church became strong numerically, but factional and quarrelsome. They grouped themselves under the standards of the various leaders who had been with them, and named themselves after them. Instead of uniting their numbers and powers to overcome the enemies of the church, they used their time and talents in useless contention among themselves about trifles which were absolutely unessential.

It was to correct this evil that Paul wrote this Epistle. While he, in the text, sets forth a great truth, he did so with the purpose of correcting a wrong conception. The Corinthians in glorifying leaders, failed to glorify God; in arranging themselves against each other they destroyed themselves; in harboring the spirit of antagonism they excluded from their church God the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, the Apostle shows them that "God is all in all." Says he: "When one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollo; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now

he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God."

While ours are differing conditions from those of Corinth, the text is nevertheless true of us, and we can study it to our profit.

In the discussion of this text we notice:

I. The work in which God is engaged.

The Apostle refers not to the work of God in creation, nor yet the work involved in the preservation of the Universe, but to the work of God in the salvation of man. To him there are many workers of God but only one work;—and that refers not to creation but redemption; not to formation but transformation; not to the increase of heavenly bodies, but of heavenly life in the bodies and souls of men. When the statue "Venus-de-Milo" was unearthed in 1820, by a peasant plowing in a field, men explained its beauty by assuming a sculptor whose genius was fully equal to such beauty wrought in marble. When we look at man glorious in body, mind and soul, we go back to a Creator who is capable of producing such a being; and we know He is God. And, when we contemplate man glorious in his ruined estate, we pray for the God who made us to restore us, and bring back in us His image which sin has marred, and iniquity has disjured.

The fact that two mighty forces were at war in this world was too plain to Paul for argument. A strange, sad, wearisome, tragic history had been the history of our race. It is not surprising that those who had not the revelation from God and His Word, sometimes regarded this world as an enigma, or, even a tremendous blunder. It required not only thought but a generous induction from facts, and the aid of revelation to see that "Thro' the ages one increasing purpose runs." Nor did Paul doubt that behind this increasing purpose was the wisdom, goodness and power of an Infinite Father.

From the Garden of Eden, when man sinned against God's goodness and love, down the ages unto the coming of Christ, it seemed that the "Prince of Darkness" reigned supreme.

When we review the history of those centuries we are overwhelmed with sadness at the evidence of the awful power wielded by the forces of evil. What a record it is!—writen in blood and all stained with tears, accentuated with the groans and moans of the victims; recording events of cruelty and crime that make one's brain reel and heart grow sick, as he reads the appalling tale. The very atmosphere seemed surcharged with a malignant moral malaria that infected the souls of men. Sin abounded; crime rankled; vice festered; lust, in beastial foulness and unblushing front, stalked abroad,—and evil seemed to dominate the world.

It was in this fullness of crime, as well as time, that Christ came. He came as a "Remedy" for sin and a Deliverer from sin. As He had full view of the cross, He said (John XII:31). Now is the "Krisis" of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out." There, at the cross, interests were fought out that are world-wide and eternal in their sweep. That was the battle of the war between the forces of good and evil that decided the Mastery. In every war there is a crucial point—one deciding battle as Thermopylae, or Waterloo, or Gettysburg, or Santiago. There, upon the cross, the dying Christ crushed the serpent's head; and from that moment the question of the ascendancy was settled. True, the conflict is still going on, and may go on for many years, but the issue is not in doubt. Already the kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdom of Christ, and the Crucified shall ultimately reign with regal splendor over a sinless world;—for Heaven is mightier than Hell, and God shall vanquish Belial.

II Consider: the Part Man has in the work, according to our text. We are laborers together with God. Jesus said: (John XVII:22) "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them."—What was that glory? Not "Sonship"; for that was never given to Jesus, but was his from eternity. It was not "Character," for that was inherent in His personality from the beginning. It was not the "glory of exaltation" at the right hand of God the Father; for He was with the Father before His incarnation by right of His equality with Him. The glory of which Christ spoke was the Glory of the Redemptive Work.

