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

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

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

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—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—W. D. Short, J. N. Link, Allan Haldeman, Howard Zepp.
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.
Student—W. M. Snyder.
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. II. 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—C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, Jr., W. F. Wright.

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

Milford, Delaware,

April 1, 1914.

The Eighty-Sixth Session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened this day in the Milford Methodist Protestant Church at 9 o'clock. The Conference was called to order by President Bowers, who conducted the devotional services, reading Ephesians 2. Hymn 87 was sung, after which W. M. Strayer led in prayer. The President presented Mr. Thomas A. Kirby, the Mayor of Milford, to the Conference, who made an address of welcome on behalf of the City Council and the people of Milford. Dr. Bunstine, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Milford, was then introduced to the Conference by the President and made an address of welcome on behalf of the churches of Milford. J. E. Maloy, at the request of the President, made reply. The President called W. M. Strayer to the chair and began the reading of his report. At the conclusion of that part of the report pertaining to those ministers that have died during the year, the President paused and the Conference choir sang "Crossing the Bar". The President then finished the reading of the report. His character was passed and the report referred to the committee on President's report. (Report A).

The calling of the roll was postponed to the afternoon session.

After a recess of five minutes the appointee, Louis Randall, preached the conference sermon. G. W. Haddaway, F. T. Benson, and L. F. Warner assisted in the service.

Afternoon

At 2 o'clock the President called the Conference to order. The roll was called and the names of W. J. D. Lucas, J. E. Nicholson and J. E. Litsinger, who had died during the year, were transferred to the Dead Roll.

It was moved that the name of A. J. Torrey be stricken from the roll. J. W. Kirk moved to amend that he be given an honorable discharge, according to his request. F. T. Tagg offered a substitute that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to say in the minutes of the Conference that A. J.

Torrey, having formerly withdrawn from the Conference his name be stricken from the roll. The substitute was adopted.

The Secretary, having read his report, the same was referred to the Committee on Finance for audit. (Report B).

T. O. Crouse offered a resolution of protest to be sent to the Speaker of the House of Delegates against House Bill No. 933 adverse to the Sunday laws of the State of Maryland. (Resolution 1).

The President read the list of the standing committees. (See List). The report of the Program Committee was read and adopted. (Report Q).

The ballot for President was ordered. E. T. Read, G. A. Morris, ministers, H. K. Muller and T. A. Myers, laymen, were appointed tellers. On motion, the Secretary called the roll and the members came forward to deposit their ballots. The result of ballot:

J. S. Bowers, 134; W. R. Graham 12; G. W. Haddaway 10; J. H. Straughn 2; L. F. Warner 2; J. M. Sheridan 2; J. L. Straughn 1; F. T. Little 1; F. T. Benson 1; T. O. Crouse 1. J. S. Bowers was declared elected and addressed the Conference.

G. Q. Bacchus moved that the assistant Secretary cast the ballot for J. H. Straughn for Secretary. The Secretary was given permission by the Conference to name his assistants and then announced the names of G. I. Humphreys, J. L. Nichols and J. R. Gaar as his assistants.

E. H. Jones offered his resignation as Conference Steward and J. R. Wright was elected to fill the vacancy.

C. P. Nowlin was elected Conference Treasurer. Ziba Adams was appointed collector for the Superannuated Fund and Henry Schaefer collector for sexton.

The ballot for the Committee on Appeals, having been ordered, J. T. Bailey and S. F. Cassen were appointed tellers. After the ballots were cast, the tellers retired to count the ballots.

Letters were read by the Secretary from Estelle Hodge, daughter of G. R. Hodge, J. L. Straughn and J. W. Norris. The letters of J. L. Straughn and J. W. Norris were referred to the Committee on Superannuates. J. M. Sheridan, J. L. Mills and F. T. Little were appointed a committee to convey to J. L. Straughn the sympathy of the Conference. A letter was read from E. S. Fooks and ordered to be placed on file.

A resolution, signed by E. C. Makosky and G. M. Clayton, calling for the

publication in the minutes of Louis Randall's sermon, was adopted. (Resolution 2).

F. T. Little moved that the memorial service take place to-night immediately after the administration of the Lord's Supper.

A letter from the Maryland Sunday School Union, requesting loan of B. W. Kindley was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Little, J. W. Trout, J. W. Kirk, W. R. Graham and F. H. Mullineaux were appointed to assist the President in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Conference adjourned at 4 o'clock with benediction by W. M. Strayer.

Evening

At the evening service, the Lord's Supper was administered and the memorial service was held. A number of eulogistic speeches on the life of J. E. Litsinger, J. E. Nicholson and W. J. D. Lucas were made. The benediction was pronounced by J. M. Sheridan.

Second Day—Thursday

The Conference was called to order and the Conference choir sang. The minutes were read and corrected.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

At 9.30 the order was observed—the calling of the roll of charges for communications.

The tellers for the Standing District Committee reported F. T. Little, W. R. Graham and J. M. Sheridan, ministers, T. P. Fisher, T. A. Murray and W. G. Baker, laymen. The tellers for the Committee on Appeals reported elected J. W. Kirk, A. W. Mather, and J. L. Mills, ministers, H. K. Muller, layman.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for A. R. Lewis and E. B. Fenby, they having received the highest, 36 votes out of a total of 78 votes.

The Conference Steward announced as his assistants W. C. Mumford and C. M. Adams.

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read. F. T. Little and F. T. Benson asked to be relieved from service.

The report of the Trustees of the Maryland Conference was read. T.

H. Lewis moved that the President appoint a committee of three to make nominations to fill the vacancies. The body of the report was adopted and that part pertaining to finance was referred to the Board of Finance for audit. (Report D). J. W. Balderston, George Hines and J. T. Norris were appointed by the President, a committee to make nominations for Conference Trustees.

F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions addressed the Conference in the interest of the work of his Board.

George R. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the Conference in reference to the need of more men for the ministry.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution that the committee on Literature and Education provide a plan for concerted action and prayer in regard to the matter Dr. Brown had brought to the attention of the Conference. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

A letter from F. L. Stevens, requesting a superannuate relation was read and referred to the Committee on Superannuates. A letter from E. H. Vandyke was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. W. H. Litsinger was requested by the President to lead in prayer pertinent to the letter.

The reports of the Baltimore Book Directory, the Theological Seminary and the President of Western Maryland College were referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

Greetings were received from the Wilmington M. E. Conference, at Berlin. F. T. Little moved that we receive them with pleasure and return our greetings.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Hospital Association was read. T. O. Crouse moved that a special committee be appointed by the President to consider the report. (See Report R).

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution requesting the Managers of the Church Home to consider the advisability of arranging for a body of lady managers to have the responsibility for the administration of the affairs of the home. F. T. Little moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Church Home. (See Report O).

The Conference adjourned at 11.30 to have a picture of the Conference taken.

Afternoon

The President took the chair at 2 o'clock. After singing by the Conference choir, the report of the Deaconess Board was read. T. H. Lewis moved that it be referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies. (See Report L).

J. W. Kirk, S. B. Tredway, E. B. Fenby were appointed by the President a committee to consider the report of the Methodist Hospital.

The report of the Special Committee on Paid Entertainment, raised last year, providing an assessment of \$2200 to be laid when no invitation had been made was read. A motion to adopt was lost.

The order of the day was observed and C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the Conference in the interest of his work, and C. H. Hubbell in the interest of the Young People's Work. At the conclusion of these addresses, the President stated that it was now necessary to consider the question of Church Union. After reading a communication from Pres. Davis of the General Conference submitting overtures from the Commission on Union, the President read a supplemental report pertaining to the question of Church Union and a special session of the General Conference which had been omitted from his original report for the sake of brevity. (See appendix to Report A).

T. H. Lewis presented a paper on the question of calling the General Conference in special session to consider the question of Church Union. At the conclusion of which he offered three resolutions as follows:

1. That the Maryland Annual Conference cannot agree that a special session of the General Conference can be legally constituted until the Annual Conferences have elected new representatives and, therefore, declines to join in the re-assembling of the General Conference of 1912 or to be represented therein.

2. That there is no need for "speedy action." That the General Conference of 1916 will be soon enough to reach a wise conclusion on the subject.

3. That we will agree to meet with our sister conferences in a special session of the General Conference, provided that they will elect new delegates and provided further, that nothing shall be included in the call that shall prevent or anticipate the submission of the question by the General Conference to the Annual Conferences and the membership of the Church for final action.

J. E. Maloy expressed a desire to speak on the general subject of Church Union. T. O. Crouse so moved and he was granted the floor without limitation of time. At the conclusion of the address, 4.52, a motion to adjourn prevailed. Benediction was pronounced by A. S. Beane.

Evening

The evening service was in the interest of adult and organized Bible classes in the Sunday School. F. T. Benson presided. Addresses were made by J. F. Bryan, E. D. Stone, L. B. Smith and others.

Third Day—Friday

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The minutes were read and approved. The President announced a change in the Board of Finance. J. W. Kirk, having asked to be relieved, the President announced John R. Wright for the vacancy.

After devotional services the roll of absentees was called.

T. M. Hare, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League was introduced and addressed the Conference.

A telegram from W. W. Davis of the Lord's Day Alliance was read. On motion of T. O. Crouse it was referred to the committee on Moral Reform with the request for immediate consideration.

J. H. Straughn addressed the Conference in reference to paper and resolutions of T. H. Lewis on the calling of the special session of the General Conference, the unfinished business of yesterday.

L. B. Smith introduced a resolution to refer the supplemental report of the President and T. H. Lewis' paper on the calling of a special session of the General Conference to a committee of seven to be made the special order of the day for Monday at 2 o'clock. E. B. Fenby moved to amend the motion of reference to 10 o'clock Saturday. The amendment to the resolution of reference was lost, and the resolution was lost. J. McLain Brown moved to consider the resolutions in T. H. Lewis' paper by items. G. W. Haddaway moved to amend that the entire paper be considered "seriatim." The amendment prevailed and the motion as amended was then adopted.

A motion by R. L. Shipley for an executive session of the Conference at

2 o'clock was withdrawn. A motion then prevailed for a session of the Conference at 2 o'clock.

Items 1, 2, 3, of the preamble to T. H. Lewis' paper were considered and after discussion were adopted.

Afternoon

The Committee on Moral Reform made a report on the telegram of W. W. Davis and a telegram was sent to Senator Zihlman protesting against the passage of a bill for Allegheny County permitting the sale of cigars on Sunday.

The Conference then took up the consideration of T. H. Lewis' paper on calling a special session of the General Conference. Objections having been made to resolution 1, T. H. Lewis read a second paper which F. T. Little offered as a substitute for resolution 1 of the original paper. The substitute was adopted. Resolutions 2 and 3 were then stricken out. A motion to adopt the paper as a whole was made and carried. A yeas and nays vote was then called for resulting in 171 yeas and 25 nays; ministerial yeas 98; lay yeas 73; ministerial nays 17; lay nays 8. Those ministers voting yeas are as follows: W. M. Strayer, J. E. Maloy, J. L. Mills, J. W. Gray, W. D. Litsinger, J. M. Holmes, A. W. Mather, D. L. Greenfield, A. A. Harryman, F. T. Little, T. O. Crouse, G. F. Farring, F. H. Mullineaux, J. A. Weigand, G. Q. Bacchus, T. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, J. L. Elderdice, J. S. Bowers, J. W. Balderston, S. F. Cassen, E. O. Ewing, J. W. Kirk, H. L. Elderdice, F. T. Benson, J. F. Wooden, G. W. Haddaway, H. W. D. Johnson, C. E. McCullough, H. S. Johnson, R. K. Lewis, L. F. Warner, J. W. Parris, Avery Donovan, C. M. Cullum, G. R. Donaldson, A. H. Green, C. K. McCaslin, Louis Randall, J. A. Wright, G. M. Clayton, George Hines, W. B. Judefind, E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, A. S. Beane, G. J. Hill, W. H. Litsinger, F. S. Cain, H. L. Schlincke, H. O. Keen, G. A. Morris, A. N. Ward, T. H. Wright, J. F. Bryan, N. O. Gibson, F. A. Holland, E. D. Stone, G. H. Stocksdale, W. A. Melvin, E. T. Read, J. L. Ward, C. M. Zepp, B. F. Ruley, G. E. Brown, C. M. Compher, F. J. Phillips, E. H. Jones, C. R. Strausburg, P. W. Crosby, Clayborne Phillips, R. L. Shipley, G. I. Humphreys, F. M. Clift, J. T. Bailey, N. C. Clough, Carroll Maddox, W. P. Roberts, W. L. Hoffman, E. L. Bunce, P. L. Rice, F. D. Reynolds, E. A. Sexsmith, J. L. Nichols, E. L. Beauchamp, M. E. Hungerford, J. E. Massey, V. A. Miller, R. W. Coe, R. Y.

Nicholson, C. W. Sanderson, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, E. W. Simms, Ziba Adams.

Laymen voting yea: H. A. Lewis, George W. Carter, J. H. Roberts, F. G. Reinecker, C. F. Argabright, Chas. D. Crist, Thomas A. Myers, W. W. Smith, H. K. Muller, Emmit S. Gover, Henry Schaefer, E. Allen Mayes, Summerfield Hinkle, J. W. Brooks, Jr., Homer Melvin, W. E. Thompson, Samuel Burgess, Wm. Vansant, Robert Pearson, Grier Stake, Chas. Nickerson, Chas. E. Shaw, Sherman Bishop, John H. Barrow, W. S. L. Ellis, T. Pliny Fisher, T. C. Sellers, G. C. Brittingham, L. C. Fleckinstein, John R. Lamond, W. H. Fox, Wm. H. Johnson, T. Frank Dill, Wm. E. Cain, J. E. Bevans, Edward Cashour, Frank L. Hudson, J. W. Cohee, Alfred H. McGee, Irving E. LeGates, Seth W. Griffith, J. O. Barnes, F. H. Small, Wm. B. Gordy, Harvey Mackley, W. B. Baucom, W. I. Simpson, Thomas L. Barnett, Thomas L. Williams, John B. Jones, Scott Bollanger, M. A. Davis, J. Carroll Seney, L. H. Lecates, Jerome Sure, W. E. Sheppard, Reuben A. Steward, J. P. Cooper, T. E. Harrison, Harding P. Tull, Fred Engler, G. I. Johnson, Wm. Downing, E. C. Hooper, W. H. Womersley, T. W. Grimes, J. W. Barse, W. T. Ballard, J. P. Dodge, George R. Grumbine, James T. Moore, S. C. Ditto, Walter Whaley, James H. Correy.

Ministers voting nay: S. B. Tredway, J. M. Sheridan, D. W. Anstine, F. C. Klein, L. A. Bennett, J. McLain Brown, T. R. Woodford, W. N. Sherwood, J. H. Straughn, B. A. Bryan, C. M. Elderdice, L. B. Smith, G. A. Ogg, R. T. Tyson, A. B. Dupuy, J. R. Gaar, H. F. Schwarzkopf.

Laymen voting nay: F. R. Keyser, A. R. Lewis, E. B. Fenby, John Anthony, J. T. Norris, George R. Myers, Vallie Hawkins, Horace Cooper.

On motion the report of the Committee on Literature and Education was made a special order for 10.00 o'clock Saturday.

Evening

The evening service was held in the interest of evangelism. George M. Clayton presided. G. E. Brown and E. D. Stone gave a recital of the memorable revivals in their Churches during the year.

Fourth Day—Saturday

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock. The minutes were read and corrected.

The Committee on Superannuates made a partial report assessing \$4500 on the district. The report was adopted and instructions sent to the Board of Finance.

A letter from J. M. Gill was read.

A resolution from the Finksburg Sunday School in regard to objectionable advertisements appearing in the Sunday School literature was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. (See Report I).

J. L. Mills led in prayer.

The payment by the Conference Treasurer of \$105 to Mrs. J. E. Litsinger and \$175 to J. W. Norris, during the interim of the Conference was approved. (Resolution 3).

The report of the Committee on President's report was read. It was adopted with its recommendations. (Report A).

1. That all moneys collected before the end of the year by the various charges for assessments be paid to the Conference Treasurer except those moneys for the General Boards. T. O. Crouse inquired if the Anti-Saloon League was to be included under the head of Benevolent Agencies. The chair answered in the negative.

2. That the Committee on Church Enterprise be discontinued and its duties be performed by the Committee on Church Extension.

3. That the question of devising some plan for the relief of necessitous cases in the interim of the Conference be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H.)

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution fixing the amount to be paid the Agent of the President's Parsonage as $\frac{1}{6}$ instead of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the President's salary assessment. It was adopted. (Resolution 4).

The motion of W. M. Strayer prevailed, granting J. L. Mills a superannuate relation and referring his case to the Committee on Superannuates. A motion prevailed that the residue of the claims of J. E. Nicholson and W. J. D. Lucas be paid in the former case to his daughter and in the latter to his wife. (Resolution 5).

At 10 o'clock the special order was observed—the reading of the report of the Committee on Literature and Education. The Methodist Protestant showed a net gain of 399 subscribers; the Book Directory a net gain of \$2785.59. While this item was pending, F. T. Tagg, Editor, and Charles Reiner, Agent, addressed the Conference. The agent stated that it costs

\$2.04 to send the Methodist Protestant to every subscriber. The item of the report of the Committee on Literature and Education was adopted. Item 2, in regard to Western Maryland College, laments the death of J. W. Hering, President of the Board of Trustees, shows a large enrollment and growth of the endowment. The imperative need of a new building costing about \$60,000, is emphasized.

T. H. Lewis and A. N. Ward addressed the Conference, after which the Committee's report on the item was adopted, F. T. Tagg asking for a rising vote to show the appreciation of the Conference for J. W. Hering mentioned in the report.

A motion by T. H. Lewis prevailed that the Conference have an afternoon session beginning at 1.30.

Item 3—the report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary.

The report shows that the Scholarship Fund has been generously supported; that ten Conferences are reported in the student body; that five denominations are represented in the special course of lectures; and that the same assessment as last year is assessed upon the district.

H. L. Elderdice addressed the Conference, and a motion prevailed that the second Sunday in May be fixed as a day for concerted action of prayer and preaching looking to an increase in our ministerial ranks. The report of the Committee as a whole was then adopted. (Report I).

The report of the Church Extension Society of Washington, D. C., was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (Report G).

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

The Nominating Committee on Maryland Conference Trustees recommended J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Roland Watts and T. A. Murray. To fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. W. Hering, Charles A. Benjamin. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for these nominees. The Faculty of Instruction made a partial report as follows: (Report F).