God works for man through man. Even the Son of God, before He could become the Savior of man, had to become the Son of Man. The work of God is more than the conversion of souls, it is to lift a race, a world, in all its vast concerns and make it the kingdom of God .- Calvary did not make hell. Hell led to Calvary. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"; (Luke XIX:10)—lost before He came. loss was there; deep, wide, eternal. And the Son of God saw it all,-The sin, the ruin, the dark despair and night of death. It was this that brought Him from heaven to Calvary's Cross. It was this that so often moved Him with compassion as He saw the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd. It was this that turned His face, steadfastly, to Jerusalem, and brought the tears to His eyes as He beheld that city from the Mt. of Olives. It was this that led Him to the midnight darkness and agony of Gethsemene; the mockery and abuse of a false trial, and the Cross without the City's gate. It was this consciousness of human need that caused Him to suffer and die, and inspired the command to the disciples and the church "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. (Mark XVI, 15). This consciousness prompted him to reincarnate Himself in the lives of the disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit; so that He could truly say: "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. (Matth. (XXVIII, 20).

God has provided the means of salvation in the atonement of Jesus Christ, and the Savior has promised the POWER by the Holy Spirit, to assure the success of the workers; but Man is the Agency, the Channel, through which the "Redemptive Plan" of God becomes effective to the world. We would have summer if there were not a single farmer to utilize its sunshine, its rains and dews to prepare for, and reap the harvests. It is God and the farmer, working together, that prepare food to keep a world from starvation. The possibilities of redemption and salvation are here; God, the Holy Spirit, has been in the world since Pentecost but God needs laborers. Jesus lifted up His eyes again and again, and saw the possibilities of a spiritual harvest,—and the great need of workers together with God; and He admonished His disciples: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest. (Matth. XI, 38)

The Program and the Power have been prepared by God, and He is waiting for His churches to obey, and march, and conquer the world for Christ. Twelve millions of men laid down their lives to satisfy the ambitious Ceasar. Four millions of men laid down their lives in the war-path cut by Napoleon Bonaparte through Europe and elsewhere. Millions upon millions have obediently gone forth at the command of their earthly monarch and have suffered, bled and died to advance their king's ambition. When the King of Kings calls us to follow the standard of the Cross in the disenthrallment of a world, can we do less than they? Christianity is Love! It is not intellect! It is passion! There is only one Cross,-the altar of the universe. Thereon Christ offered Himself unto death for our salvation, and thereon we are to offer ourselves unto a life of service, that the knowledge of the saving power of Christ may be known to the ends of There are many theories concerning the Cross; but theories are intellectual propositions; and the cross is not so much a challenge to the intellect as an appeal to the heart;—the means by which faith climbs up to God, and through which lives are consecrated to Christian service.

Christ's power on earth depends very largely upon the embodiment of Christ in Christian personality. Goodness is more than gold, and Character outweighs intellect, even in the marts of trade; but in God's service these are indispensable.

Christ stamped "service" with His own image and superscription when He declared that the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister;—and laid down as a principal in the economics of His kingdom that we are saved in order to serve. There is more religion in motion than in emotion, or commotion or promotion. If we could only get all of the members of the church of Christ to realize the exalted privilege of

being "Workers together with God" the inertia of many churches would be changed into energetic activity. As it is, many think Christianity a sort of Life Insurance Co. and so seek it as a good place in which to die. This seems strange considering how dead they are already. Some believe it to be a resting place and thus they seek what they are pleased to call a "Church Home," and they seem to think of a "Church Home" much as a dog views his kennel—a good place in which to sleep, and growl and snarl. "The Good Ship of Zion" and the "Express Train for Glory," consisting of "Palace and Sleeping Cars" are other notions entertained by some who are a part of the church today. Such Christians neither help God nor hinder Satan.