1. That V. A. Miller, R. W. Coe, R. Y. Nicholson, and C. W. Sanderson having finished the course of study were passed through the course.

2. That C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, Jr., and W. F. Wright were passed to the third year, C. M. Adams receiving 100 in Church History.

3. That W. M. Snyder was passed to the second year.

Recommendations:

1. That Howard C. Jones be admitted to membership in the Conference.
2. That Wingate Daniel Short be placed in the hands of the President.
3. That John Nicholas Link, Allan Haldeman and Howard Zepp be placed on trial.

4. That Ronalds Taylor be admitted into the Conference and ordained.

5. That C. C. Day be ordained and that C. M. Adams, W. F. Wright, W. M. Snyder be ordained, provided, they give the usual pledge to continue the course of study. The report was adopted item by item, the President receiving Howard C. Jones into the Conference, after the adoption of item 1 of the recommendations, and John Nicholas Link, Allan Haldeman and Howard Zepp into the Conference on trial, after the adoption of item 3 of the recommendations.

The partial report as a whole was adopted. F. T. Little moved that the candidates be ordained Sunday at 10.30 A. M.

A motion that T. H. Lewis publish a new edition of the Historical Record down to 1915 prevailed.

On motion of E. T. Read a new edition of the Manual was ordered, at fifty cents per copy.

The President announced F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, J. L. Mills, H. L. Elderdice, L. B. Smith, and W. B. Judefind to assist in the ordination service. On account of a funeral service, L. B. Smith was excused.

The Conference excused T. H. Lewis for the rest of the session and W. M. Strayer for the rest of the day.

A resolution, granting to T. H. Lewis, or his representative, the pulpits of the various churches of this Conference and pledging the co-operation of the pastors in raising money for the new building at Western Maryland College, was adopted. (Resolution 7).

G. I. Humphreys offered a resolution assessing \$500 on the district to be given to the church entertaining the Conference. F. T. Tagg offered a substitute that in case there should be no suitable offer of entertainment prior to October 1, 1914, that the Standing District Committee be authorized to select a place and devise the method of entertainment. The substitute prevailed. (Resolution 6)

The Secretary asked the Conference for information in regard to the

payment of money other than that pertaining to the expenses of the Secretary's office. H. L. Elderdice moved that all expenses pertaining to Conference business not having been specified by the Conference be paid by the Secretary so long as he has money so to do, and that the vouchers be brought to the Conference. Adopted.

At 2.45 o'clock a motion to adjourn prevailed. Benediction by J. L. Mills.

Fifth Day—Sunday

The ordination sermon was preached by G. Q. Bacchus.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Secretary, by order of the Conference, presented Ronalds Taylor, C. M. Adams, W. F. Wright, W. M. Snyder and C. C. Day to the President, who, assisted by F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, J. L. Mills, H. L. Elderdice and W. B. Judfind ordained them to the office of Elder in the Church of Christ.

Evening

The evening service was the dedication of the Conference Church. F. T. Tagg preached the sermon.

Sixth Day—Monday

The President took the chair at 9 o'clock. The minutes were read and corrected. The Conference then engaged in devotional service.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society was referred to the committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

The Committee on Literature and Education reported on the resolution of the Finksburg Sunday School objecting to certain advertisements appearing in our Sunday School Literature. The Committee recommended that all advertisements be omitted from our Sunday School literature. The report of the Committee was adopted. (Report I).

Ziba Adams, collector for the Superannuate Fund reported \$93.35—report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform rejoices in the growth of temperance sentiment and in the enactment of local constructive legislation;

state and national prohibition are endorsed; pastors are requested to give T. M. Hare, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, or his representatives, admission into their pulpits to present the cause of temperance. The report was adopted. (Report K).

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read and, according to rule, laid on the table for twenty-four hours. (Report H).

A letter from the Men's Bible Class of Hampden M. P. Church was read and the Secretary was instructed to answer.

L. B. Smith introduced a resolution urging upon churches the use of the individual communion cup—lost.

The Conference Steward read his report and it was laid on the table twenty-four hours for inspection. (Tables).

At 10.45 the Conference gave way to the Mutual Relief Association. At 11.15 the Conference resumed session but gave way immediately to the Superannuate Fund Society.

At 11.25 the Committee on Church Home made its report. The report stated that a pleasant haven of rest had been furnished seventeen people. An increase of assessment is emphasized.

At 11.40 the Conference, on account of so many absentees, recessed, having made the report of the Committee on Church Home a special order for 2.30.

Afternoon

Wingate Daniel Short gave pledge in open Conference that, if placed on trial, to pursue the course of study until passed through the course.

The report of the Committee on the Methodist Hospital Association. The request of the Methodist Hospital for a committee to meet with committees from the M. E. and the M. E. Church South and to report their findings to this Conference April, 1915, is granted. Two laymen and one minister to constitute the committee. T. O. Crouse and B. W. Kindley were named on the Board of Managers. (Report R).

The special order was then observed—the consideration of the report of the committee on Our Church Home. Item 1 which recommends that F. T. Tagg visit the churches and raise money for the urgent needs of the Home, after discussion was withdrawn by the Committee. Item 2 assessed \$2000

on the district thus raising the assessment \$422. J. M. Brown offered a substitute that the pastors be requested to make a special effort in conjunction with the lady visitors to increase the collections to maintain the home—lost. The item was then adopted. Item 3, requesting that the Board of Managers be elected by the Conference, was adopted. Item 4 recommends that pastors raise their assessments as early as possible and Item 5 endorses the proposition that there be an Active Board of Lady Managers. The items were adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report O).

On motion an evening session beginning at 8 o'clock was ordered and the report of the Young People's Work was made the special order that hour.

Evening

Prayer by A. W. Mather.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read. It showed 275 Sunday Schools with 3,843 officers and teachers and 32,594 scholars, 4596 new scholars. Number of Christian Endeavor Societies 205, with a membership of 8471. The Christian Endeavor Societies have raised \$1189 for Missions. Brotherhoods are emphasized and it is recommended that they be organized according to the constitution adopted by the General Conference. The need for graded classes and better architecture in Sunday Schools are also emphasized. The Conference is requested to consider the advisability of employing a field secretary and each Society connected with the Conference Union is requested to give \$2 this year for the support of the work. After considerable discussion of the value of young people's work, the report was adopted. (Report J).

Miss Nettie Perrin, our Deaconess, was introduced to the Conference and made an address.

An offering to meet the expenses of the Conference Choir was taken.

The Conference Treasurer read his report and it was received and referred to a committee for audit. F. T. Little moved that a Committee of Audit be added to the list of standing committees, (Resolution 8). E. A. Sexsmith, W. H. Litsinger and J. C. Cooper were appointed by the chair to the committee of Audit.

A motion to adjourn prevailed with the report of the Committee on Statistics on the table.

Seventh Day—Tuesday

Conference was called to order by President Bowers at 9 o'clock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

The Committee of Audit reported that it was impossible to audit the report of the Conference Treasurer before the close of Conference and recommended that a standing Committee of Audit be appointed and that they report on the Treasurer's report at the next Conference. (Report S).

The report of the Committee on Statistics was read and adopted. (See Tables).

A resolution providing for the bonding of the Conference Treasurer at the expense of the Conference, was presented by C. P. Nowlin and referred to a special committee composed of J. M. Sheridan, G. I. Humphreys and F. H. Small.

The report of the Collector of the Church Extension dues was read and adopted.

A supplementary report of the Committee on President's report regarding the pastor's Quarterly report blanks was read and adopted. (Report A).

The report of the Conference Steward was taken from the table and adopted.

A resolution was presented by C. M. Elderdice protesting against the use of Children's Day collection for Conference assessments. The resolution was laid on the table.

The President appointed the following committee to visit and inspect the Methodist Hospital: Laymen, G. E. Repp, Allan Beam, Minister, F. T. Little.

On motion F. T. Little was authorized to call together the committee appointed to visit and inspect the Methodist Hospital.

A resolution providing that Sunday Schools be required to devote a few minutes every Sunday to the study of the catechism of the Methodist Protestant Church was presented by J. W. Kirk and referred to the Committee on Young People's Work. (See Report J).

A report of the Conference choir was read by F. C. Klein, the general manager of the choir. (Report U). The following officers were elected.

Choir leader, E. D. Stone; Ass't leader, W. B. Judefind; Organist, C. M. Elderdice; Ass't Organist, E. L. Beauchamp. Adopted.

A resolution providing for the sermon and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the evening of the first day of the Conference was adopted. (See Resolution 9).

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read.

A motion was made to amend by adopting the action of the 1911 conference as a substitute for the first item. After considerable discussion the President ruled that in the absence of other records the action of the Conference of 1911 is the law. On motion the words "provided he needs that amount" were stricken from the item. An amendment was offered affecting the distribution to widows.

By common consent the business of the hour was suspended to make way for hearing a fraternal messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. John William Smith of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was introduced to the Conference and made a brief address conveying the greetings of the Baltimore Conference. W. M. Strayer made the response.

The Collector for the janitor reported that he had collected \$30. By common consent the money was turned over to L. A. Bennett, the pastor of the church.

A motion was made by T. O. Crouse, that the Conference, having learned with deep sorrow of the death of Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, request the Committee on Moral Reform to prepare a suitable record; and that they also prepare a resolution expressing our commendation of the act of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels, in banishing intoxicating liquors from the Navy.

Both motions were referred to the committee on Moral Reform.

Adjournment.

Afternoon

The Conference took up the item of the report of the Committee on Superannuates pertaining to widows. The original item read "That each widow of a minister be given \$5 for each year of her service, provided she needs it." An amendment was offered "That each widow of a minister be given \$5 for each year of his service." J. M. Sheridan offered an amendment to the

amendment which the chair ruled was equal to a substitute "That each widow of a minister be given \$5 for each year of her service." The substitute was adopted. T. O. Crouse moved that all reference to length of service be stricken out of the list of consideration.—lost. Item 6 pertaining to appropriations was withdrawn for corrections to conform to the ruling.

A supplemental report of the Young People's Work Committee requesting that a part of each Sabbath be spent in our Sunday Schools in catechetical instruction was adopted. (Report J).

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read. It recommended:

1. That the name of the Bedford Street Methodist Protestant Church of Cumberland, Maryland, be changed to the First Methodist Protestant Church of Cumberland, Maryland.

2. That St. Paul's Baltimore, be enrolled as a station.

3. That Central Church be taken from Milford Charge and be attached to Georgetown Circuit.

4. That Cheseco Park of Baltimore County be recognized as a separate charge and be placed under the care of the quarterly conference of Calvary Church, Baltimore.

5. That Middleway, West Virginia, be placed under the supervision of the pastor of Harpers Ferry charge.

6. That the deed of the North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., be transferred to the trustees of the church.

7. That the President of the Conference appoint the committee to look after our financial interests in Middleway, Frederica, Quantico and others in the same condition.

8. The same assessment as last year is levied upon the district.

The report was adopted. (Report G).

Item 6—the revised list of the appropriations of the committee on superannuates was read and adopted. (Report H).

At his own request J. E. Maloy's appropriation was reduced from \$540 to \$325.

J. M. Sheridan moved that when the committee has information from claimants that they do not want the full amount due them from the endowment fund that the Committee shall govern themselves according to such information.

The final report of the Faculty of Instruction was read. The President of the Faculty stated that all persons hereafter desiring authority to administer the ordinances must stand examination, otherwise no person can be licensed to administer the ordinances. The following are recommended to receive licenses to administer the ordinances: W. H. Beckwith, J. P. George, W. P. Jump, C. H. Larrimore, J. E. Medling, A. R. Middleton, H. E. Norris, I. S. Owens, J. N. Link, Allan Haldeman, Howard Zepp, Stephen Zemm, Edward Kirkley, H. H. Carroll. The final report was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report F).

At 4.17 o'clock the Conference adjourned until 8 o'clock and the Church Extension Society held its session.

Evening

The Committee on Missions reported good news from Japan. It appeals for support of our home mission work. Children's Day services are urged. Adopted. (Report N).

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies commends the deaconess work of our church. A home for our deaconesses is urged. It is recommended that charges be asked to contribute an amount equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the President's salary for the support of the deaconess' work. 2. That pastors open their pulpits for the presentation of the deaconess' work. 3. That G. E. Brown be recommended as a life director of the Maryland Tract Society. Adopted. (Report L).

The Treasurer's report was also read and adopted. (Report C).

The supplemental report of the Committee on Moral Reform laments the death of Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens and commends Secretary Daniels for his action in prohibiting intoxicants in the navy. (Report K).

The Committee on the Wilmington Church reported that they had no report to make. The committee is continued.

The Committee on the Amalgamation of the Maryland Conference Endowment Society and the Maryland Conference Trustees reported that the amalgamation had not been accomplished. The committee is continued.

G. Q. Bacchus, Treasurer of the General Conference fund read his report and it was adopted. He is continued as treasurer. (Report P).

T. O. Crouse moved that the Secretary be authorized to pay the deficiency

in the General Conference fund out of whatever moneys he may have. Carried.

A resolution was offered that a special committee of three to report at the next conference be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of having the President's salary collected early in the year and turned over to the conference treasurer and that the President's salary be paid monthly, was adopted. (Resolution 10).

The Committee to fix the bond of the Conference Treasurer recommended that the bond be fixed at \$5000 and that the Committee be given the privilege to make arrangements after conference and report the same to the Secretary in time for publication in the minutes. (Report T).

The report of the Board of Finance was read and adopted. (Report E and assessment tables). T. W. Donoho was nominated and elected as Agent of the President's Parsonage.

A motion by T. O. Crouse placing the Conference on record as in favor of national prohibition in army and navy and all other places in the United States and in all its dependencies was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

C. P. Nowlin moved that the conference treasurer present his expenses to the Secretary of the Conference for payment. Adopted.

A motion to re-consider the resolution which was adopted pertaining to conference entertainment was adopted. A motion prevailed to insert "determine" instead of suggest in the resolution and also directing the Standing District Committee to present any expense that may be incurred to the next session of this Conference. The resolution was then adopted as amended. (Resolution 6).

The report of the Committee on Official Relations was read and adopted. (Report M).

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution that the Secretary be a committee to ascertain what churches in this conference have been incorporated. (Resolution 11).

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

The President then read the plan of appointments and the Conference adjourned with benediction by S. W. Coe.

At the conclusion of the Conference the following had not responded to their names:

All ministers had either responded to the roll call or sent letters.

The following laymen failed to respond to the roll call: J. A. Sydnor,

John G. Dix, Norman Bortner, Benjamin F. Thomas, M. B. Insko, O. W. Gent, John H. Baker, W. C. Lewis, Samuel B. Gray, Edward Bell, John T. Lewis, G. T. Atkinson, Sherman Bishop, Lester S. Patterson, Edward Cashour, Chas. L. Ennis, John O. Sponseller, George R. Raisin, Carlisle Tanner, C. W. Strausburg, Albert Hamblin, M. G. Davis, J. W. Bell, H. T. Mason, William Adolph, M. Joslyn, Wallace H. White, J. O. Mitchell, Archie Todd, Harding P. Tull, W. T. Colgain, James E. Chamberlain, William Merrell.

Approved:

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,

Secretary.

JOHN S. BOWERS,

President.

REPORTS

Report A

THE PRESIDENT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

After the lapse of another year of toil in the vineyard of the Lord—a year of mingled defeat and victory, of shadow and sunshine, by His grace we gather, to count our blessings, to greet one another in the spirit of Christian fraternity, and to deliberate upon the important matters which will be brought to our attention in this, the eighty-sixth session of our beloved Conference. As we retrospect, we remember the homes where sickness, sorrow and bereavement have cast their sombre shadows. We weep with those who weep. Some who were here last year have vanished from us—Their immortal spirits have winged their flight into the blessed rest—the rest of Heaven. Of the 143 ministers and preachers who went out to toil last year, three will not answer our Roll Call to-day. They have answered to the Roll Call of the General Assembly before the Throne of God. We miss them. We remember their activity and interest in all the affairs of our entire church. We will linger in reverent meditation as we think and speak of—

Our Beloved Dead.

Rev. James Ernest Litsinger, the young and popular pastor of our Seaford Church, after a lingering illness, from which we devoutly prayed he might recover, was borne across the silent river Aug. 22nd, 1913.

Alert, industrious, systematic, and consecrated to all the duties of the holy office to which he was called, his short ministry was notably successful. Amidst the tears of a church which loved him, from the crushed hearts of a father and mother and kinsfolk who would have kept him here, from the wife of his young manhood and the child of his love, he went, never to be old, but in the vigor of perpetual youth to sing the song of Faith's eternal fruition. He gave to the Conference nearly 10 years of earnest toil.

Rev. Jacob Ezra Nicholson, old and weary from his weight of years,

as silently as a leaf falls to the bosom of the earth when zephyrs sleep, so silently his spirit went away to rest upon the bosom of his God. His ministerial bearing; his close attention to the business of our annual sessions and his unwavering fidelity to all the interests of the church, will embalm his memory in our hearts. As a christian, he was tested by the loss of friends and fortune; as a preacher he was tested by this Conference; as a minister he was tested by all the trials of a long career. And as gold tried in the fire shines with greater lustre, so shone his noble spirit. He gave 33 years of service as a member of this Conference. We will enroll him among our honored dead.

Rev. William James Dillen Lucas, a long time invalid was released from his constant sufferings March 26th, 1914. He joined this Conference in March, 1873, and was ordained in March, 1876. Many of the members of this Conference do not know this good man. Because of his great infirmities he lived remote from the busy throng. But those of us who did know him found pleasure in his friendship. He was possessed of a rare mind, was finely educated and a splendid preacher. His was a strong soul in a frail tenement. He was deprived for many years of the privilege of exercising his splendid talents in the pulpit, but often in the seclusion of his sick room would break forth in eloquent utterances concerning the story he so much desired to tell. He gave 14 years of service to this Conference.

During the year, five faithful women, wives and widows of members of this Conference, have entered into rest.

Mrs. A. Downs Wright, beloved wife of Rev. T. H. Wright, after a long illness found the rest for which she longed, Apr. 14th, 1913.

Mrs. E. R. McGregor, weary from the infirmities of age, fell asleep in Jesus, June 13th, 1913.

Mrs. Martha Bevan Strayer, beloved and faithful wife of Rev. W. M. Strayer, saw the sunrise of a glorious day at "Sunset" by the river Dec. 4th, 1913.

Mrs. C. H. Littleton, worn in body and mind, went over to the spirit land, Jan. 14th, 1914.

Mrs. Maria Louisa Roberts, widow of Rev. John Roberts, of precious memory, weary from the weight of years, suddenly fell asleep in Jesus March 8th, 1914.

But these are not all of our beloved dead. Honorable and faithful members of our laity have gone out from us to join the cloud of witnesses which encompass us. I am sure you will not consider me invidious in the mention I make of three.

J. D. Cathel, centenarian, loyal churchman, earnest christian.

Joshua W. Hering, gentleman, financier, statesman, christian.

Jarrett N. Gilbert, wise, honest, loyal churchman.

"Jesus, thou Prince of Life
 Thy chosen cannot die
 Like thee, they conquer in the strife
 To reign with thee on high."

Charges Left to be Supplied.

Of these there were six upon the adjournment of the last Conference. Frederica—This charge has not had regular supply.

Georgetown Circuit—Since June 15th Rev. G. R. McCready has given this circuit pastoral attention.

Indian River—after a short interval, was placed in the care of Rev. J. E. Maloy.

Patapsco—Immediately after Conference Rev. Edward Kirkley was appointed to this charge.

Talbot Circuit—The Conference having made provision for a part of the pastors salary, I secured the services of Rev. Howard Mullinix, an unstationed preacher of Bethany Church, Baltimore. He remained in charge from Apr. 15th to Oct. 1st. I call your attention again to this charge.

Wilmington—Immediately after Conference I appointed Rev. Eben Baldwin, pastor in charge of this church. He has rendered valuable assistance.

Changes Among Pastors.

On Sept. 2nd, Rev. J. W. Norris, because of serious nervous trouble, resigned the pastorate of Marley Circuit. Rev. Clayborne Phillips was appointed to succeed him. Said appointment taking effect Oct. 15th, 1913.

Rev. C. E. Dryden was released from the pastorate of Leeds Circuit Oct. 1st to succeed Rev. J. E. Litsinger in the pastorate of Seaford. His pastorate began with that date. On the same day—Oct. 1st, Rev. Thos. C. Jones, an unstationed minister of St. Johns church, Baltimore, was appointed to the pastorate of Leeds.

On Sept. 18th, Rev. F. P. Krauss, pastor of Bedford Circuit resigned said pastorate; and without explanation mailed me his ministerial credentials, thus severing his relation with this Conference and the church. Rev. Howard Mullinix, after serving six months as pastor of Talbot Circuit, was released therefrom and appointed to the pastorate of Bedford Circuit.

Rev. W. A. Ledford, a member of the North Carolina Conference, was appointed supply pastor of Pocomoke Circuit at our last session. On Dec. 15th he resigned said pastorate to take up work in his own Conference.

Rev. H. H. Carroll resigned the pastorate of Lawsonia in November and on Dec. 15th was appointed to Pocomoke Circuit.

Talbot Circuit and Lawsonia have been without regular pastoral supply since the above mentioned changes.

On Mar. 31st, Rev. A. J. Torrey resigned the pastorate of Payson St. and requested that his name be dropped from the roll of this Conference.

Institutions and Societies—Western Maryland College.

This noble institution continues its hold upon the people of our church and its constituency in all the States touched by our Conference work. And it still maintains an inviting curriculum to all who seek the blessing of higher education. Along with this are the noble efforts of President and Faculty to minister to the spiritual interests of the army of young people who crowd its halls. Baker Chapel is a constant summons to a noble life and an unchanging protest against immorality.

The student body retains its numerical strength notwithstanding the graduation of large classes from year to year and the strenuous competition manifested in the continual quest for students. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided to begin the construction of a building to be used for recitation purposes and to furnish better class facilities. The president of the institution was authorized to collect the money. Whatever his plan may be, I do not know, but if it should become necessary for him to appeal to our people in a general way—I bespeak for him and his cause, a generous response from all our charges.

Westminster Theological Seminary.

The work of this splendid school is touching many of our Conferences. Men who started with too little equipment are leaving their charges, in order that they may avail of the splendid advantages this school of the prophets affords. The number of students is about the same as last year, notwithstanding the large class which went out at the last Commencement. In my last report, I called the attention of this Conference to the few men from this great Conference territory who are in the student body—I called you to join me in prayer in reference to this important matter. I cannot think that you gave my appeal dull hearing. The fact is that neither our prayers nor the Call of God have gotten large response. The condition is just the same. Maryland is not furnishing enough men who by careful training will take our places in years to come. Why this is, I will not discuss; but to me the condition is alarming. In our perplexity and alarm God can call men from the quarry, the field of sport, the shoe shop—and use them mightily for the overthrow of the works of the devil.

This He did in the case of Billy Sunday, whose mighty messages shook Pittsburgh from her lethargy, in the case of Evan Roberts who under God made Wales tremble with the tread of thousands saved by grace alone, in the case of that Prince of Evangelists, Dwight L. Moody, whose call to God, clear and strong, was heard over two hemispheres. What these wonderful God chosen men have done without culture is the marvel of men. What they might have done with a knowledge more profound, God alone can tell. I do not wish to be understood as over-estimating mere intellectual culture. I dread the chill of Stoicism as much as any man. But when the sharpened darts of adverse faith are hurled with rapid shot at our foundations—we must know how to shoot as well as to shout. The roll of stationed preachers will only be increased by one at this year's graduation. I call upon you my brethren to take to heart this serious situation.

If it were necessary, I could say much in praise of the abundant labors of the president and faculty. From whatever source they may get their praise—none is quite so full as that received from the student body. During my visits I greatly missed the presence of Dr. Douglas, whose gentle spirit and cultured mind left their impress upon those he left behind. I was pleased to discover the addition of a new feature in the course of instruction—that of elocution with special thought given to hymn and scripture reading. The president's daughter is the cultured instructress in this very important department.

Our Mutual Relief Association.

I feel constrained to call your attention to this important organization. There are scarcely one hundred ministers of this Conference who belong to it. Several times efforts have been made to pass resolutions of a compulsory character in reference to membership in it. I have not always agreed with these efforts. I have never thought it wise to compel a heart to do what it does not enjoy—in this matter, at least. But I have always felt, because of our love for one another, in the spirit of that blessed fraternity which binds us together into one great brotherhood, that when the shadows gather and sorrows press the soul, we would just long to be around to lay our simple token in sorrow's lap, to help speak our sympathy and heal the wounded heart. So I emphasize in your hearing my brethren, this way of making love's labor felt.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society.

In my report of last year I respectfully called your attention to the existence of such a society among us. You disposed of the case by reso-

lution, which called for a report from a special committee to this Conference. I mention the matter here to call attention to the Society itself and a wise decision as to the matters it represents.

Summer Conference.

I was greatly delighted with my brief stay amidst the restful environment of College Hill during the sessions of this assembly. The mighty utterances of the great men who spoke, the soul culture which the seasons of song and prayer afforded, and the privilege of meeting the brethren for the second time in the year—grasping their hands and looking upon their faces, were rare, rich treats to me. I regret that there seem to be obstacles in the way of a larger attendance. My hope is that all these can be remedied and that the management may busy itself with the task of furnishing our entire Conference with a repetition of programs, equal to, and surpassing any that have been presented.

The President's Parsonage Guild.

During the year, the faithful women who officered this important organization, have given thoughtful attention to the needs of our home. They have kindly and promptly responded to every request. The home is comfortable and reflects great credit upon their work and interest. I hereby record our high appreciation of all that has been done and urge most strongly upon the pastors to remind the various Aid Societies throughout the Conference to respond to the Conference resolution in regard to their annual remittances.

Benevolent Agencies.

I desire to record my sincere thanks to the St. John's Board of Beneficence, the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society and to Mrs. S. J. Smith, who at the request of her dear departed husband, placed a sum of money in my hands for the relief of the exigencies which from time to time, came to some of our brethren.

Sale of Church Property.

My predecessor in this office had entered into negotiations for the sale of the old church property, known as White Ground, in Baltimore County. After some considerable delay because of legal difficulties, the property was finally sold for the sum of \$150.

This money was used as part payment on a note given by the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, in behalf of Wilton Heights Church.

Bequests.

By the last Will and Testament of Mr. John E. A. Cunningham, North Baltimore Church was bequeathed the sum of \$1000 upon condition that the annual interest be paid to his widow during her life. By the death of Mrs. Cunningham, this church enters into the full enjoyment of this legacy.

By the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Cunningham, provision is made for a legacy amounting to more than \$7000, which is bequeathed to North Baltimore church, said legacy to be paid to said church upon the death of a certain beneficiary under the will.

After a lapse of forty-two years, it has come to the attention of those who are interested, that by the Will of Mr. Luther J. Cox, the Hampden church, the Book Directory, the Church Extension Society and the Super-annuated Fund Society, are bequeathed specified interests in a lot of ground situated not far from our Hampden church. This fact may be known to some, but it has not, to my knowledge, been brought to the attention of this Conference. How valuable this parcel of ground may be, remains to be seen, but I am pleased to report that representatives of the respective organizations have the matter well in hand.

The Book Concern.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory will come before the Conference in the regular order of business and will speak for itself. It is sufficient to say that there are reported over seven hundred new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant. But the number of subscribers that failed to renew reduces the net gain to four hundred. The Directory has succeeded in a small measure in solving the problem of getting new subscribers. What has been done is encouraging but it has not been particularly gratifying. The paper must have the constant assistance and the co-operation of the pastors in securing renewals as well as in securing new subscribers, if a permanent increase in the patronage of the paper is to be maintained.

The Book Directory has eliminated all financial padding in the preparation of its report and still shows a substantial, though not a very large gain, in its assets. Mr. Reiner, the agent who has grown up with the business since the purchase of the Charles St. Book Concern property, has proven himself an alert, competent and successful man, who has splendidly kept the various departments in harmonious and successful business operation.

There are three outstanding facts that should not be forgotten: first, the Church cannot hope to live, much less to succeed in the propagation

and establishment of its principles, without a wide-awake Church paper that intelligently and accurately represents the church's principles and interprets them fairly and wisely to its patrons.

Second, it has become established as a fact that is no longer questioned that it must have the co-operation and support of the whole church, but more especially of its competent writers and leaders to give it tone and variety of opinion and a quickened interest that will make it universally popular.

Third, the preachers must come to see that its widened circulation is not only to stimulate the interest of the church but that it must react on their own work in such a way as to be a most efficient ally in promoting every interest of the church with which they have to do. Therefore to become active agents in increasing its patronage is not a charity to the paper nor to the church, but a most effective agency in successful self-efficiency and greater power in the pastoral work.

This Conference should have not less than five thousand bona-fide subscribers, and brethren, you can make it so, if you will just say, "it shall be done" and stick to it.

Our Church Home.

I desire to call the attention of the Conference to this important institution. It belongs to us and we cannot afford to pass it over in silence. It has come to my notice that its finances are in a depleted condition. Certainly, it is true that the assessment is not equal to the expense of its maintenance. The situation deserves your careful attention. Some years ago Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., was urged to canvass the Conference in its behalf. This he consented to do. But his inability to get into the pulpits of our Conference to any large extent discouraged him. He has been asked by its Board of Managers to undertake the task again. I commend the splendid opportunity this Home affords to the exercise of a larger beneficence. Let the Committee of this Conference examine into its affairs thoroughly and present its needs forcefully.

Deaconess Work.

This work is not developing as rapidly as its importance and its possibilities for usefulness warrant. The Board that has this work in charge is doing all it can to foster and extend it, but some embarrassing difficulties have hindered the realization of the purposes and plans of the Board. Any judicious and practicable suggestions the Conference can offer to make this work more extensive and serviceable would be welcomed by all the friends of the enterprise. There is imperative need for a suitable and

eligibly located home for the deaconesses and until this home is secured the work will be seriously hindered. It is pleasant to record that those churches that have availed themselves of the services of a deaconess have found her ministry acceptable and fruitful, bringing an increase of Sunday School scholars and opening up access for the pastors to homes that have had no association with the church. There is at present one young woman in active service and two receiving hospital training.

Methodist Hospital Association.

Three years ago a number of Methodist ministers and laymen, including members of our denomination, incorporated themselves under the title of The Methodist Hospital Association and acquired the Maryland General and the Maryland Lying-in Hospitals and have been operating them as institutions under the special patronage of the three branches of Methodism. At the session of 1911 this Conference endorsed the movement and without assuming any financial responsibility placed itself in sympathetic co-operation with the enterprise. It seems proper therefore that I should at least call attention to the institutions above named and commend them to the favorable consideration of our people. To minister to the sick and to relieve human suffering so far as medical and surgical skill can do so, is philanthropic work in keeping with the spirit of Christianity. Methodism has a responsibility for this work and should be giving practical aid in extending and maintaining it. How far this Conference can wisely commit itself to the Methodist Hospital Association Inc. is a question that deserves your careful consideration, and I recommend that the request coming from the Board of Managers of the said Association for the appointment of a committee to confer with like committees from the other Methodist Conferences, be granted.

Home Missions.

I have greatly appreciated the earnest and intelligent efforts of Dr. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, to bring to the attention of our constituency, the pressing needs and financial condition of this helpful agency in our general church. It seems to me that his appeals frankly and truthfully made, should stir the entire church; and stimulate our people to larger cooperation in the extension of our denominational boundaries. He is familiar with the opportunities—the open doors constantly inviting entrance and giving promise of great results for the church we love. Financial inability has held his arm, when he would plant the banner of liberal Methodism. Our loss may neither be estimated or regained. I call the attention of this Conference and our constituency

to a thoughtful and liberal cooperation with the earnest efforts of this Board.

It is quite true that our Conference is the largest contributor to the funds under its control. The spirit of our benevolence should not be that we give in order that, as a Conference, we may get back; but to give to help—to help establish in well-selected localities, strong churches which in their turn, will do likewise.

My attention has been called to the fact that the Board holds obligations from several of the charges which have matured, and that no satisfactory adjustment has been made. I have kindly called the attention of these charges through their pastors to the importance of the subject, and urged a speedy settlement upon the principle that a debt is a debt, whether it is due our mother church or our bank.

Church Extension.

I have no apology to make for anything I said in my report of last year, concerning this important subject. I reaffirm the entire paragraph of that report. I have come to the conclusion that our people need to experience a great awakening to the possibilities that lie within easy reach of us, under the blessing of Almighty God. This substantial edifice, beautifully furnished, with its hundreds of adherents, stands as a mighty protest against that spirit of pessimism which stultifies our efforts by telling us "we can't"—I tell you my brethren WE CAN. We never were larger, we never were richer and we should be equally courageous to enter domains in need of the Gospel, to gather men and women for Christian culture and to save them from sin. We have debated for some years the advisability of selecting a man and sending him forth to raise our banner in new fields. We have come to no conclusion. Our delay has been our loss. We have said—where is the money to come from? How can the man be paid if we can select the man? My brethren I have great faith in this grand old church and I have great faith in you. This faith leads me to believe that the money is the smaller part of the proposition to be worried over. I thank God for what has been done by our pastors in the regular program of pastoral aggressiveness; but we can do more, if we will break the chains of our pessimism and launch forth into larger labors.

To the cities of Philadelphia and Wilmington, hundreds of our people are moving from time to time.

In West Philadelphia, there are enough Methodist Protestant families to make a strong self-supporting church in a surprisingly short time. They are Sheep without a Shepherd. In Wilmington, where we should have had a large church long ago, a greater opportunity awaits us. Let

us open our eyes and look upon the fields for they are already ripened unto the harvest.

The Committee of Church Extension in its report to you last year recommended that the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society, be authorized to borrow \$3800 for the purchase of a lot of ground upon which the proposed Park Road Church building would be erected. I volunteered to negotiate this loan. The money was borrowed from the Kent County Savings Bank at 6% interest. The lot was paid for and the deed obtained according to the instructions of the Conference. I call your attention to the fact that not only must the interest be provided for; but a resolution should be passed, instructing the Church Extension Committee to put aside an appropriation by which the amount of the principal can be reduced. The District of Columbia and the Baltimore City Church Extension Societies, continue their efforts to care for the interests committed to their hands.

Two new enterprises have been started. One at Cheseco Park, Baltimore County. The lot is deeded to the Church Extension Society. One in the city of Newark, N. J., under the fostering care of the First Church. The outlook is promising.

Our Foreign Missionary Work.

The reports of the Board's work in Japan are very gratifying. The A-za-bu church in Tokyo, with the Mission's aid, has secured a well located lot, and will themselves build at once a church with basement.

A Japanese pastor held services in a tent in a number of villages, reached several thousand people, and secured a large number of enquirers.

Two theological students graduate this year and will enter the Mission Conference, several applicants for the ministry, new preaching places, new Sunday Schools, and new C. E. Societies are signs of growth of the work which has thirty-eight ministers, preachers and evangelists, sixty-six churches and missions with 1582 members, fifty-seven Sunday Schools with 3088 scholars, and eight C. E. Societies.

The educational institutions are prospering also. The school for the blind in Tokyo had 40 enrolled, the Hi-ra-tsu-ka Night school had 41, the Yokohama Night School 290, the Kok-kai-chi Night school 35, and the Na-goya College 432—400 actually attending, a total of over 800 young men enrolled in our schools.

Conversions and enquirers have been reported in each school, thirty-two Nagoya College students were converted in December.

Paramount needs are the return to Japan of a successful missionary, land and chapel for the Nagoya College, two churches, a missionary's home, and funds to enter China, etc.

The appeal is for a generous Children's day offering from every Sunday School, and the assessment paid in full at the earliest possible date.

I commend the earnest, intelligent and constant labors of Rev. F. C. Klein, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

The following charges have contributed \$300 and over to Missions—
Easton, Lynchburg, First Church Newark, W. Baltimore, St. Johns.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary work is in excellent condition and its affairs splendidly managed.

Young Peoples Work.