Is it not strange that after nineteen hundred years of Christ's presence on earth we still raise the question: "What does it really mean to be a Christian?. And is it not stranger still that many fail to realize that we can be more Christ-like by having His Spirit and doing His work than by exterior conformity to form and ceremony? ? Religious ceremony is cant and mockery unless faith vitalizes life; and makes our text a reality in the experience of the Christian. It is not the man who gets under the tremendous pressure, who carries the burdens, who spends his strength, his time and his substance, who works by day and agonizes by night over the salvation of the world, it is not that man who is to be pitied, but the man who dodges, the man who is neither hot nor cold, the man who is neither sick nor well,—who, if he ever gets to heaven, will be saved as by fire; without anything to show except the exceeding mercy of God in Christ, that made salvation of such a wretch possible,—it is such a man that needs the pity and the prayers of all true Christians, and the long suffering forbearance of our Infinite Father. We hear so much of the "White-death" and scientists are applying remedies and the state is forming institutions and laws to prevent the fearful ravages of tuberculosis; -but the church is afflicted with the "Black-death" of indifference and formalism. The Vision of Ezekiel (XXXVII, 7, 9) is the REALITY of today,—there is a noise, and a shaking, and the bones come together, but there is no Spirit in them. Prophets of the living God, prophesy unto the Spirit; O ye sons of men, say ye to the spirit, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. The church ought to be the militant host of God, with a definite program and work for each one who is worthy of the name Christian. Nothing short of winning the world for Christ ought to satisfy the heart and soul of consecrated Christians. The ultimate triumph of Christianity is as sure as God can make it. As the stone of Nebuchadnezzar's dream filled the whole earth,, so the kingdom of the Son of God shall triumph and fill the whole earth with His power and glory. As the centuries roll on, the utter and inevitable doom of the evil is drawing nigh. Even to us it becomes plainer every day, that, despite indifference and formalism in some directions, righteousness is making glorious headway; and complete victory may be in the near future. steady resistless current of Political Reform, of Social Regeneration, and Spiritual Transformation sweeps in and on. If God could have the wholehearted co-operation of every member of the church the Mellenium would soon be ushered in. Scientists tell us that when the Sun and Moon act together there is flood-tide on the seas; and it is equally true that when God and man act together in perfect harmony, there will be flood-tide on the sea of human souls. If God could so completely count upon man that all the ships that plow the Seas of Commerce and that ride the air above us,-the iron high-ways that girdle the continents, the electric wires that encircle the earth, that all the subtle ether-waves that convey messages, and all the inventions that are being perfected and that will still further anihilate space and bring man closer to man,-if God could work with man through all these agencies as He desires, the world would be taken for Christ within the next decade; and Christ's travail of soul would give place to the thrill of joy as the redeemed of earth would acclaim Him their Savior,—and truly make Him their King and Lord.

III Consider: the Qualifications Needed to make us Efficient Laborers Together with God.

The Gospel is the "Truth," the "Good News" concerning Christ the Savior and Salvation full and free for all. There is no truth apart from person; there is no divine truth apart from divine personality. Gospel is not a personality as an angel or man. It cannot, of itself, walk or talk. It is a spiritual reality which needs material embodiment in order to bring it in contact with humanity. Gold in the hidden recesses of the earth is valuable but in itself has no power to press itself upward to the surface of the earth and go, self-coined and self-stamped, into circulation. It needs the strong arm of man, the fierce heat of the furnace-blaze, and the hard pressure of the mint-stamp to place it into condition as a circulating medium, and even then it cannot accomplish its purpose unless people will circulate it. So with the Gospel! God has not given it to angels to carry it, nor winds to proclaim it, nor has He emblazoned it upon the sky or leaves of trees, but has commissioned man to embody it and circulate it. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. How then shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard, how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent? (Rom. X 17 and 14). In exact proportion to the efficiency and faithfulness of the human instrumentality will the work of God succeed in the world. Nor do I refer simply to the work of preaching alone. We are laborers as truly for God, and with God, when we make possible the Work of God by educating others, and by the collection of money, that the work of each separate department of the church's activity at home and abroad may be successfully advanced and enlarged; as when we labor for the immediate salvation of souls. But we ought to be careful that whatever we do, whether as preachers of His Word, or solicitors of His money for the organized work of the church, or as pastors and shepherds of the flock, or the laymen, as a part of the great working force of the church, that we do all to the glory of God, and that the salvation of the world is the ultimate aim of it all.

What qualifications are necessary, do you ask?