I record again my very high appreciation of the efforts of the Conference Union of Young People's Work. My attention has been called several times during the year to their earnestness and pains taking endeavors to enlist the co-operation of Sunday School officers and the presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies in the forward movements which relate to their respective tasks. I am pleased to report that I have observed great improvement in the two departments of this work. The organization of so many adult Bible classes, male and female, is a hopeful sign and argues much for the intelligence and spirituality of the church of tomorrow. In my report of last year, I called the attention of the Conference to the Graded Lessons. Your committee in its report, which was adopted, said "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". This is your published deliverance on the subject of the Graded Lessons. It advises that officers study in a comparative way, the various series of Graded Lessons, and make a selection according to their best judgment. The responsibility is therefore upon each officary for the selection made. I do not think this is as it should be. I think our Board of Young Peoples' Work should be responsible for and provide all the literature for use in our Young Peoples' Work. The suggestion should be to use our own and it should be as good as the best. I have noticed a great increase in the number of Teacher Training Classes in our Conference District. I have not failed to commend the efforts of the faithful pastors who have succeeded in this matter. Whatever may be our differences of opinion in regard to the Graded Lessons, I think we all see the importance of the Teacher Training Class as an instrument for the betterment of Sunday School Work.

We cannot be too much concerned about this very important part of our church activity. Childhood offers the church its greatest chance. We must avail of it. We cannot neglect it. We must win it for the home.

for society, for the church of the coming days. The executive committee of the Conference Union at a recent session appointed a committee to discuss the advisability of asking the Conference to select a man to be the head of this department whose duty it shall be to travel the District in the interest of Young Peoples' Work. Whether this can be done or not remains for you to decide. But this very act of the Committee is a splendid commentary upon the interest of these brethren on the great subject before us.

Pastoral Support.

I believe that a minister of the Gospel, if he is so disposed, can do as little for the money he gets, as any other man in any other calling. This may account for the fact that some are so poorly paid.

I have gone over this Conference territory, by your permission, twice, very hurriedly to be sure. In my visitations I have been a constant interrogation point. As a business man, I have endeavored to discover the details of the business side of the church. I have asked myself this question—"Do I believe that our men are working as hard and doing as well as those who have the keen eye of official authority constantly scrutinizing them?"

I have two observations to reveal.

First: To the praise of our laity I gladly say that in the main, our pastors are living in splendid, well furnished homes, and our pastor's wives keep these homes with talented house-wifery.

Second: Our pastors are earnest, industrious consecrated men; striving to do their very best to promote the interests of the Kingdom and save the souls of men, with an eye single to the glory of God and to the appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, who shall judge the world in righteousness; and not with an eye looking for the coming of a church official whose scrutiny they fear. My brethren, you deserve this and my heart rejoices that I can say it of you.

I have called the attention of our laity in every quarter to the importance of adequate pastoral support. Not because the pastor is working for money. Money cannot measure the value of a faithful pastor. But because it is necessary that he be fed and clothed, and by frugality, provide for his declining days. I see little sense or reason or justice, my brethren of the laity, in the fact that your pastor is required to work in a territory contiguous to that served by ministers of other denominations—preach just as well, work just as hard, accomplish just as much good among a people just as financially able, and yet be the poorest paid. These facts must be faced and remedied. I think many shortages in this matter are the result of lack of financial system in managing the business problems of the church. I mourn over the fact that many, very many, of

our charges have no plan of systematic benevolence whatever. I have spoken against it again and again. There are charges in this Conference which could increase the pastors salaries 50% if a modern financial system were adopted and used. And there are ministers here whose burdens would be lighter and hearts brighter if this were done. May it be that something will occur at this session of the Conference to cause all our charges to transact God's business in a business-like way.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to report, that after many consultations with my brethren of the laity in behalf of my brethren of the ministry, that 31 charges of this Conference have increased pastors salaries to the amount of \$2800.

Pastor's Quarterly Reports.

Last year I called the attention of the Conference to the advisability of furnishing a suitable blank upon which these reports could be made with uniformity. It will be remembered that my purpose was not to inaugurate an innovation or to exploit a pet plan of my own. The resolution which required such reports was well known to the Conference. My purpose was simply to put in the hands of our pastors, a series of questions which would furnish the president with sufficient information to judge the condition of the charges as the reports came in. At my suggestion, a committee was appointed—the questions presented—and the blanks sent out. I have been very much pleased to read these reports from those who have regularly sent them. But the cooperation with the plan has been so meagre that I deem it wise to call your attention to the matter. If the plan is not feasible, let the Conference abolish it and furnish something better or discontinue the matter entirely.

State of the Church.

Material Prosperity—During the year several unfinished buildings have been completed and new enterprises begun. The handsome stone structure erected at Cambridge, Maryland, costing \$18,000 was opened for Divine service immediately after Conference. This is a great triumph and reflects great credit upon pastor and people. Mount Pleasant Church on Mardela Circuit has been completed, paid for and dedicated. The Taylor Memorial building is coming to completion as rapidly as the money comes in to push it. The pastor has exhibited a rare heroism and fidelity. The structure is imposing and sufficient to meet the needs of the rapidly growing community for years to come. The financial condition of this work will doubtless be reported to this Conference. The new church building at Texas, Baltimore Co., has been completed and was opened for service on Thanksgiving Day. Too much praise cannot be given to

brother A. R. Lewis of Christ Church for the important part he played in the financial matters of this enterprise. Ground has been broken for the new church at Park Road, Washington. As this enterprise is in a large sense the child of this Conference I think you will desire a full statement of its financial condition. The new church known as St. Paul's, Baltimore, has been completed at a cost of \$10,000. There is manifest all over the District a desire to improve and keep in good repair our parsonages and houses of worship. Among the notable expenditures are the sums of money to be reported by First Church, Washington, Georgetown, D. C., South Baltimore, West Baltimore, Easton, St. James, St. Paul's, Rhode Island Avenue, Hurlock, Baltimore Circuit, Wilton Heights, Christ Church, New Market, Deer Park, Milford, Parksley, Keen Memorial, Fawn Grove, Taylor Memorial, Cambridge, Westminster. Each of these charges has expended much more than \$500.00 on church and parsonage improvements. The return postals show that the total for such improvements is \$57,749. The total amount paid on debt is \$26,240.

The following charges have paid \$500.00 and over on church debts—Finksburg, Delmar, Denton, Georgetown, Del., First Church, Newark, Elizabeth, Potomoc, Starr, Baltimore Circuit, North Carolina Ave., Rhode Island Avenue, Keen Memorial, Parksley, Hurlock, Mardela, Salisbury and Laurel. This exhibit is made from reports which were in hand when this report was written. For this splendid showing in the material affairs of our Conference we express our profound gratitude.

Spiritual Results—I am greatly pleased to be able to report that great revivals have visited many of our charges. At many points the results far exceeded the largest expectations. God's saving power has been wonderfully manifested. Among the places graciously blessed are Hampden, Cumberland, Cumberland Circuit, Bedford, First Church, Newark, Concord, Greenwood, Wilton Heights, Fawn Grove, Accomac, Dorchester, Lynchburg, Christ Church, St. Paul's, Baltimore, Salisbury. At these points the demonstration of power was wonderful. There was emphasized the fact that the God of our fathers is still our God. The ingathering of so many precious souls places a great responsibility upon both church and pastor. They are to be held, trained, utilized, built up in the faith and made forces for righteousness. I am sure that you will all rejoice to learn that 3392 souls have been won to Christ by the evangelistic efforts of our pastors and churches. I published a notice calling the attention of the brethren to the importance of care in reporting the net gain in membership. I presume this care has been exercised. The very gratifying information comes to us that 1142 names have been added to our rolls. Although a large number of our brethren keep no record of pastoral visits the number of such visits reported by those who do keep records is 50,000. In my conversation with the brethren I have insisted upon the evange-

listic note in preaching and the personal touch of the pastor upon his people. I think beyond a doubt these elements have entered very largely into the record of the great successes of the year. For all these wonderful visitations of Divine power in the edifying of the body of Christ and the salvation of souls I am sure we rejoice with great rejoicing.

Moral Reform.

There is a phrase which we frequently use in speaking of the charges to which we are assigned. We call them our "fields of labor." In a sense this is quite appropriate. We break the fallow ground, sow the seed of Gospel truth, pray and wait for the harvest. But in these later days, we have come to see that the Kingdom is like the life germ in the mustard seed, like the pervasive power of the leaven; that the church is or should be a great "force"—defensive and aggressive. As such, it seeks the highest culture with which to defend its book and in its character to exhibit the nearest likeness to its Master. It carries its banners at home and abroad, marching under the orders of Him who said: Go preach my Gospel. It is the unfailing foe of evil in all its forms, the friend of the poor, the student of social and economic betterment, the prolocutor of the ages, crying: "Prepare Ye the way of the Lord, for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the world in righteousness and the people with His truth."

The church has been mercilessly criticised in these last days. It is said she is full of forms and devoid of force. That she mourns more over a demolished formula of faith than over a lost world. That while she has been dogmatizing, men have been damning. I shall not make an argument but state a fact. We are living in a time when ideals were never higher, when brotherhood was never broader, when citizenship was never more constrained to exercise itself for public betterment, when statesmanship was never more impressed with its weight of responsibility; and the professing christian more convinced that it is his bounden duty to be like Christ and act like Christ.

I cannot say that I believe that we are on the verge of a great revolution, but I think I see signs of a great awakening. The many movements dealing with social service, the peace movement, the fellowship between nations and denominations, the missionary efforts to produce economic righteousness, to rid our land of rum's destructive sway—are the tributes this world is paying to christianity; for the person and principles of Jesus are the fountain source of all modern aspirations after righteousness.

You, my brethren, are the leaders of our great forces for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Satan.

Let us see to it that our bows are strung and with quivers full of sharpened darts go forth, marching unto war.

I commend to your earnest cooperation The Lord's Day Alliance, all organizations for the suppression of vice, the Anti-Saloon Leagues of the several states touched by our Conference activities, and every commendable agency which will ultimate in the slightest in the ushering in of the reign of love, the reign of truth—the golden age of peace.

I suggest that as a Conference you keep your eye upon the rapidly closing session of the Maryland Legislature; and by resolutions sent thereto, indicate our profound interest in the passage of all county and state-wide bills which have for their object the overthrow of the dreadful traffic in strong drink.

Recommendations.

First—I recommend that all monies collected for the various benevolences during the interim of our Conference sessions be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference instead of the Treasurers as now designated.

Second—I recommend that the committee on Church Enterprise as a standing committee of this Conference be discontinued and that the duties of said committee be performed by the committee on Church Extension.

Third—I recommend that the committee on Superannuates devise some plan by which necessitous cases can be relieved during the interim of Conference.

In concluding this report I desire to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you, my brethren, your wives and children and to the obliging laity for the gracious courtesies so lavishly bestowed upon me. The warmth of your welcome, your unstinted efforts for my comfort, and the desire that I feel at home, so frequently expressed, have caused me to lose the weariness of travel in the exhilaration of your brotherly kindness. My fellowship with you has been such, I am grateful to Almighty God who has spared my life and protected my health, so that without the loss of a single trip, I have been permitted to visit nearly all the charges of this Conference.

Praying that there may come upon us the blessing of His wisdom, the guidance of His spirit, the moderation of calm counsel, as we enter upon the discharge of our duties and the great discussions of the important matters which will engage our attention,

I am your servant for His Sake,

JOHN S. BOWERS.

Of the Committee on President's Report.

The report of the President is a comprehensive document which should be carefully read by all of our people. It deals with the events of the year and the state of the Church, and brings to the Conference opinions formed at the vantage point the President occupies after traveling the district and having been in touch for another year with all the Conference interests.

We rejoice in the conversion of 3392 souls and the net gain to our membership of 1142 persons. The improvement of the Church property to the value of \$57,749.00 and the payment of \$26,240.00 on debt are matters of congratulation, as is also the increase of the Pastors' salaries by 31 charges amounting to \$2800.00.

Appropriate committees will report here on the several great interests referred to by the President, but we believe that the importance of our Young People's work can hardly be over emphasized. We are glad of the improvements therein mentioned by the President and will hail the day when a man can be employed to superintend this department and travel the district in its interests. There are here mines of wealth and dynamos of power undiscovered, and largely undiscoverable, by the local workers.

The Conference is grateful to the St. Johns Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolence Society for continued assistance and to Rev. S. J. Smith of blessed memory who through his widow, Mrs. S. J. Smith, last year joined the above-named agencies in relieving need.

The Summer Conference is again commended to the thoughtful attention and earnest support of every minister of this body. It has proven its great value to those who have attended its sessions.

The President again calls attention to Talbot Circuit. We believe the facts of the condition of this old charge should be heard by the Conference.

We recommend:

First, That all monies collected before the end of the year by the various charges for the assessments be paid to the Conference Treasurer save those monies for the General Boards, viz., Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education and our Young People's work. The names of all other Treasurers should be omitted from the list of Treasurers as printed on Page 14 of last years minutes.

Second, That the Committee on Church Enterprise be discontinued and that its duties be performed by the Committee on Church Extension. In making this recommendation, however, we call attention to the importance of these duties. The Conference should have a voice in the location, building or improvement of Churches especially when it is expected to ask

it for financial aid in the enterprise, or such request is likely. It has sometimes happened that large debts have been contracted by local churches, which debts in order to save the property, the Conference has had to assume. It should be consulted before the debts are made.

Third, That the importance of devising some plan for the relief of necessitous cases arising in the interim of Conference be referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

We regret that a number of our pastors did not last year report quarterly to the President, according to rule. The last Conference provided a blank for this purpose, copies of which were distributed by the Secretary in time for the first quarter. We recognize the difficulty of keeping such records as are necessary for the filling of this blank but we earnestly urge all pastors to comply with the Conference regulation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LITSINGER, Chairman.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va.....	C. M. Zepp	1	Mariners	A. H. Green	1
Alexandria, Va..	C. R. Strausburg	3	Trumpton .John P. George (Sup.)		1
Amelia, Va.....	W. C. Mumford	2	Cumberland:		
Baltimore, Md.:			First Church.....	G. E. Brown	5
Alnutt Memorial..	F. T. Little	3	Cumberland Ct..	W. M. Snyder	2
Bethany	C. E. McCullough	1	Deer Creek.....	C. M. Adams	2
Broadway	J. M. Sheridan	3	Deer Park.....	W. F. Bauscher	3
Brooklyn	S. W. Coe	1	Delmar, Del.....	Geo. A. Morris	1
Calvary	H. S. Johnson	2	Delta, Pa.....	G. A. Ogg	2
Christ Church....	L. B. Smith	7	Denton	J. R. Gaar	2
East Baltimore..	D. L. Greenfield	1	Dorchester	V. A. Miller	1
Eutaw	J. L. Nichols	1	Dover and Leipsic,Del.	J.T.Bailey	2
Evergreen	W. S. Hanks	1	Easton	W. H. Litsinger	8
Hampden	E. D. Stone	2	Elizabeth, N. J....	C. P. Nowlin	2
Keen Memorial..	A. S. Beane	7	Fairfax, Va.....	J. N. Link	2
Lauraville	C. C. Day	3	Fawn Grove, Pa..	T. R. Woodford	2
North Baltimore..	T. O. Crouse	6	Fairview Heights, Va.		
Payson St.....	To be supplied		J. E. Medling (Supply)		1
South Baltimore..	J. F. Bryan	5	Federalsburg ..	C. M. Elderdice	7
Starr	G. W. Haddaway	13	Felton, Del..	W. P. Jump (Sup.)	2
St. John's.....	J. W. Kirk	7	Finksburg	Carroll Maddox	2
St. Paul's.....	J. A. Dudley	3	First Church, Newark, N. J.		
Violetville	F. H. Mullineaux	2	E. C. Makosky		2
Waverly	W. A. Sites (Supply)	1	Franklin City, Va..	J. L. Elderdice	1
W. Baltimore..	G. I. Humphreys	2	Frederica, Del. .	To be supplied	
Wilton Heights..	Ronalds Taylor	4	Frederick	B. F. Ruley	9
Baltimore Circuit..	S. F. Cassen	2	Georgetown, Del..	H. L. Schlincke	2
Bedford, Pa.....	Ziba Adams	1	Georgetown Ct., Del.		
Belair	R. K. Lewis	2	G. R. McGready		1
Buckeystown	Avery Donovan	3	Greensboro .C. J. Burdette (Sup.)		2
Cambridge	J. L. Ward	8	Greenwood, Del.....	P. L. Rice	2
Campbell, Va....	To be supplied		Grove	To be supplied	
Cannon, Del....	C. W. Sanderson	2	Harbeson, Del....	F. J. Phillips	2
Caroline	C. M. Cullum	2	Harper's Ferry, W. Va. & Middleway		
Cecil	F. M. Clift	1	R. Y. Nicholson		4
Centreville	G. J. Hill	1	Harrington, Del..	J. M. Holmes	4
Chesapeake ...	H. W. D. Johnson	1	Howard	N. C. Clough	3
Chestertown	W. R. Graham	3	Hurlock	B. A. Bryan	1
Chincoteague, Va..	G. R. Hodge	2	Indian River, Del.	To be supplied	
Clayton, Del....	E. H. Jones	4	Kempton	H. O. Keen	6
Concord, Pa..	H. E. Norris (Sup.)	2	Kennedyville	F. S. Cain	2
Conquest, Va....	A. W. Ewell	1	Kent Island	Howard Zepp	1
Crisfield:			Laurel, Del.....	J. H. Straughn	3
Crisfield	F. T. Benson	2	Laurel Circuit, Del.	A. W. Mather	3
Lawsonia	To be supplied		Leeds	T. C. Jones	1

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Lewes, Del.	W. S. Simms (Sup.)	1	Union	G. H. Stocksdale	2
Jewistown	Stephen Zemm (Sup.)	1	Union Bridge	H. F. Schwarzkopf	2
Liberty	J. W. Parris	4	Wallace Memorial	J. F. Wooden	3
Lisbon	C. K. McCaslin	4	Waltersville	I. S. Owens (Sup.)	2
Lynchburg, Va.	C. M. Compber	5	Warwick	A. B. Dupuy	1
J. C. Poston, Supernumerary		2	Washington:		
Mardela	G. R. Donaldson	3	Cherrydale	R. W. Coe	5
Marley	Clayborne Phillips	1	First Church	W. A. Melvin	5
Milford, Del.	L. A. Bennett	4	Georgetown	J. W. Balderston	2
Milton, Del.	F. A. Holland	5	Mt. Tabor	E. L. Beauchamp	5
Mt. Nebo	W. F. Wright	2	N. C. Ave.	E. A. Sexsmith	2
New Church, Va.	E. W. Simms	2	Park Road	G. M. Clayton	3
New Market	M. E. Hungerford	1	Rhode Is. Ave.	Louis Randall	2
Nichols Memorial			Westminster	E. T. Read	1
A. R. Middleton (Supply)		2	Wilmington, Del.		
Northumberland, Va.			George A. Robinson (Supply)		1
W. N. Sherwood		2	West Wilmington	G. F. Faring	4
Oak Grove and Prince George, Va.			Whaleyville	A. A. Harryman	3
C. S. Larrimore (Supply)		1	Williamsport		
Oxford	J. McL Brown	2	Chas. N. Alexander (Supply)		1
Parksley, Va.	R. L. Shipley	3	Wye	Allan Haldeman	1
Patapsco, Edward Kirkley (Sup.)		1	Special Appointments		
Philadelphia:			Pres. W. M. College	T. H. Lewis	29
St. Luke's	J. W. Trout	11	V. P. W. M. College	A. N. Ward	2
Taylor Memorial	R. T. Tyson	6	Prof. W. M. College	E. A. Warfield	8
Pipe Creek	T. H. Wright	4	Pres. W. Theo. Sem.	H. L. Elderdice	18
Pittsville	W. P. Roberts	1	Editor Meth. Prot.	F. T. Tagg	23
Pocomoke Circuit			Sec. Treas. Bd. For. M.	F. C. Klein	6
H. H. Carroll (Supply)		1	Loaned		
Pocomoke City	N. O. Gibson	2	Bd. Home Missions	J. M. Gill	5
Potomac, Va.	W. L. Hoffman	6	Bd. For. Missions	E. H. Van Dyke	25
Powellville	W. D. Short (Sup.)	1	Md. S. S. Assoc.	B. W. Kindley	5
Quantico	W. H. Beckwith (Sup.)	1	Superannuates		
Queen Anne	J. R. Wright	2	J. A. Weigand		26
Reliance	P. W. Crosby	3	J. G. Sullivan		15
Rowlandville	E. O. Ewing	1	W. D. Litsinger		11
Salem	W. W. Johnson	1	W. M. Strayer		9
Salisbury	L. F. Warner	3	J. L. Straughn		6
Seaford, Del.	C. E. Dryden	1	J. E. Maloy		2
Selbyville, Del.	J. E. Massey	1	J. W. Gray		3
Sharptown	F. D. Reynolds	3	J. L. Mills		1
Snow Hill	George Hines	5	F. L. Stevens		1
Stewartstown, Pa.	J. A. Wright	1	D. W. Anstine		2
St. James	H. B. Jester	2	Left Without Appointment at Their Own Request		
St. Michaels	G. Q. Bacchus	5	Dorsey Blake		1
Susquehanna	S. B. Tredway	5	W. B. Judefind		1
Talbot	To be supplied				
Trinity	E. L. Bunce	1			

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT.