He who would successfully labor with God for the Salvation of others must be SAVED himself. No man can impart more than he himself knows. No man can lift another higher than he himself can reach. No man can lead a soul to Christ successfully unless he knows from actual experience the Via Dolorosa to the Cross and to the Christ, his Savior and Lord.

The reason why men were preferred to angels as the co-laborers with God was because the most eloquent of heaven's celestial hosts could not as effectively speak of salvation as the humblest of earth's redeemed; for they have not the actual experience of God's love for sinners in the atonement of Jesus Christ. The slave knows best what freedom means. A starving man can appreciate bread most. A lost person who has been saved can best enter into the feelings and needs of others who are lost. I read somewhere of a traveler who stood beside a cage of birds offered for sale in the street of a sea-port city. He looked wistfully and sadly on these captives, until tears came to his eyes as he watched the birds' efforts to release themselves. Turning to their owner he asked the price of one of the birds; paid it, took the bird and set it free. Thus he did with captive after captive, until every bird was away soaring to the skies and singing its song of liberty. The crowd, that had assembled, stared amazed, they thought him mad, but to their continued look of curiosity he replied-"I was once myself a captive; I know the sweets of liberty." So, likewise is it true that those who have gone through all the agony of a lost soul are best able to appreciate and enjoy the sweets,-the peace, the glory of Salvation. Cherubim and Seraphim can never feel the thrill of salvation that surges through the soul when Jesus comes in saving grace; -- and, consequently, they could not possibly preach the Gospel, nor work with God as effectively for the salvation of the lost as can saved man. The greatest element of power with every Christian worker is Heart-power. Most people are saved not through the intellect but the affection.

"Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth would'st teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul woulds't reach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech."

Moreover the person who would labor successfully with God for the salvation of others must know God's Will. If we are to speak for God we must live with God, and know what God would have us say and do. An honest God is the noblest work of man, just as "An honest man is the noblest work of God." We will never set forth to the world a God more honorable, kind, loving and merciful than our conceptions of Him make Him to us. Our God will improve as we improve our knowledge of Him; for the imperfections which we picture forth to the world are not in God but in us.

Under the old dispensation this was guarded against, in the physical sense, at least. In Leviticus XXI, 21 we read: No man who hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron, the priest, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire! he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. This had special reference to the priests who were limited in their privileges because of their physical blemishes. Under the Gospel we are all priests unto God; and we have constantly illustrated before us the fulfillment of that old requirement; for not a day passes but we see Christian priests shut out from the joy and honor of offering the "bread of their God" because they are spiritually dwarfed and have blemishes.

When God wanted to give man a sufficient and convincing concrete illustration of His nature and character He did so in the incarnation of Himself in Jesus Christ. "The Word became flesh"—the Word that was to spell out to the human mind and heart what God is and what He seeks to do for man and in man.—And when Jesus wanted to continue the work of Redemption, and the salvation of the world through His disciples He reincarnated Himself in the lives of the Disciples, and said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." No one will ever be able to show forth the full Saviorhood of Jesus unless he goes out with Him to save, and is ready to be the successor to Christ in the flesh, to a lost world.

Another qualification necessary to be a successful laborer together with God is that we must be Men of Vision. As some one has said: We dislike to be called Visionaries: nevertheless the Visionaries are the makers of the world. If the work you are doing never evokes a dream in your soul, never starts a heart-throb, never stirs a vision anywhere in a corner of your being, it is indeed a futile kind of work and a hard task. You will get it done, but it will be like "carving statues with hatchets" or painting sunsets with a white-wash brush.

We must work with the mind as well as with the hands and tongues, and still more, we must work with the heart. We must have ideals as well as tools. Have the vision of a lost world in all its misery and wretchedness, have the vision of the love of God in Christ for the world, have the vision of the work God wants us to do, and the possibility of the transformation

of earth into the kingdom of Christ, have the vision of our responsibility and duty as well as our exalted privilege and honor; then we will work unceasingly and endure as "seeing Him who is invisible." A little child in a dangerous mountain region came through the dark night and fierce storm to the door of the physician. The kind man took the little girl into the house and asked "What drove you out on such a dark, stormy night, through the dangers and discomforts?" She answered: "My mother's dying face; oh doctor, come save my mother." And it is only when we look down into the face of humanity and see its dying agony depicted there that we will at all hazard bring the great physician to save them from eternal death. One of Baltimore's beneficent citizens has presented to the Johns Hopkins Hospital a model of Thorwaldsen's statue of the Christ. It has been placed beneath the dome in the front entrance. All who are sick and come for treatment see first the "Divine Healer" with outstretched arms and loving, pitying face reproduced in marble. The inscription is "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. XI, 28). The man who has thus thoughtfully added to that noble institution has been praised as a "benefactor of man,"-and so he is. But we have greater power. To those who are sick and dying spiritually we car take, not a dead, cold, marble statue of Christ, but the living, loving Chri Himself. Brethren,-do we see the Vision? Greater than prophet's priest's of the old dispensation is the work of the "laborer together will God" to save this world. Moses, with the brazen serpent as the savior Israel's serpent-bitten multitude, pales into insignificance by the side of the man of God who lifts on high the "Cross and the Crucified" for the salvation of a world; -not from physical but spiritual death.

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"Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp His name;
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'"

Another qualification necessary to make us efficient laborers together with God is an entire surrender to the Holy Spirit to be used as He desires to use us. We are powerful in proportion as we are willing to surrender ourselves to God the Holy Spirit. He has been in the world since Pentecost anxious to work with the church as on that day that the millions of earth may be brought to the feet of Christ. That Pentecost is not reproduced everywhere and every day is not the fault of God. Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear, but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (Isaiah LIX, 1 and 2). Dirt, sin, iniquity are the causes of division of people not only in the family and social life but also in their church life.

Not only does sin intervene between man and man, but also between God and man. A plumber knows he cannot do the smallest job of plumbing unless the things he seeks to unite are clean. He cannot solder two pieces together if the ends are covered with dirt. What a united, mighty force the church of Christ would be with its many millions of disciples if all were willing to be cleansed from all sin and be filled with the Holy Spirit. The magnet draws steel out of its inharmonious surroundings, but only as the steel leaves the dirt and clings to the magnet can the magnet send its spirit into the steel. Oh, if the church would only allow the Holy Spirit the right of way to transmit Himself, through it, to the world, He would convince and convict the world of sin,—and a new birth of righteousness' would result. The world would be lighted with the Glory of God, and Christ would be enthroned upon the throne of Universal Empire.

We know that without the Holy Spirit no heart can be changed and no life can be transformed. We know that without the Holy Spirit we will never realize the ends and complete the work for which Christ came into the world. We know that without the Holy Spirit our preaching is vain, our pastoral labors come to naught, our organizations are ineffective. We know these things and yet are we willing to comply with the conditions for God the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us? We must not only have the Holy Spirit in the world, we must be filled with the Spirit. the filling cannot take place until there has been first an emptying. must be empty of sin and self, and be willing to accept God's Will and way, -and the Holy Spirit will come to us. This work with God for man needs faith, needs patience, needs self-denial, needs a sympathy and love for man that will laugh at obstacles and persevere even in the dark, and under adverse circumstances; and, brethren, in ourselves "Who is sufficient for these things?" (II Cor. II, 16). The difference between Simon in the High Priest's Palace on the night of Christ's trial and in the Temple on the day of Pentecost preaching until three thousand are swept into the kingdom;the difference of Saul of Tarsus, holding the clothes of those who were stoning Stephen and urging them on, and Paul the Apostle, who set Asia Minor and Europe ablaze with the glory of God, is the difference of being without the Holy Spirit and having Him to direct and control the activities and ambitions of life. Niagara's Falls, until recently were good only to be admired. The water for centuries had rushed on in mighty force over the precipice and dashed itself into foam on the rocks below. But a few years ago the water which had been useless for ages, save as a spectacle for tourists, was made to run upon a great wheel which set into operation huge dynamos that generated electricity. This electricity was transmitted to Buffalo and lighted its streets and homes; and became the motive power of its streetcars and factories; as well as the lighting and running power of adjacent towns and hamlets.—The clear-minded prophet Joel announced that the time would come when it would be true as God said: "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth." (Joel II, 28-30). In certain circles of the church the cry is "Back to Pentecost! Back to Pentecost!" It would be infinitely wiser and better if we strove to bring Pentecost down into the present, by making room for the Holy Spirit in our hearts, our lives, our work. Then would the earth be the Lord's; and Christ would come into His own, and reign in righteousness and peace.