Church Union.

The General Conference of our Church held in Pittsburgh, May, 1908, passed the following resolution:—

"That since we have had such assurances from the United Brethren Church of their cordial feeling for us and their deep interest in church union evidenced by their inauguration of the movement which culminated in the "Act of Union" already referred to, we hereby empower this commission to meet with a like commission of the United Brethren Church with the view of promoting organic union with them, and of enlisting them in this movement." (See Journal of General Conference 1912, Page 48, Resolution 4.) This is the first utterance of our church in reference to negotiations for union between ours and the United Brethren Church as distinct religious bodies. We must not lose sight of the fact that this resolution expressed two important ideas. First, that we were assured that the United Brethren Church desired organic union with the Methodist Protestant Church, and second, that the Methodist Protestant Church favors organic union with the United Brethren Church with a view of enlisting them in the larger union of the scattered followers of Wesley.

A Commission on Church Union was immediately appointed. This Commission has not been dissolved; nor has its original purpose been amended.

The above mentioned resolution with the paper of which it formed a part was presented by our Commission on Church Union to the General Conference of the United Brethren assembled in Canton, Ohio, 1909. The said General Conference took no action and no response was made. In 1910 our Commission was informed that no Commission on Church Union had been formed but that a Standing Committee on such matters would take the subject under consideration as soon as a definite proposal was made. (Gen. Conference Journal 1912—Page 45.)

Here the matter rested. The further history of the Commission until 1912 is the story of the negotiations with the Episcopal Methodists. At the General Conference of our Church assembled May, 1912, in Baltimore, the matter of organic union with the United Brethren Church was revived. Two fraternal delegates from that Church visited the said General Conference and gave assurances of the desire of their people for organic union. The subject was introduced by a resolution offered by D. S. Stevens. This resolution was not adopted.

F. T. Tagg offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted. (Page 23 Journal Gen. Conf. 1912.)

"We believe a union of the Methodist Protestant Church and the

Church of the United Brethren in Christ is both possible and practical, and therefore we authorize our Commission on Church Union to enter into negotiations with the Commission of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ just so soon as that Commission is fully authorized to enter upon such negotiations."

It should be borne in mind, I think, that this resolution makes no reference to the action of the General Conference of our Church held in 1908. It does not ask its repeal. The platform, therefore, upon which we as a church stand, is this—we favor organic union with the United Brethren Church. Our object in this union is to enlist them in the larger union of all Methodism.

From that position this Maryland Conference has not receded. And just in so far as the negotiations have proceeded with this end in view, we have not entered our demurrer.

At the same session of our General Conference, namely, 1912, Geo. H. Miller offered the following resolution which was adopted, (Journal Page 27).

"That (if) in their negotiations for union with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ or the M. E. Church or the M. E. Church South, the Commission on Church Union shall find speedy action advisable, they are hereby authorized to overture the Annual Conferences in regard thereto; and upon favorable action of two-thirds of the said Annual Conferences, they shall call a special session of this General Conference in accordance with the constitutional provision to act thereon."

The Commissions of the respective churches began their work. The minutes of this meeting are in their custody. I am not familiar with them. But it has been a matter of profound regret that the participants differ so widely both as to the proceedings and spirit of their sessions. However this may be, the work of the Joint Commission has been finished tentatively. An attempt has been made to follow the above mentioned resolution. As the executive of this Conference, I have received no notice that speedy action is advisable. I presume that the thought of the Commission is that the presentation of the overture is *prima facie* evidence that such is the case. We must bear in mind, however, that the only speedy action that can be taken is that which is in accord with the law in the case. Pursuant therefore with this idea of speedy haste—haste is not used—a tentative Basis of Union has been published and declared to be the Act of the Joint Commission.

The Commission of our church, more strictly speaking, a part of it, formulated an overture in the form of a series of resolutions and sent it forth to the various Conferences for action thereupon. The resolutions of this overture proposes three affirmative decisions by the respective Conferences:

First—A call for a special session of the General Conference.

Second—A vote upon the Basis of Union.

Third—The bestowment of conventional and plenary powers upon said Special General Conference to consummate and declare the union of the negotiating bodies.

More than two-thirds of the annual conferences of our denomination have voted affirmatively upon the entire overture. They are, therefore committed to this as a course of procedure whenever the special session of the General Conference may be held.

Why our sister conferences have thus voted, I cannot tell, except it be in the interest of speedy haste. It is perfectly clear, I think, that their action and the overture seeking it are entirely beyond the purview of the resolution of Mr. Miller and the law of the Church.

The resolution of Mr. Miller specifically says—"If in their negotiations for union, speedy action is advisable, they are hereby authorized to overture the Annual Conferences in regard thereto". This means as I see it, that the overture sent down to the Annual Conferences shall impart the information that the Joint Commission has reached a conclusion and that speedy action thereupon is advisable. Accompanying this is a request for a vote upon a call of a Special General Conference. A vote therefore for a Special session of the General Conference is the only vote the Conferences are asked to take. The Special Session of the General Conference must therefore review the conclusion of the Joint Commission. Our Commission being a creature of the General Conference, it must report its work there just as any committee does to which any work is assigned. It is clear to my mind, at least, that the resolution above quoted did not contemplate a vote by the Conferences upon the Basis of Union, manifestly because the said vote would be inopportune and not in harmony with the custom of the law of the Church.

Now in reference to the third item of the overture. It is perfectly plain that there is no provision in our law by which the General Conference can be given conventional and plenary power to consummate and publish the union of these respective bodies. Although such a provision did exist in our law, the fact is that it was expunged. It is perfectly clear, therefore, that we cannot bestow a power which does not inhere in an Annual Conference. Therefore, as I see it, the only question upon which we can vote is—"Do we or do we not favor a Special Session of the General Conference"?

What now confronts us in view of a Special Session of the General Conference? Certainly this: that more than two-thirds of the Annual Conferences have voted affirmatively upon those parts of the overture which are not implied in the resolution of Mr. Miller or in harmony with the law of the Church.

They have decided the question for themselves and delegated their rights. This is to my mind clearly independent of the regular course of procedure. As this is a matter which proposes an altered Constitution, our book of law is very specific. Article 17 of our Constitution says: "Alterations of this Constitution may be effected by means of overtures submitted by the General Conference and confirmed by two-thirds of the Annual Conferences." What therefore is the proper method of procedure in this case? I answer—The General Conference may meet and pass upon the proposed Basis of Union, adding to or taking from it as its judgment may decide. If the judgment thereof is affirmative, the said General Conference—Special or Regular—shall overture the respective Conferences thereupon. The Annual Conferences shall serve notice upon the respective charges so that the will of the people may be heard through their chosen representatives. Article 8 of our Elementary Principles says—"Whatever power may be necessary to the formation of rules and regulations is inherent in the ministers and members of the Church, but so much of that power may be delegated from time to time upon such a plan of representation as they may judge necessary and proper."

There has been a great deal of conjecture as to when the Special General Conference will be called. Some have said "It will certainly be called immediately after the closing of this Conference." This is mere supposition. Article 16 of our Constitution says "When it shall have been ascertained that two-thirds of the Annual Conferences have decided in favor of such call, it shall be the duty of the Presidents or a majority of them forthwith to designate the time and place and to give due notice to all stations, circuits and missions."

Upon this point there is a difference of opinion among some of the members of this Conference. Some say Mr. Miller meant that the General Conference of 1912 should reassemble at a time and place to be determined by the Presidents or a majority of them to attend to this business. They have also said that the question was raised as to whether this is the decision of the Chair and that it can be so proved. I do not gainsay it. I did not hear it. The pity is that it is not a matter of record. The Journal of the General Conference does not mention it.

Others say that such could not be the case. The General Conference of 1912 adjourned sine die. That General Conference is dissolved. There is no provision in the law for reassembling a previous General Conference which has dissolved itself. The only thing that can be done is to issue call for a special session of the General Conference according to Article 16 of the Constitution. However widely we may differ upon the meaning of Mr. Miller's resolution, upon his use of the word "this" a certain eminent counsellor-at-law has said—"The only interpretation that can be put upon the resolution which will harmonize with the record and the law is the word "this" signifies the General Conference of the Methodist

Protestant Church. Does it not seem, therefore, my brethren, that we are safe when we are within the provisions of our law? And are we not doubly safe when we are within both the record and the law?

Why should we hurry? Can we hurry faster than the law permits? It has come to our notice that the sentiment of the laity of the United Brethren Church is revealing great opposition to the Union, and that the mind of some of its most ardent advocates among her ministry has singularly changed. My brethren, if this subject disturbs or disintegrates our sister church, we cannot be a party to it. And if they do not want us, we certainly do not wish to be an offence unto them.

It is likewise true that if this union is to divide us as a denomination, to break the bonds which bind us, to precipitate quarrels and perhaps untold legal controversies, that we do not want it. If it is done at all we should act in perfect union. Why therefore, should we hurry? Is it not true that we owe the laity of our church a debt? They have built our institutions and churches, supported us as ministers. We cannot take them where they do not want to go, and we have no right to take them even where they want to go until they have had a chance to speak.

What, therefore, is my advice to you in the midst of this difficult situation? I suggest that you pass a series of resolutions embodying the following ideas.

1.—That this Maryland Conference is not at war with or rebellious against the General Conference of our Church because of its deliverances upon the subject of Church Union.

2.—That we assure our brethren of the Church of United Brethren in Christ that we are not unwilling to consummate organic union with them upon a basis which is comprehensive, explicit, and well worked out, and which does not destroy our denominational identity.

3.—That we express to our brethren of the Conferences of our entire denomination our great regret that the attitude and action of their brethren of this Conference have been misinterpreted, misunderstood and held in derision. That we have not at any time presumed that they were not competent to attend to the great concerns of the Church. That we have not sought to coerce them or to thrust our opinions upon them. That in this whole matter we have diligently striven to find the right way—to walk therein in the light of the law and with a clear conscience as it regards both them and our constituents.

4.—That we request most respectfully our sister Conferences to wait—wait until we can move with them—wait, if waiting may mean the reconsideration of some actions that have been taken. Wait, if need be, to ask our Commissioners to reassemble to formulate a plan of action to which we can all agree; so that unitedly we may go or stay without the rebuke of our law or the great danger of legal entanglements.

JOHN S. BOWERS, President.

THE OVERTURES.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 28, 1914.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Basis of Union between the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, unanimously agreed upon by the joint-commissioners of the two denominations, in session at Columbus, Ohio, March 19, 1913, is herewith sent to you as an overture, together with certain resolutions suggested for your adoption.

May the Divine blessing descend and abide upon you in all your deliberations, and accompany every man to the field of labor to which the Providence of God may send him.

LYMAN E. DAVIS, Chairman.

Basis of Union.

(Certified Copy.)

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

We, the representatives of the United Protestant Church, desiring to confess our inward and personal faith in Jesus Christ as our divine Savior, and, also, to express our acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired source of all our faith and the supreme standard of Christian truth, and depending upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, do make this declaration of our faith, and in so doing we do heartily renew the consecration of our lives to Almighty God and to the service of mankind.

1. We believe in the one living and true God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost; that these three are one; that the Father and Lord of all, maker of heaven and earth, did send his son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin and death by the perfect obedience of his holy will in life, by the sacrifice of himself on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection from the dead; that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God and of Christ, moves in the hearts of men, calling them through the gospel to repentance and faith, awakening in them spiritual sorrow for past sin and confidence in the mercy of God, together with new desires and a new power to obey his will.

3. We believe that, though man by disobedience became alienated from God, yet God would have all men return unto him; that to this end he has made himself known, not only through the works of nature and the consciences of men, but above all, through Jesus Christ his Son; further, that God is ever calling men through his love and that they who hear this call of divine love, and do heartily put their trust in the Saviour

whom his love has provided, are assured by his word of his most fatherly forgiveness, of his free and perfect favor, the presence of his Spirit in their hearts, and of a blessed immortality.

4. We believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; that they are the only rule of faith and practice; that is, they constitute the authoritative standard by which all religious teaching and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

5. We believe that according to Christ's law men of the Christian faith exist for the service of man, not only in the holding forth the word of life, but in the support of works and institutions of sympathy and charity, in the maintenance of human freedom, and the deliverance of those that are oppressed, in the enforcement of civic justice, and the rebuke of all unrighteousness.

6. We believe that Jesus Christ, having risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, carries forward his work of saving men by sending the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin and to lead them to repentance and faith; that those who, through renewing grace turn to righteousness and trust in Jesus Christ, continue to grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of saving faith.

7. We believe in the observance of the Christian Sabbath as a day of holy rest and worship; that it is divinely appointed, and its observance is essential to the welfare of the civil community, and to the permanence and growth of the Christian Church.

8. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead and a future joint retribution for the deeds done in the body in this life.

Constitution.

1—All ecclesiastical power herein granted to enact or repeal any rule of discipline is vested in a General Conference, composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen.

2—The General Conference shall meet every four years, and oftener if deemed necessary, and shall determine the qualifications of its representatives, the mode of their election, and the number to be chosen from each Conference district.

3—The General Conference shall elect, every four years from among the elders of the church, such number of bishops or general superintendents as shall be deemed necessary for the proper administration of the work of the church. They shall preside at the sessions of the General Conference. In case none are present, the General Conference shall elect a chairman pro tem.

The United Protestant Church recognizes but one order in the ministry, and, therefore, the term "bishop" signifies, in our economy, an office and not an order.

4—The General Conference shall divide the territory of the church into Conference districts, determining their number and boundaries. Said Conferences shall hold annual sessions and shall be composed of all elders, a lay-representative from each pastoral charge; and licentiates, who have traveled under the direction of the Conference for two years, and may be admitted to membership.

5—The General Conference shall have full control of the church's printing establishments, theological seminaries, missionary and church erection societies, educational and Sunday School boards, and Christian Endeavor and Brotherhood organizations. It shall also have power to establish and control any other department or institution within the church, which it may be deemed helpful in promoting its larger usefulness, and to enact such rules and regulations as shall be deemed necessary to enhance the growth and welfare of the annual conferences and local congregations.

6—The right of appeal shall be inviolate.

7—The right, title, interest, and claim of all property, both real and personal, of whatever name or description, hitherto acquired by purchase or otherwise, by any person or persons, for the use and benefit of either of the uniting churches, or that may be secured hereafter, are hereby fully recognized and held to vest in the said United Protestant Church, the same being the legal successor to the denominations composing it. The new organization shall be the legal successor to each of said denominations, and is authorized to continue same in force, together with all boards, corporations, societies, associations, institutions, activities, and subordinate organizations and auxiliaries, so far and for such time as may be necessary to accomplish their purpose, to discharge their obligations, to execute their trusts, to preserve their property rights, bequests, legacies and other interests, and to conserve the efforts of said denominations.

8—Amendments to the foregoing Constitution and Confession of Faith may be proposed by any General Conference, two-thirds of its members agreeing thereto, and said amendment shall be submitted to the several Annual Conferences of the church for ratification, a majority vote of two-thirds of the conferences voting in favor thereof being necessary to adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WEEKLEY, Chairman,
L. E. DAVIS,
G. M. MATHEWS,

D. G. HELMICK,
M. L. JENNINGS,
W. O. FRIES,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Vested Interests.

Your sub-committee on Vested Interests suggest the adoption of the following resolutions by each of the denominations:

1. CONCERNING ORGANIC UNION—

Resolved, That we, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, being similar in polity and alike in the essence of our faith, and, believing that the true purpose of religion is to teach men to adore God and to save them from sin, and that the great objective of the Christian church is to teach true religion and to persuade men everywhere to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and that we can better conserve our Christian efforts by joining in wholesome co-operation and fraternal love in one organization than by continuing our separate organizations, and by unwholesome rivalry and competition, do hereby unite said denominations in one organic body.

2. CONCERNING PROPERTY TITLES—

We would encourage the proper transfer of titles of all property to the new organization as soon as may be done, although they need not be disturbed or divested, but may remain as they are. Where charters provide that trustees or directors shall be elected from a certain denomination or conference or in a particular manner, such amendment to the charter may be had as to permit the election of trustees from the united body, or in a manner to suit its convenience. In the case of organizations which can not well be continued as separate organizations—such as annual conferences—conveyances should be made to the successor of such organization before the existing organization is discontinued.