"Great Paraclete! to thee we cry:
O highest gift of God most high!
O fount of life! O fire of love!
And sweet annointing from above!
Our senses touch with light and fire;
Our hearts with charity inspire;
And with endurance from on high
The weakness of our flesh supply!"

IV. Lastly, let us consider the Reward of the Laborer.

He who goes through life with the light of God shining upon his face, the work of God engaging his hands, his talents and time, and the spirit of God controlling him in all of his aspirations and efforts,—he has bread to eat of which the world knows not; and peace and joy are his such as the world can neither give nor take away.

It is the glory of the work with God for a world that it imparts to the worker the richest good of which he is susceptible. The very work enlarges his capacity for appreciation and enjoyment of the blessing and bliss which come to him here and hereafter, so that in exact proportion as he loves, labors, sacrifices and suffers for the salvation of the world in that proportion will he be rewarded. Jesus in the parable of the "Pounds" was not arbitrary in His rewards; but gave to the man who had been faithful over ten pounds, power over ten cities; and the Apostle recognizes the same principles when he says: (II Timothy II, 12) If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. If children then heirs; of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified to-(Rom. VIII, 17). Let us appreciate the dignity and honor God has conferred upon us in making us Laborers together with Him; and here at this Conference session determine to dedicate ourselves to even greater consecration, a more implicit obedience, a more heroic, self-sacrificing effort and to a life that shall be His in every aspiration and act. And, whether the world applauds or persecutes; whether the visible results be as great as we would like or not; whether our lot be hard or easy, we will be faithful to God, we will go where God wants us to go, we will say what He wants us to say, we will be what He wants us to be; assured that whether or not faith has its reward here the crown of eternal life shall be ours if we are faithful until death.

"I stood and watched my ships go out Each one by one unmooring, free; And the time the quiet harbor filled With flood-tide from the sea.

The first that sailed her name was JOY She spread a smooth, white, ample sail, And Eastward sped with bending spars Before the singing gale.

The next that sailed her name was HOPE, No cargo in her hold she bore; Thinking to gain in Western lands Of Merchandise a store.

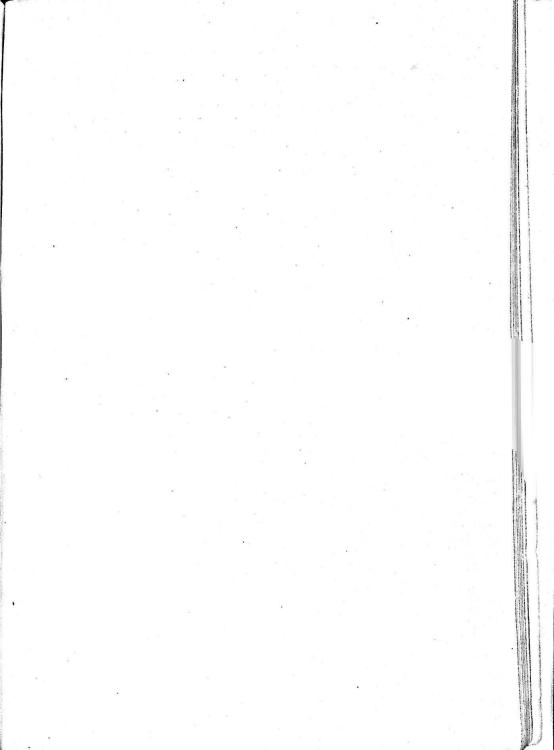
The next that sailed her name was LOVE, She showed a red flag at her mast, A flag as red as blood she showed And toward the South sped fast.

The last that sailed her name was FAITH Slowly she made her passage forth; Tacked and lay too; at last she sailed A straight course to the North.