3. CONCERNING FUTURE ACQUIRED TITLES—

These should be vested in the new organization, or in its subordinate body, for the benefit of which the property is acquired, in each instance, using the full official title of such new organization.

4. CONCERNING ABANDONED OR DISUSED PROPERTY—

Funds realized from abandoned property should not be diverted from the general purpose to which same was originally devoted, and, in general, their use should be preserved, as far as may be, to the localities where the property is situated or the conferences controlling same. All property abandoned at the time of this merger may be handled, controlled, and disposed of in the manner in which it would have been disposed of if this union had not taken place. When new classes are organized by members of both denominations uniting, which classes shall occupy prop-

erty theretofore disused, a proper resolution of the conference controlling same should authorize such use and a conveyance be made to trustees elected by the newly organized class.

W. R. FUNK, Chairman,
R. H. BENNETT, Sec'y,
SHERMAN W. LOTT,

LYMAN E. DAVIS,
J. F. HOWE,
J. E. PETERSON.

Report of Committee on Educational Institutions.

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the educational interests of our two churches with the view of a union respectfully report that we have gone over as carefully as our limited time permitted the various educational institutions of our churches, seeking mainly to inform ourselves as to their conditions and needs, to understand their environment and, in a very tentative way, to forecast the possible effect the union proposed would have upon these institutions.

Your committee would not be expected to offer at this time any definitive suggestions with respect to the merging of any two or more of these institutions, as to whether any now existing should be discontinued, suppressed, or any new one started, whether the work of any should be modified or the scope of any be enlarged, or a policy of concentration and intensive improvement be rigorously entered upon. These questions are of great moment and affect so vitally large property interests that it would be inexcusable to attempt to deal with them until the most patient and prolonged investigation of every item had supplied us with the material for a deliberate judgment.

Another question of more general import and of no less gravity is the question of the relation of the church to these institutions, questions of ownership, control, supervision, patronage and support. How to reach a wise and at the same time an effective oversight, to set up educational standards, stimulate the deficient, prime the redundant, repress imprudent ventures, and encourage worthy ambitions, both financial and educational—that is a matter that we fear can not be approached boldly as one demanding explicit and speedy solution; and yet one so delicate and sensitive to blundering legislation that only those who know nothing about it would fear nothing.

It seems to your committee, therefore, that these educational interests should be left as they are until the union is consummated and that the united church should then promptly raise a commission to work out the problems after exhaustive investigation.

The two churches in their separate organization seem to have the same convictions upon Christian education and the necessity, not to say

the right, of denominational schools. They have both been trying to work out the problem of control. And if they should unite they would have in their united capacity no strange task in this educational work. Your committee, therefore, feels that this problem is one which the united church can best undertake, and that it would only cumber and perhaps retard the union to attempt to settle it in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. BELL, Chairman,
T. H. LEWIS, Sec'y,
G. A. LAMBERT,

J. E. PETERSON,
FRANKLIN E. BROOKE,
J. F. HOWE.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Boards.

We, your committee on Benevolent Boards, having examined the subject committed to us, respectfully report that the two churches, having the management and control of the several lines and departments of church work, namely, Education, Missions, Church Extension, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and Brotherhood, are organized and conducted so nearly alike, we feel assured that when our commissioners have agreed upon a common doctrine and polity, it will in no wise be difficult to blend these organized agencies of each denomination into efficient organizations, to do the benevolent work of the United Church.

We therefore recommend:

1—That these Boards shall continue their work as directed by each church until the General Conference of the United Church shall create new Boards, or order otherwise; and that the several Boards shall press the work committed to them, concerning our common Master's Kingdom, and whenever possible each shall help the other into larger and more blessed achievements.

2—That these, when the union is consummated, in the personnel, organization and management of the several Boards, each present denomination be given equitable representation, always with absolute regard to the most hearty, consecrated and efficient service in the world's redemption, and the hastening of the coming of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. CARTER, Chairman,
A. P. FUNKHOUSER,
J. J. BARGE,

C. D. SINKINSON,
J. M. KNIGHT,
S. R. HARRIS.

J. F. HOWE,
Secretary.

LYMAN E. DAVIS,
Chairman.

Resolutions.**Proposed for adoption by the Annual Conferences of the
Methodist Protestant Church.**

Whereas, The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Baltimore May 17th to 27th, 1912, adopted by unanimous vote a resolution declaring that "a union of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ is both possible and practical", and by further resolution authorized and directed the calling of the said General Conference in special session whensoever speedy action on the subject of union might seem advisable; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Methodist Protestant Church in joint session with the Commissioners of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, have agreed upon a basis of union between the two denominations, which basis of union has been duly made known to this Annual Conference, and already approved by the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners of the Methodist Protestant Church have duly overtured this Annual Conference on the subject of the said union and as to the basis of union agreed upon, in accordance with the action of the General Conference authorizing and directing them so to do; therefore,

Resolved, First, That this Annual Conference hereby unites in calling the General Conference in special session at the earliest possible date which will best serve the cause of this proposed union, for the specific purpose of considering and deciding upon the subject of the said union, together with all questions appertaining thereto, the place and date of said special session to be determined by the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, as provided by the rule of Discipline governing such action.

Resolved, Second, That we as an Annual Conference do hereby endorse the basis of union adopted by the joint-commissioners of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, subject to such changes as may be agreed upon in the joint-sessions of the two General Conferences; and we declare ourselves unreservedly in favor of the organic union of these two denominations.

Resolved, Third, That we hereby delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church all conventional powers, full and plenary, to conclude and consummate the organic union of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ; to adopt, conjointly with the representatives of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, a declaration of faith, constitution and discipline for the government of the united Church; and to declare and publish the union thus concluded and consummated.

PAPER ADOPTED ON OVERTURES.

With reference to a proposed call for a special session of the General Conference, the Maryland Annual Conference submits the following statement and resolution defining its action.

The record in the case consists of three items:

1. The General Conference of 1912, on Saturday, May 25th, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That (if) in their negotiations for union with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ or the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Commission on Church Union shall find speedy action advisable, they are hereby authorized to overture the Annual Conferences in regard thereto and upon a favorable action of two-thirds of the said Annual Conferences they shall call a special session of this General Conference in accordance with the constitutional provision to act thereon." (See General Conference Journal, page 27.)

2. On Monday, May 27th, the Journal closes with the following record:

"The minutes were read and approved, and on motion the Conference adjourned sine die." (See General Conference Journal, page 31.)

3. In the issue of August 16th, 1913, the Methodist Recorder published a series of resolutions with the caption: "Resolutions proposed for adoption by the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church." The paper was not signed and nothing about it indicated its origin, but the President of the General Conference has forwarded it to the Annual Conferences, and by letter and personal visitation has urged their adoption of it.

The substance of these resolutions is that the Conference adopting them, first, "unites in calling the General Conference in special session"; second, endorses the basis of union, and declares unreservedly in favor of the organic union of the two churches; and third, "delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church all conventional powers, full and plenary, to conclude and consummate the union."

1. It does not appear from any of the minutes of the Commission on Church Union that the Commission has ever decided that "speedy action was advisable", or that any action has ever been taken by the Commission "To overture the Annual Conferences in regard thereto". All that has been done in this respect has been done by the President of the General Conference and not by the Commission.

2. The General Conference gave authority to submit but one question to the Annual Conferences, namely, whether a special session of the General Conference should be called. The Basis of Union could not properly come before the Annual Conferences except by an overture adopted by the General Conference and sent down by it to the Annual Conferences, as prescribed by the XVII Article of the Constitution. The Commission was ordered to report to the General Conference, and the Basis of Union could not come before the Church in a legal way until adopted by that body. Furthermore, there is no such thing in our law as "Conventional powers, full and plenary". And the proposal for even a General Conference to "conclude and consummate" a union which in effect dissolves the Methodist Protestant Church, as any union must do, is in plain violation of our eighth elementary principle. Such a question must go back to the ministers and members in which inheres all the power that is not expressly delegated to their official bodies.

3. None of the Annual Conferences voting on this proposal for a call of the General Conference in special session have elected representatives. It would seem that they must have proceeded on the assumption, either that they were voting for the re-assembling of the General Conference of 1912, or that representatives to a General Conference hold office for four years. Both of these assumptions are untenable. The first, because the record shows that the General Conference of 1912 adjourned *sine die*, which is the universal parliamentary method for dissolving an assembly; and there is not one word in the record to show that this motion was qualified in any way. The General Conference of 1912 adjourned precisely as did that of 1908. And the second assumption is untenable, because nothing in our law gives any term of office to representatives to the General Conference beyond the session to which they are sent. And it is expressly stipulated that representatives to a General Conference, any and every General Conference, must be elected "at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference next preceding the sitting of the General Conference". (Article VIII, sec. 3). According to our law a special differs in no respect from a regular General Conference, except that it may be called for some date other than "the third Friday in May, in the year of our Lord 1880, and on the third Friday in May every fourth year thereafter". (Constitution Article VIII.)

Those who would argue that the phrase, "this General Conference", found in the resolution adopted by the General Conference of 1912, means specifically, "this General Conference of 1912", and not generally, "this General Conference" of the Methodist Protestant Church, must explain: How a body composed of delegates without a specified term of office can be re-convened after it has adjourned *sine die*; why the resolution, if it meant re-assembling, did not provide for it in the only way known to

parliamentary usage, at the call of the Chairman, as the General Conference of 1904 did, or at the call of some committee, but expressly stipulated that it should be called "in accordance with the constitutional provision", which says nothing about re-convening adjourned General Conferences; and finally, why none of the Annual Conferences have in fact voted for "this General Conference", but in the language of the resolutions, "unites in calling the General Conference in special session".

Moreover, the reason of the case negatives the contention. The provision for a special session implies an emergency arising between the regular sessions. How is the church to express its convictions on an emergency if it is restricted to representatives elected before the emergency arose?

4. Precedent as well as the law and the record bears against the contention that a special General Conference may be constituted of representatives elected to a preceding General Conference.

In our history as a Church we have had two special meetings of the General Conference. The General Conference of 1866 received proposals for union from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and recommended the Annual Conferences to call a special session of the General Conference for 1867 to consider them. As the law then stood, constitutional changes had to be made by a General Convention, and so it was further recommended that conventional powers be given to the representatives. The Annual Conferences agreed to this call, and all elected new representatives. Again, in 1874, the General Conferences appointed a Commission to negotiate for union with a like Commission of the Methodist Church. That Commission after agreeing upon a basis of union, asked the Annual Conferences to call a special session of the General Conference for 1877, which was done, and all the Annual Conferences elected new representatives. So, in fact did the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church.

Resolved 1, For the reasons assigned in this paper this Conference finds itself compelled to refuse to recognize the legality of the proposed General Conference or to be represented therein, unless sufficient delay be given that the Annual Conferences may elect representatives in the regular way, and allow for the amendment of the report of the Commission by the General Conference and the submission of the action of said Conference to the Annual Conferences and to the members of the Church for final decision. As this only requires twelve months delay and as no present reason exists for haste, we feel that it is reasonable to ask the other Conferences to agree that the General Conference may meet some time after April, 1915.

Resolved 2, That this paper be published in our Minutes and a copy be sent to The Methodist Protestant and The Methodist Recorder with a request for its publication.

Report B

THE SECRETARY.

The Maryland Annual Conference,

Dear Brethren:

In connection with my financial report permit me to make some suggestions. The Secretary entertains an ambition to make the Minutes of the Conference as perfect a book as possible. Last year in spite of great care some errors were made. One of the causes of errors arises from the way in which reports and papers are delivered to the Secretary. Many of them are in pencil, some are very poorly written, either by hand or typewriter and before they can be delivered to the printer must be re-written by the Secretary. This of course in addition to mistakes that are made also increases unnecessarily the work of the office. I do not understand that the Secretary's work is to edit reports and papers but simply to publish what is delivered to him. Accordingly I hope the Conference members will see that every paper is ready for the printer when it is handed in.

I should also like to suggest that the financial tables lie on the table for a sufficient time to afford inspection to every pastor. The Secretary hasn't the slightest means of discovering whatever inaccuracies there may be in them. Let each pastor see that the figures for his charge are correct.

As Committee on Credentials I report: 1, That certificates of election have not been received from Waverly, Campbell, Lawsonia, Fairfax, Fred-erica, Indian River, Middleway, Patapsco, Taylor Memorial, Prince George and Talbot; 2, That at Lewes station the pastor presided at the meeting.

The financial report follows:

Receipts.

Balance on hand reported 1913	\$ 99.43	
From C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	382.00	
From advanced assessments	89.00	
From sale of Minutes	10.45	
Total receipts		\$580.88

Disbursements.

Publication of Minutes, J. W. Stowell account:		
Contract price, 150 pages, 2000 copies	\$189.00	
32 extra pages, at \$1.25	40.00	
100 extra copies	5.83	
Postal cards and stationery	8.30	

Distribution of Minutes	49.41	
Conference report blanks	33.96	
Total	\$326.50	
April 4, 1913, Rev. M. S. Littlefield, speaker	22.50	
April 5, 1913, Rev. Clay Lilly, speaker	7.00	
April 7, 1913, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Com. ex. to Wilm..	1.75	
Apr. 7, Liggan & Holt, printing	2.50	
Apr. 8, Rev. J. F. Bryan, Exp. Church Enterprise Com.	9.95	
Apr. 9, Miss Rosa Wilson, stenographer	5.50	
Apr. 29, Mr. W. C. Perkins, speaker	12.31	
Incidental Conference expenses, express on trunk, etc.	15.64	
Stamps, envelopes etc. for quarterly blanks	5.33	
Secretary's compensation	25.00	
Postage for reports and incidental expense during year.	12.20	
Elders credentials, bibles etc.	21.95	
March 6, 1914, Rev. E. C. Makosky, expense of Church		
Extension Committee	3.39	
March 6, 1914, Printing for Church Ex. Com.	5.50	
Total disbursements	\$477.02	\$477.02
Balance on hand		\$103.86

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report C

THE TREASURER.

President's Salary.

1914

April 2 Amount from District	\$3105.00	
April 6 To vouchers		\$3105.00

Conference Expense.

April 2 Amount from District	\$ 477.00	
To J. H. Straughn, Sec.		\$ 477.00

Ministerial Education.

April 2 Amount from District	\$ 601.00	
To Rev. Geo. R. Brown, D. D., Sec.-Treas....		\$ 601.00

Seminary.

April 2	Amount from District	\$1803.00	
	To Rev. H. L. Elderdice, Pres.		\$1803.00

W. M. C. Endowment.

April 2	Amount from District	\$1500.00	
	To Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., Pres.		\$1500.00

Gen. Home Missions.

April 2	Amount from District	\$2351.00	
	To Rev. C. H. Beck, D. D., Sec.-Treas.		\$2351.00

Foreign Missions.

April 2	Amount from District	\$2863.00	
	To Rev. F. C. Klein, Sec.-Treas.		\$2863.00

Church Home.

April 2	Amount from District	\$1592.00	
	To Pearre Wantz, Treas.		\$1592.00

Special for Foreign Missions.

April 2	Amount from District	\$7957.00	
	To Vouchers from various Treasurers		\$7957.00

Miscellaneous Gen. Interests.

April 2	Amounts reported	\$4333.00	
	To Vouchers		\$4332.00

Superannuated Fund.**Receipts.**

1913			
May 12,	To Contingent Fund	\$ 512.96	
June 2,	Spec. Contribution from Minister's son of the M. P. Church	20.00	
July 26,	Check from Treasurer	1427.15	
Oct. 30,	Check from Treasurer	1593.31	
1914			
Feb. 4,	Check from Treasurer	1512.00	
Apr. 2,	Check from Treasurer	1525.91	
Apr. 2,	Amount from District	4157.00	
Apr. 6,	Annual Dues	93.35	\$10841.68

Disbursements.

1913		
July 28,	By 1st Distribution	\$1311.00
Oct. 29,	By 2nd Distribution	1416.00

1914		
Feb. 4, By 3rd Distribution	1388.00	
Apr. 6, By Expenses Cor. Sec.	2.00	
Apr. 6, By Expenses Treasurer	20.00	
Apr. 6, By 4th Distribution	5846.26	
Apr. 6, By Invested Fund 10%	415.70	
Apr. 6, By Invested Fund, Annual Dues	93.35	
Apr. 6, By Contingent Fund	349.37	\$10841.68

Church Extension.

Receipts.

1913		
April 3, To amount from District	\$5418.50	
To Annual Dues	120.25	
To vote to cover deficiency	380.93	
		\$6019.68

Disbursements.

Alexandria, \$150; Balto. City Ch. Ex., \$650; Baltimore Circuit, \$250; Bethany, \$175; Calvary, \$160; Cambridge, \$200; Cannon, \$50; Christ's Church, \$150; Crumpton, \$50; Deer Creek, \$50; Dist. Columbia, \$200; Delmar, \$200; Dover, \$100; Eutaw, \$200; Evergreen, \$50; Fairview Heights, \$150; Greensboro, \$200; Fairfax, \$50; Harper's Ferry, \$50; Laurel, \$125; Milford, \$500; Nichol's Memorial, \$100; Parksley, \$200; Payson Street, \$100; Quantico, \$50; St. Michaels, \$50; Talbot, \$100; Taylor Memorial, \$200; Violettsville, \$100; Wilton Heights, \$125; Note of 1913 and Interest, \$1067.68; Board of Managers Conf. Ch. Ex. Society, \$200; To error in 1913 Report, \$17 \$6019.68

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treas.

Report D

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Dear Brethren of the Conference:—

The Trustees respectfully report as follows: The board is composed of F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr, whose terms expire in 1916.

A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and one vacancy, whose terms expire 1915, the vacancy in this group was caused by the death of

Dr. J. W. Hering. The board did not fill the vacancy, but left it for the Conference to fill at this session.

J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray, whose terms expire at this session of the Conference and their successors are to be chosen.

The Trustees received during the year a legacy of \$1000.00 from the estate of the late Mrs. A. S. Eversole, to be invested and the income therefrom to be used in church extension work. The board has made a temporary investment of the money and donated the interest to St. Paul's Mission in Baltimore City.

We submit herewith the Annual Report of the Treasurer showing the receipts and expenditures of income 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.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for Year April 1913-April 1914.

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

General Fund.