My gallant ships they sailed away Over the shimmering summer sea; I stood on watch for many a day, But only ONE came back to me.

For Joy was caught by pirate pain, Hope ran upon a hidden reef; And Love took fire, and foundered fast Amid whelming seas of grief.

Faith came at last storm-tossed and riven, But recompensed me all my loss; For, as a cargo safe she bore, A crown linked to the cross."



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Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1918	1912	Increase	Decrease
President	\$ 3085	\$ 3074	\$ 11	s
Conference	474	472	2	
Ministerial Education	598	602		4
Seminary	1821	1818	3	
College	1446	1445	1	
Superanuuates	4115	4113	2	
Church Extension	5606	5421	185	1
Home Missions	2540	2574	i	34
Foreign Missions	2741	2906	1	168
Church Home	1516	1449	67	
Special for Foreign Missions	7700	7786	8	8
Bible	98	85	13	
Tract	156	121	35	i
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Total	\$31,896	\$31,866	50	

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary	100,201	\$99,345	\$ 856	1
Parsonage Rent	22,867	22,246	621	
Current Expenses			3,200	
Sunday School Expenses		20,148	584	
Building and Improvements		76,640	100001000000000000000000000000000000000	23,545
Paid on Debt				12,523
Miscellaneous		22,573		1504
Total for Local Interests	987 944	319 555		32,311
Total for all purposes	319,140	351,421		**32,281

**It is to be observed that this decrease is on account of less building operations during the year.

Assessments

President	\$ 3118	\$ 3114	\$ 4	
Conference		517		
Ministerial Education	656	660		4
Seminary		1953	4	
College	1711	1708	3	
Superannuates		4635	3	
Church Extension		6443		10
Home Missions		2600	4	
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Church Home	77.7 (2)	1595		17

E. H JONES, Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

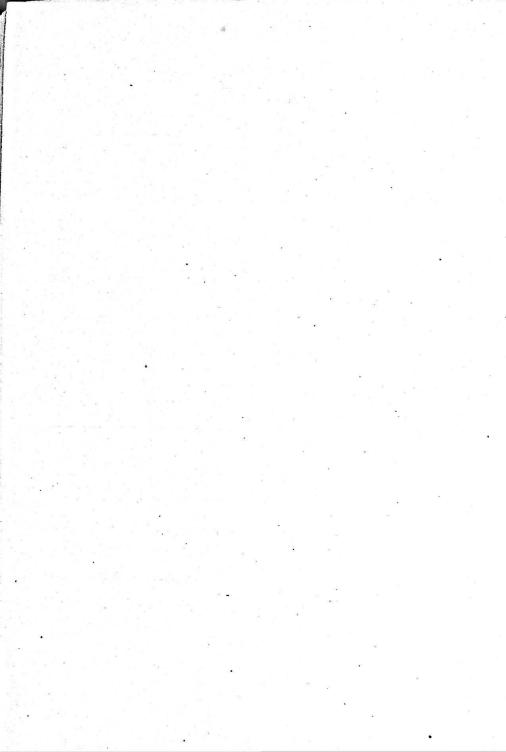
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Ministers and Preachers		143		
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	67	57	10	
Probationers	1339	1104	235	ĺ
Full Members	28566	28437	129	
Probationers Received	1322	872	450	
Probationers Elected to Membership	740	915	100	175
Probationers Withdrawn	10	19	1	1.0
Probationers Discontinued	179	292		113
Probationers Deceased	8	9		3
Full Members Received	2164	2186	1	22
Full Members Withdrawn	376	431		55
Full Members Discontinued	1008	1019		11
Full Members Deceased	284	317		33
Adults Baptized	258	532	N.	274
Children Baptized	1493	1312	181	2.,
Conversions	3358	2254	1104	
Sunday Schools	279	285	1	6
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3692	3695		6 3
New Scholars	4236	4039	197	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll	31216	30512	704	i
Y. P. S. C. E	136	137	1	1
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	5540	5599		59
Junior C. E Societies	60	69		9
Junior C. E. Members		2623	5	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior Societies for Foreign Missions	\$ 1558	\$ 884	674	

Property

Appointments	290	294	I	4
Churches	2914	2944		8
Parsonages	120	119	1	
Value of Church Property	2344661	2287006	57655	
Value of Parsonage Property	337475	323075	14400	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages			11882	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages			65040	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant	1869	1627	241	

JAMES A. DUDLEY, Committee on Statistics.



MANUAL

Rules of Order and Regulations

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. 1. 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 Wednes-

day, 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.

4. 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 contributed.

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

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.

Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Con-3. ference.

Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious

communities.

- 6. 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 ----."
- 7. 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.

9. 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.

 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 be accountable for them.

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

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the

Committee on Credentials.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of such 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 preced-

ing annual session.

11. Be the Committee on the Publication and distribution of the Min-

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 Steward and Treasurer:—1. The Conference Steward and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from the pastors; and this Board shall be responsible to the Conference for all

money and receipts and vouchers delivered to them.

They shall meet on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock and open he pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall count the money ,n the envelopes, noting its agreement with the statement of the Pastor's Financial Report, and prepare the collections for the Conference. The money in hand shall be passed by the Treasurer, who shall have charge of all the moneys of the Conference for distribution, upon order of the Conference Steward, which shall be the voucher of the Treasurer for his transactions, to the persons designated by the Conference to receive them. Treasurer shall disburse money collected by the Conference for every purpose; in which transactions he shall perform the work assigned heretofore to the Superannuated Fund Steward and of the Church Extension Steward, as per special rules of each Society, and he shall continue in office until his successor shall be elected. He shall keep a ledger and open account with some accepted bank, and his accounts shall be open for inspection at all times to the President of the Conference, or one designated by him.

Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed

and reported upon seperately as now.

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.

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.

Itinerancy and Orders-The Faculty of Instruction.

3. Pulpit Service-3 Ministers.

Church Extension-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 4. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Literature and Education-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 6.

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

Moral Reform-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 8.

Benevolent Agencies-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 9.

Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 10.

Statistics-1 Minister, 1 Layman. 11.

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

Missions-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 13.

President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen. Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 14. 15.

Conference Program for the following session-3 Ministers (one 16.

of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.

Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young Peo-17. ple's Work-3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.

Our Church Home-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Any person being a member of two committees shall have the

right to decline an appointment to another.

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 trans-

ferred 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. Steward. 4. Treasurer. The Steward and Treasurer elected at one session shall serve at the following session, and they shall appoint two assistants with the approval of the Conference. 5. Standing District Committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen. 6. Committee

on 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.

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.

Miscellaneous business.

When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made 7. 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 pre-

cedence 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.

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.

2. 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.

6. 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.

8. 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.

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. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall

have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

4. 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 nembers 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.

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

to the standing committee shall be first put.

6. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

2. 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.

- 3. Votes for all Conference officers, the Committees on Appeals, Standing District Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other organizations 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.

Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS. 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 con-

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tained in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards", pp. 130, sec.7.
2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be

had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

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

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

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been 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 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 129 and 130 of Discipline.

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

as a representative in the General Conference.

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

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 property, 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 supernumerary 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.

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 charge shall appoint a lady visitor for the benefit of Our Church Home, consistent with the character of that institution.

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 be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent

acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

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

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 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.

Regulation XVII. PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES. As the Discipline 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 following conditions:—

2. 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.

3. 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 owner or owners of any conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the

Lord's day.

'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 be made by any or their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for minisregial 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.

6. 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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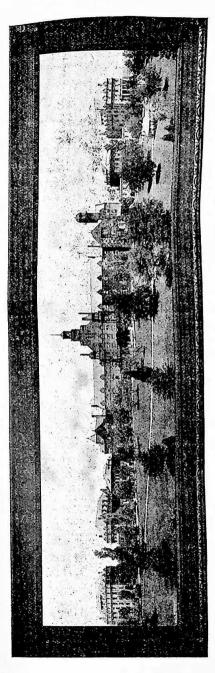


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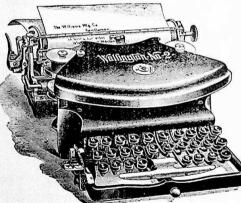
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