To Balance per last report		\$ 309.51
To amt. of Legacies from Mrs. Eversole	\$1000.00	
To amt. Commissions from Trust Estate.....	55.63	
To Interest on Deposits	22.44	\$1078.07
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		\$1387.58

CR.

By Rent Safe Deposit Box	\$ 5.00	
By Expenses of management, including traveling expenses of Trustees in attending Meetings of Board	63.45	
By amt. invested in Loan to Conference Church Extension Society as advance of Conference Appropriations for St. Paul's Church	\$1000.00	\$1068.45
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By Balance of Cash on deposit		\$ 319.13
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		\$1387.58

Drinkhouse Trust Estate.

	Corpus.	Income
To Balance per last Report	\$ 72.72	\$1934.78
To Income received from Investments.....	\$1064.00	
To Interest on Deposits	48.69	1112.69
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	\$72.72	\$3047.47
CR.		
By Commissions on Income of \$1112.69 above, carried to credit of General Account		\$ 55.63
By amt. paid to Baltimore Book Directory appropriations from Income made by Board for improvement of the "Methodist Protestant":		
May 21, 1912, from Income 1912-13.	\$700.00	
Oct. 10, 1913, from Income 1913-14.	700.00	1400.00
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	72.72	1591.84
By Balance on Deposit	\$72.72	\$3047.47

N. B. There was due June 1, 1913, from Baltimore Book Directory the Annual Interest of \$100. on Loan account No. 316 N. Charles Street; same remains unpaid and is not included in Income accounted for above.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

Report E

BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance begs leave to submit the following report.

We have examined the reports of the Secretary of the Conference and Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society and find them correct.

In the absence of vouchers, we were unable to pass satisfactorily on the Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Maryland Conference.

We have distributed to the best of our ability the appropriations made by this Conference, and herewith submit the lists.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

Report F

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

The Faculty of Instruction desires to make a partial report as follows:

1st. We report that V. A. Miller, R. W. Coe, R. Y. Nicholson and C. W. Sanderson, having completed the subscribed studies, were passed through the course.

2nd. That C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, Jr., and W. F. Wright were passed to the third year. C. M. Adams received 100 in Church History.

3rd. That Wilbur M. Snyder was passed to the second year.

We recommend:

1st. That Thomas C. Jones, an unstationed Minister of St. John's Quarterly Conference, Baltimore, Md., be admitted to membership to the Conference.

2nd. That Wingate Daniel Short, an unstationed Minister of Seaford Quarterly Conference, be placed in the hands of the President, and that he be required to take the Conference Course of Study.

3rd. That John Nicholas Link, Allan Haldeman, and Howard Zepp be received on trial.

4th. That Ronalds Taylor be admitted to the Conference and ordained.

5th. That C. C. Day be ordained and that C. M. Adams, W. F. Wright, Wilbur M. Snyder, be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge to continue the course of study.

We recommend that license to administer the ordinances be granted to the following persons:—W. H. Beckwith, J. P. George, W. P. Jump, C. S. Larrimore, J. E. Meddling, A. R. Middleton, H. E. Norris, I. S. Owens, J. N. Link, Allan Haldeman, Howard Zepp, Stephen Zemm, Edward Kirkley and H. H. Carroll.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

Report G

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Of the Committee.

The Committee on Church Extension makes the following report:—

We have read with care the reports of the Baltimore City, the District of Columbia, and the Conference Church Extension Societies, and rejoice in the good work done by these respective organizations. We approve the action of the Board of Managers of the Md. Conference Church Extension Society in borrowing \$3000 for the Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia; and \$6000 for the Park Road Church, Washington, D. C.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend:

- 1st. That the name of Bedford St. Church, Cumberland, Md., be changed to the First Methodist Protestant Church of Cumberland, Md.
- 2nd. That St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, having been recognized by the Quarterly Conference of Broadway Church, be enrolled as a station in our Conference.
- 3rd. That Central Church be detached from Milford Charge and be attached to Georgetown Circuit.
- 4th. That Chesaco Park, Baltimore County, be recognized as a separate charge and be placed under the care of the Quarterly Conference of Calvary Church, Baltimore.
- 5th. That Middleway, W. Va., be placed under the supervision of the pastor of Harpers Ferry Charge.
- 6th. That the Deed of North Caroline Ave., Church, Washington, D. C., be transferred to the Board of Trustees of that church.
- 7th. That the president of the Conference appoint committees to look after our financial interests in Middleway, Frederica, Quantico and other properties in similar situation.
- 8th. That the same assessment as last year be levied upon the Conference District for Church Extension.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Alexandria on debt \$50. On salary \$100 -----	150.00
Baltimore City Church Extension Soc. for St. Paul's on debt \$350 and third installment on \$1000 already appropriated, \$250; and for Waverly on salary if supplied with a married man \$100, total----	700.00
Baltimore Circuit, for Church at Texas, Md., last installment-----	250.00
Calvary, on salary -----	160.00
Cambridge, third of five installments on \$1000 -----	200.00
Cannon, on salary -----	50.00
Centreville, on salary -----	100.00
Cherrydale, provided they build parsonage this year, on debt-----	100.00
Church Extension Society of the Md. Conference on acct. of \$3800 note in Chestertown Bank -----	300.00
Crumpton, on salary -----	50.00
Deer Creek, on salary -----	50.00
Delmar, on interest provided they raise \$500 on debt -----	150.00
Dover, provided they raise \$200 on debt, or improvement -----	100.00
Eutaw, on debt, provided they raise \$500 -----	150.00
Evergreen, on salary if supplied with married man -----	100.00
Fairfax, on salary if supplied with married man -----	50.00

Fairview Heights, on salary \$100 and on debt provided they raise \$100 on mortgage \$100, total	200.00
Federalsburg provided they raise \$300 on debt	100.00
Georgetown, Del., provided they raise on debt \$400; on interest.....	150.00
Greensboro on salary, if supplied with married man	200.00
Harpers Ferry, on salary	50.00
Lauraville on debt provided they raise \$400 on debt	100.00
Laurel, last installment on debt	125.00
Milford last installment \$250 and second installment on \$1000 granted last year \$250	500.00
Nichol's Memorial for Linthicum Heights on debt provided they raise \$200 on debt	100.00
Park Road Church, fourth installment on \$1000 to be paid to Treas. of Md. Conference Church Extension Society for interest on Note of \$3800 in Chestertown Bank	200.00
Payson St., on debt, provided they raise \$200 on debt	100.00
Quantico, on salary	200.00
St. Michaels, for payment on Claiborne Church debt	50.00
Taylor Memorial, third of four installments of \$800 appropriated \$200, and \$1000 in four annual installments provided they pay in full at maturity the \$3000 loan negotiated by the Church Extension Soc. of this Conference, first installment \$250.	450.00
Violetville, on pastor's salary	100.00
Wilton Heights, second installment on \$500 appropriated	125.00
Deficiency on this year's collections	500.00

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

E. C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

The Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers of the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society begs leave to submit the following report. According to the direction of this Conference at its last session, this Board secured a loan of \$3800.00 from the Kent Co. Savings Bank of Chestertown, Md., with which we paid the debt on the ground of Park Road Church, Washington, D. C.

The property was deeded to the Church Extension Society of this Conference. This action on the part of the Conference in paying this debt was understood by this Board to mean that we should do all possible for the erection of a Church at this point. Although the Congregation had not been able to meet the Conference requirement of raising \$2500.00 the situation was such that the Board felt justified in borrowing \$6000.00 that they might proceed with the erection of a Church Building. The Congregation and the District of Columbia Church Extension Society assured this Board that if they did not

secure the entire amount of \$2500.00 by the meeting of the Annual Conference they would have it very soon thereafter, and that it was necessary to begin building at once in order to hold the people to the Church.

We are sure that this Conference will see the necessity of taking care of the interest on this loan of \$3800.00 and also of appropriating a substantial sum each year toward the reduction of the principal.

In the Fall the work on the new church at Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia was stopped for want of funds. After several Conferences with Rev. R. T. Tyson, the Pastor, and a visit to the Church by a Committee, this Board borrowed \$3000.00 from Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore to assist in this work. In order to secure this loan it was necessary for several Ministers to personally endorse the note. This was done with the understanding that the note would be for a period of four months and that it would not be renewed but once.

The agreement with the Church was that they would take care of the loan after the completion of the building.

We respectfully ask the Conference to approve of this action.

We report that the note of this Board given to the National Bank of Baltimore in the interest of Linthicum Heights Church which last year was \$500.00 has been reduced to \$300.00.

North Carolina Ave. Church, Washington has requested that the property of this Church, which several years ago was deeded to this Board be again transferred to their Board of Trustees. As the Conference took action directing that it be deeded to this Board we refer the matter to this Conference and recommended that the request be granted.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

The Baltimore Church Extension Society submits the following report.

The society has held its regular meetings, endeavored to increase the interest of the local churches in the work, and tried faithfully to discharge its duty to the churches intrusted to its care. While not accomplishing everything desired during the past year, certain things worthy of note have been done.

Our society sold its Whiteground property this year for \$150 which money was used in lessening the debts of our society.

After much delay the new St. Paul's Church has been erected costing over \$10,000. It is a substantial and attractive building of Port Deposit granite, and large enough for the present needs. The total value of the property is \$14,000. its present debt is \$6,000. The wisdom of this work has been justified by the rapid increase in church membership and Sunday School since the erection of the new building, 50 have joined the church and 80 the S. S. this year. The present total church enrollment is 102, and total S. S. enrollment 174. With

new streets opening up, and scores of houses being erected around it the location of St. Paul's is strategic, and its prospects exceptional.

For St. Paul's we recommend this year an appropriation of \$350 on its debt.

Waverly church has had a good year. A loan of \$225 was negotiated for improvements absolutely necessary to the preservation of the property, part of which loan has already been repaid by the local church. The church has received 11 new members this year; has a S. S. membership of 156 with an average attendance of 110. About \$1000 was raised for local expenses.

We request the Conference again to supply Waverly Charge with a pastor under the supervision of this society; and that \$100 be appropriated toward his salary, provided the charge raises \$500 for the same purpose.

The Wilton Heights Church has this year cleared its mortgage of \$2,000; increased its pastor's salary \$100; taken into its membership 43 and into its S. S., 89 new scholars. The present membership of the church is 146 and that of the S. S. including all departments, 289. The greatest need for this church is a new building. The present chapel is now far too small for the demands upon it, and the demands are becoming greater, all the time.

Feeling that this charge was worthy of the trust, our society this year upon request of the Wilton Heights Church transferred to their Board of Trustees our title to the ground and building of the church.

Finally we would report that the Baltimore City Church Extension Society has inaugurated plans for cancelling our own indebtedness of about \$1,000; and expect soon after conference to report success in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

RONALDS TAYLOR, Secretary.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society.

Report of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia.

After several years of earnest thought, prayer and work we are about to realize, in Washington, that which we have longed for—a permanent Church building at Park Road. On Feb. 18, 1914 the ground was broken and the new church started. On that occasion the sum of \$1300 was subscribed toward the new church building; \$600 has been paid. The Pastor and people of Park Road Church are greatly encouraged. Already a number of new people have been added to the church; 23 have professed conversion this year. It will mean great faith and hard work for a few more years, but we believe the future of Park Road Church is very bright. During the past year the membership of the Church Extension Society has been more than doubled. The corner stone of the new church will be laid in a few weeks and we expect at that time to more than meet the obligation that we owe this Conference of raising \$2500.

W. A. MELVIN, President.

**Report of Treasurer of Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society
of the District of Columbia.**

Receipts.

Balance on hand April 1st, 1913	\$ 1.91
Rec'd from Md. Annual Conference on Pastor's Salary	200.00
Rec'd from Md. Annual Conference for payment on church lot	200.00
Rec'd from Md. Annual Conference Church Extension So- ciety	3824.00
Rec'd Rent (12 months) 1021 Park Road	246.00
Rec'd from subscriptions	131.00
Rec'd from dues	113.00
Rec'd from miscellaneous sources	138.21
Rec'd from Citizens Savings Bank Discount Note	200.00
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Total receipts	\$5054.12

Disbursements.

Paid on Park Road Church lot	4140.00
Paid Rev. G. M. Clayton on salary	400.00
Paid interest on mortgages	303.62
Paid Repairs on 1021 Park Road	38.20
Paid Taxes on 1021 Park Road for 1911	47.85
Paid water rent 1021 Park Road	5.54
Paid renewing loan on 1021 Park Road	65.40
Paid insurance on 1021 Park Road	4.45
Paid Rev. W. A. Melvin on ac't portable building	25.00
Paid miscellaneous, printing, etc	13.15
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Total disbursements	\$5043.21
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Balance on hand	\$10.91

April 1st, 1914.

The Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia respectfully requests the appropriation of \$200 on pastor's salary for Park Road Church be continued.

WILLIAM T. BALLARD, Treasurer.

Report H.

SUPERANNUATES.

Your Committee respectfully reports:

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

2nd. We report that Revs. J. E. Nicholson and W. J. D. Lucas and Mrs. C. H. Littleton, Mrs. E. R. McGregor, and Mrs. John Roberts, deceased during the year.

3rd. We recommend that Revs. J. W. Norris, and F. L. Stevens, and Mrs. J. E. Litsinger and Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas be granted a superannuate relation; Rev. J. L. Mills being already superannuated by conference action.

4th. Concerning the suggestion of the President of the Conference referred to us, we respectfully recommend that in any case of necessity arising between the sessions of Conference, caused by the illness or death of a member of this Conference, that the Board of Managers of the Superannuate Fund Society be authorized to direct the Conference Treasurer to pay to such persons, from any money he may have for distribution, such an amount as in their judgment they may deem necessary to meet the emergency, and that the president of the Conference be requested to call the attention of the Board of Managers to such emergency.

5th. That as the Conference regulations concerning the distribution of the money to Superannuates, which were adopted by the Conference at its session in 1912, failed of publication in the minutes and cannot now be found we adopt the following regulations:—

From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$10 for each year of his active service as a member of this Conference, and each widow of a minister of this Conference who is granted a Superannuate relation, be entitled to \$5 for each year of her active service.

The amount received from the collections in the District during the year to be applied to the necessities of the claimants, considering:

1st. The time of service in the Conference.

2nd. The size of family.

3rd. Peculiarities of condition.

4th. Ability to contribute to self support by business capacity or by private income.

That when the Committee on Superannuates has information from claimants to the effect that they do not need the amount required by virtue of their years of service, that the Committee be governed by the information thus given.

APPROPRIATIONS.

6th. We recommend the following appropriations:—

Rev. D. W. Anstine -----	\$330	Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell -----	250
Rev. J. W. Gray -----	500	Mrs. J. B. Jones -----	150
Rev. W. D. Litsinger -----	500	Mrs. J. L. Kilgore -----	100
Rev. J. E. Maloy -----	325	Mrs. R. L. Lewis -----	250
Rev. J. L. Mills -----	510	Mrs. J. E. Litsinger -----	250
Rev. J. W. Norris -----	360	Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas -----	250
Rev. F. L. Stevens -----	350	Mrs. A. D. Melvin -----	250
Rev. W. M. Strayer -----	500	Mrs. C. B. Middleton -----	175
Rev. J. L. Straughn -----	500	Mrs. W. E. Miskimmon -----	125
Rev. J. G. Sullivan -----	250	Mrs. W. J. Neeper -----	155
Rev. J. A. Weigand -----	300	Mrs. W. S. Phillips -----	400
Mrs. D. Bowers -----	95	Mrs. R. S. Rowe -----	250
Mrs. J. W. Charlton -----	185	Mrs. D. A. Schermer -----	75
Mrs. C. T. Cochel -----	95	Mrs. G. J. Smith -----	150
Mrs. H. C. Cushing -----	125	Mrs. S. J. Smith -----	100
Mrs. W. T. Dumm -----	225	Mrs. B. P. Truitt -----	300
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice -----	225	Mrs. S. G. Valliant -----	100
Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell -----	250	Mrs. A. J. Walter -----	250
Mrs. W. J. Floyd -----	160	Mrs. P. L. Wilson -----	125
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson -----	150	Mrs. R. S. Williamson -----	200
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert -----	125	Mrs. H. F. Wright -----	250

Signed by the Committee,

A. W. MATHER
A. A. HARRYMAN
J. M. SHERIDAN,
SAMUEL BURGESS
W. E. SHEPPARD
H. A. LEWIS.

Report I

LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

Of the Committee.

1. LITERATURE.

We are gratified to learn by the report of the Baltimore Book Directory, that the business of the Sunday School Department shows a clear profit of \$1833.15 and the Merchandise Department, a profit of \$1328.43.

We congratulate the Directory and the Agent on this splendid showing,

and earnestly entreat all our people to increase their patronage to these departments.

It is with great pleasure that we report a net gain in the subscriptions to the Methodist Protestant of 399 for the year. That the shortage on the publishing of the paper, enlarged and improved as it has been, is only \$376.41. While we regret any loss in our church paper, it is encouraging to find the deficit smaller than it has sometimes been. Deducting this from the profits of the other two departments still show a net gain of the entire business of the concern for the year to be \$2785.59.

We recommend the last item of the report referring to an unsettled balance due the Book Directory, be referred to the joint committee of the Conference Trustees and Book Directory for settlement.

We congratulate the Editor and Directory on the successful showing of our church paper.

II. WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

We join the authorities of Western Maryland College, in lamenting the death of Dr. Joshua W. Hering, President of the Board of Trustees, and record our appreciation of his long and valuable services to our College and Conference, we cherish his memory and thank God for his noble life.

We congratulate the College in its large enrollment of students, the number of boarding students taxing its capacity. We express our pleasure that the trustees are going to erect a new building of larger proportions than any hitherto placed on the campus, the need of which has long been recognized.

The report appeals for the raising of \$10,000 for the complete furnishing of the new building, which appeal your committee heartily endorses.

III. WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary shows an enrollment of 25 students during the year, representing ten annual conference districts. We are glad to learn from the report of the Board that the "entire student body presents a high standard of scholarship and character," with a graduating class representing five conferences.

We are gratified to learn that the scholarship fund has been generously supported, and we appeal to our well-to-do laymen to make annual contributions of \$100 to this fund for the education of young men for the ministry.

We recommend that the same assessment of \$1800 be placed on the district this year, and that Dr. H. L. Elderdice be assigned as president for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the second Sunday in May 1914 be set apart as a day of concerted action and prayer in the conference, in obedience to the Masters' injunction for more laborers for the harvest, and that all our pastors

be requested to preach and labor with the view of directing the attention of young men to the ministry.

We have considered the following resolution referred to us by the Conference:

"Whereas, there are frequent objections to the nature or character of the advertisements appearing in our Sunday School literature, and

Whereas, these advertisements tend to prevent or destroy the proper reverence in the study of Gods' Word, therefore be it Resolved, that we, the members of Finksburg Methodist Protestant Sunday School, request our delegate to the coming Annual Conference to do what he can to get this matter before the proper authorities with a view to having such advertisements eliminated from our Sunday School literature."

CHARLES N. STOCKDALE, Supt.
WILBUR SHREEVE, Sect.

We recommend that the Maryland Annual Conference do hereby petition The Board of Publication to discontinue all advertisements in our Sunday School Literature.

F. T. LITTLE Chairman
E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.

Of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern.

Dear Brethren of the Maryland Conference, Methodist Protestant Church:

We submit herewith for your information the report of the Baltimore Book Directory for the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1914.

No doubt you will be gratified to learn, as evidenced by the report, that we have done a successful business during the year.

The Sunday School department shows a clear profit of \$1833.15.

The Merchandise department shows a net income of \$1328.43.

The loss in the publication of the Methodist Protestant for the year amounts to \$1776.41, part of which is due to the increased cost of issuing the paper in its enlarged and improved form to meet a seeming demand for a better periodical, and also to the fact that we are compelled, from time to time, to discontinue old subscribers who fail to pay their obligations, which necessarily adds to our losses.

While we regret that we are forced to show a loss it is gratifying to note that it is less than we had anticipated, due to the good results which have crowned our efforts. We secured 709 new subscriptions to our Paper but have been compelled to discontinue during the year 310 of our old subscribers, for reasons above given, and are therefore only able to report a net gain in subscriptions of 399 for the year. Had this gain not have been made we would have had a loss on the Church Paper of about \$2400.00 instead of \$1776.41.

We have received from the Drinkhouse fund the sum of \$1,400.00 since Mrs. Drinkhouse's death in 1911, which reduces the shortage to \$376.41. Under a correct interpretation of Dr. Drinkhouse's Will, we believe that a portion of the *now accumulated income* should be applied in liquidating this shortage, his intention clearly being to make the paper self sustaining by applying the whole of the income, when necessary, to meet deficits. We have done, and are still doing, our utmost to make the Paper more attractive and influential but of course our efforts are limited by our Receipts. The Book Concern has several departments to its business, and it has been its ambition to make each one a business success, so that every Methodist Protestant might point with just pride to its existence. Therefore, its total receipts cannot be devoted entirely to the Church Paper which is only one of these departments. The Board of the Book Concern believes that Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse intended his Will to be so construed by his Trustees that the entire income from his Estate, after the death of his wife, should be devoted, if necessary, to the success of the Church Paper. The Paper can be improved and its circulation can be increased, thus making it more influential and hence more successful. Dr. Drinkhouse desired this end and wanted his entire income used to accomplish it, without considering any outside financial assistance. The Book Concern, in its business judgment, cannot wisely take from its other departments any more of its receipts without crippling them and endangering the general success of all its departments. The Trustees of the Drinkhouse Estate have in hand the necessary money, it being the income from that Estate, to make this Church Paper what we would like it to be and what we believe Dr. Drinkhouse had in his mind and on his heart. The Book Concern has placed the exact situation before the Trustees by letter and in fixed Committee Meetings, actually begging them to devote the entire income from the estate in improving this Church Paper but our petitions and requests have been denied, for they have only passed over to us \$1400 out of an accumulated net income of \$2991.84 reported to us by them on March 18th, 1914.

Of course we regret and are surprised at this position taken by the Trustees and can only say they will have to assume the responsibility for limiting the success of the Church Paper, and giving this in the Will of Dr. Drinkhouse.

It is fair to state the Trustees did say they would devote to the Church Paper if the Book Concern would agree to a way, namely, in the employment of a Canvassing Agent with time in the securing of new subscribers. Dr. Drinkhouse's method in his Will but said in effect it was a suggestion of Trustees could use their own judgment. The Book Concern considered this method of increasing the circulation of the Paper, and found upon investigation it was not a good business plan for it had proven a failure when tried by other Church papers and was exceedingly expensive, in fact the ex-

pense would be far out of proportion to results. This conclusion was reported to the Trustees and the entire income was again requested by the Book Concern with the above result. We are now informed by the Trustees that the entire income will not be used to promote the publishing interests of our Church Paper but that a part of it will now be used in educating young men for the Ministry. It is fair to say that this purpose was also mentioned in the Will of Dr. Drinkhouse but it was entirely secondary to his wishes and a part of his income was to be devoted to its uses only when the success of the Church Paper was first accomplished. Again we say we regret the position taken by the Trustees, for we believe it is contrary to the wish of Dr. Drinkhouse and hurtful to the Church Paper. We are helpless, but feel we have performed our duty and met our responsibility.

We beg to call your attention to the fact that when the property at 316 N. Charles Street was purchased by authority of the Maryland Conference, the Trustees of said Conference borrowed \$2,000.00 from the Drinkhouse fund, also an amount in excess of \$4,000.00 from the Baltimore Book Concern, both at the rate of 5% interest and then applied the proceeds of said loans in part payment for the property, the understanding being that the indebtedness to the Book Concern and interest on both loans should be paid out of rentals from the building, until such time when the business of the Book Concern required the entire building for its purposes. When this condition arose, the Book Concern agreed to pay the interest on the money loaned to the Trustees of the Maryland Conference by the Trustees of the Drinkhouse legacy, during the life of Mrs Drinkhouse. Now that she is deceased we do not feel that we should be asked to any longer pay this interest and will appreciate an expression from the Conference.

The unpaid balance of the loan made to the Trustees of the Conference by the Book Concern now amounts to \$188.93, and we think that for strict business reasons the Maryland Conference should make some provision for its payment, and will appreciate an expression from the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MILLS,

Secretary of Board.

April 1, 1914.

Financial Statement of the Baltimore Book Concern.

Assets.

Cash on hand in bank -----	\$3672.58
Suspense account Methodist Protestant -----	111.38
Accrued Advertising, Methodist Protestant -----	209.14
Baker, Watts & Co., (Special) -----	260.19
Trustees Maryland Annual Conference -----	188.93

Baltimore Post Office, Deposit -----	27.00	
Advance Orders, S. S. Periodicals -----	1982.50	
Furniture and Fixtures -----	1186.09	
Methodist Protestant Paper, Inventory -----	29.20	
Stock Inventory, S. S. Periodicals -----	77.26	
Accounts Receivable -----	3216.65	
Merchandise:		
Hymnal Plates -----	\$ 400.00	
582 sets Drinkhouse History -----	291.00	
	691.00	
Other Stock -----	13792.56	14483.56
Mdse. Expense, Inventory -----	105.75	
General Expenses, Office Supplies -----	152.78	
Property Improvements and Expense -----	444.21	
		26147.22

Liabilities.

Capital -----	20000.00	
Advance Subscription Methodist Protestant -----	\$ 547.12	
Advanced Subscription S. S. Periodicals -----	594.23	1141.35
Bk. Conc. Bldg. Rent Fund -----	100.00	
Accounts Payable -----	3050.29	
General Conference -----	319.08	
Reserve -----	96.50	
Emergency Fund -----	1440.00	
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CHAS. REINER, Jr., Ag

General Income and Expense Statement for Year Ending Feb. 28.

Receipts.

Methodist Protestant:		
Sales -----	\$ 4600.87	
Advertising -----	634.58	
Profit and Loss (Suspense account) -----	130.81	
Income Drinkhouse Legacy -----	1400.00	6766.26
Sunday School Periodicals:		
Sales -----		12214.98

Merchandise:

Commission and Discount -----	119.07	
Sales -----	21002.33	21121.40

General:

Interest -----		9.31
		<u>40111.95</u>

Disbursements.

Methodist Protestant.

Commission and Discount -----	117.95	
Paper -----	1103.51	
Postage -----	272.23	
Expense -----	218.00	
Printing -----	3024.55	
Premium -----	55.00	
Salary -----	2076.88	
General Expense -----	274.55	7142.67

Sunday School Periodicals

Purchases -----	8165.72	
Postage, Express and Freight -----	432.15	
Expense -----	186.43	
Profit and Loss -----	14.31	
Salary -----	1308.66	
General Expense -----	274.56	10381.83

Merchandise

Salary -----	2181.11	
Purchases -----	16203.82	
(Mdse) Expense -----	1117.59	
General Expense -----	274.55	
Profit and Loss -----	15.90	19792.97

General

Furniture and Fixtures -----	600.00	
Profit and Loss (Expense on Property) -----	599.09	1199.09
General Conference 20% Net Profits -----		319.08
3% Accounts are Reserve -----		96.50
Bal. Net Profit Emergency Fund -----		1179.81

\$40111.95

CHAS. REINER, Jr., Agent.

Of the President of Western Maryland College.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

For the twenty-eighth time I am submitting to this Conference an annual report of the condition and prospects of Western Maryland College of which I have the honor to be president. The year has been a memorable one on account of the great loss we have sustained in the death of our honored president of the Board of Trustees, Doctor Joshua W. Hering. He has been so long and so closely connected with the work of this Conference, and with the Church at large, that I presume it will seem proper to the Conference to place on record their appreciation of his great worth, but I could not omit his mention here even in this passing way.

We have a larger enrollment than for several years, the whole number being 254. Our graduating class is somewhat smaller than usual, being 31, but the number of boarding students is larger, and in fact taxed our capacity. The financial outcome is about as usual, and the endowment fund is growing slowly by the accretion of the income.

One matter is of such outstanding importance to us this year that I think you will excuse the omission of many other things in this report that I may emphasize this matter of a new building.

The plan we have had in mind for several years and which has been mentioned in at least two annual reports seems now to have come to maturity. I have brought to Conference the plans which are now being estimated upon for a building of larger proportions and more expensive than any building we have ever undertaken. It will be about 120 feet long and 65 feet wide, three stories high, and provide about twenty recitation rooms and laboratories. These will be fitted up in the most complete modern way with the best educational appliances. We have needed this building a long time but have been so concerned with our other needs that this has been necessarily postponed. Now it seems imperatively necessary. It is estimated that this building will cost us \$50,000. Its equipment will probably cost us \$10,000 more. We have been accumulating a building fund through the several years past in anticipation of this, and it seems probable now that we will get some help from the State. If we are not disappointed in this we may be able to carry the cost of the building with a debt of not more than \$20,000. But with the utmost success we cannot hope to do more than this unaided, and that would leave us with simply the empty building. The Conference committee of last year recommended that the conference should assume some tangible part of this effort, instancing the furnishing of a laboratory. I would appeal to the conference to act in the line of this suggestion and undertake the raising of \$10,000 for the complete furnishing of this building. It seems to me with such an appeal as we are prepared to make it should be possible to raise this amount. I would therefore ask your committee to give favorable consideration and recommendation to this project.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

Of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary.

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

Twenty-five students have been enrolled during the year, distributed according to Conferences as follows:—Georgia, 1, North Illinois 1, Pittsburg 1, Eastern 2, Michigan 2, North Carolina 2, North Missouri 2, Indiana 3, Ohio 3, and Maryland 8. Twelve of these are graduates of Colleges East, West and South; and the entire body of students presents a high standard of scholarship and character. The graduating class is composed of six men, representing five conferences.

The usual course of special lectures has been maintained and it has provided a valuable course of instruction and inspiration in addition to the regular curriculum. Speakers have come to us from five different denominations with wisdom from the fields of thought and activity in which they are specialists.

The Scholarship Fund has been generously supported, but we are in need of more contributions along this line, and an appeal is hereby made for well-to-do laymen to make annual contributions of one hundred dollars a year for the education of young men for the ministry. Other theological Seminaries are richly endowed for this purpose and are constantly making their appeals to our young men. We must care for our own or lose them.

Since last conference the President of the Seminary has presented the Endowment Fund to Potomac, Sharptown, Newark, and Elizabeth; the Emergency Fund to several charges in the Eastern conference; and the West Va. Cottage enterprise has been worked in that District during the summer by Prof. Douglas. It is the intention of the Board of Governors to begin the erection of the Cottage immediately.

Dr. J. W. Hering, a charter member of the Board, has passed away. His memory is blessed. The Board respectfully requests the same assessment as last year, and that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as president for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Governors.

J. L. MILLS, President.

Report J

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your committee was glad to note the encouraging reference to this work in the report of the President of this conference; and we heartily concur in his statement, that, "We cannot be too much concerned about this very important part of our church activity."

The latest statistics for the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor So-

cieties are as follows: Number of schools 275, Officers and Teachers, 3843; Scholars 32,594; New Scholars 4596.

The magnificent total membership of our Sunday Schools is 36,437. This is a decided advance, and high water mark in our Sunday School's growth.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Number of Societies 205; Membership 8471; Contributed for missions \$1189.00. There is indicated a slight advance in these figures, and in the work also; but it is not so decided as in the case of the Sunday School. The labor up to this time has largely been to bring our work, among the young people, to the point of larger vision; but we think the day has come, or will soon come, when we will make the vision a glowing and glorious reality. We know, now, what ought to be done; it remains yet to do it. Our Christian Endeavor Work needs a closer fostering care, in the Conference. Much of its organization is a mere shell. The young people's union has a Superintendent of Increase and Efficiency; and an earnest effort is being made to introduce a new spirit of hope and efficiency into these societies. This cannot be done without the united and enthusiastic support of the parties concerned. We introduce here the standard of efficiency, which in our Young People's Union, are necessary for a front line society.

1. 25% Increase in membership	15%
2. 50% average attendance, at C. E. Prayer meeting	15%
3. An installation service	10%
4. Contribution to Conference Union	10%
5. Efficiency Service	10%
6. Contribution to Board of Young People's Work	10%
7. Contribution to Conference Missionary	10%
8. Business Meetings once a month	10%
9. New subscriptions to Methodist Protestant	10%

It ought to be the joy of every society to reach these simple standards of efficiency. By reaching them they will, in all likelihood, reach many more. We urge a campaign of efficiency in every society of this Conference.

BROTHERHOODS.

This branch of our work is yet in its infancy. The last general Conference adopted a Constitution and by-laws by which the various Brotherhoods in the Church might be unified. We urge that all our Brotherhoods be organized in conformity to this Constitution; and that everywhere the Adult Bible Classes, among our Men, shall be brought into Fellowship with the Brotherhood.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

This is, of course, the most important part of our work among the young. Special emphasis has recently been laid upon two phases of this work—the adult Bible class and the Teacher Training Work. Some gratifying progress in these departments of the work has been made. We would urge upon the Pastors, especially, the great necessity of the Teacher Training Class. We must have better trained Teachers for the 20th Century child. The Organization is not everywhere easy, and the continuance in well doing is still harder; but the plan will work, and is working in many of our Churches. The two books adopted by our Young People Board are, "The Training of the Teacher," by four Sunday School experts, and "Preparation for Teaching" by Chas. A. Oliver. The latter is much more simple than the former, and is cheaper.

We heartily recommend, that this Conference give good heed to the wise words of the President in regard to the graded lessons. The day is not far distant when this series will be, in part, or all of it, in every aggressive school. We call attention to the fact, that more consideration must be paid to Sunday School Architecture. We cannot get the best results in Sunday School work without a room especially adapted to the needs of the modern Sunday School. The biggest thing in the erection of a new church is not the arrangement of the auditorium, but the arrangement and equipment of the room in which the Sunday School meets. Too long has this subject been neglected among us. The Maryland Sunday School Association stands ready to give information on this very important subject to those who seek it. Since reference has been made to the Maryland Sunday School Association, we will pause in this report to express our high appreciation of the work this association is doing among us. We feel a just pride in the fact that the very efficient head of the Association is a member of this Body.

We call attention to the fact that the Convention of our Denominational Young People's Union will meet in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 21-24, of this year; and we urge all who can attend this Convention to do so. We recommend that the Conference affirm again the General Conference provision, that the Sunday Schools, and Christian Endeavor Societies and the Brotherhoods raise for the support of the Board of Young People's work a sum averaging five cents per member.

We recommend that the Organizations connected with the Conference Union contribute at least \$2.00 each this year for the support of the work.

We recommend, that the Conference seriously consider the wisdom of selecting a man for a few years, at least, as Field Secretary of the work, whose duty it shall be to visit the various Sunday Schools, C. E. Societies and Brotherhoods, and to direct and assist in their better organization for effectiveness, in conformity with the highest ideals in these great departments of our Church life.

We reaffirm our belief that it ought to be an easy thing for the Young People's Organizations connected with this Body to raise a thousand dollars a year for the support of a Conference Missionary, and we hope that this ideal will be attained during this Conference year.

We recommend that room be made on the blank of the Conference for the name and address of the Junior Superintendent.

We have received the resolution referred to us on Catechetical Instruction in the Sunday School, and

We recommend, That the Sunday Schools of our conference be requested to devote a few minutes every Sabbath apart from the study period, in the reading or study of the Catechism of the Methodist Protestant Church; and, that this action shall apply to all the departments of the school except the beginners and the adult department.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. BENSON, Chairman.

J. F. BRYAN, Secretary.

Report K

MORAL REFORM.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the cause of temperance is rapidly gaining ground and that the outlook for it's final and early victory is very encouraging. It's foes are disconcerted and alarmed; it's friends are united and aggressive as never before. It is gratifying to learn that the National Prohibition Amendment, introduced in the House of Representatives by R. P. Hobson and in the Senate by Sen. Sheppard, will in all probability come back to the States for their ratification, and we heartily approve and endorse this amendment. It will take thirty-six States to ratify the amendment and the encouraging part of this fact is that there are now thirty-six states which altogether have fewer saloons than New York City.

We rejoice to know that temperance legislation of a constructive and local character is being obtained. While the Maryland Legislature has been wet it is gratifying to learn that this session has passed more local temperance legislation than any legislature in the history of the State. The Eastern Shore Anti-shipping Bill, the Garrett County and the Carroll County Local Option Bills are all steps in the right direction. We are deeply interested in all the Counties that will vote on Local Option this Fall, but Carroll County, which is the seat of our Educational Institutions, should receive our earnest and unqualified support. The Hazel Anti-shipping law for the two lower Counties of Delaware has been in operation for twelve months and has proved beneficial in the enforcement of the Local Option Laws.

We heartily endorse the proposition of the Anti-Saloon League for State wide Prohibition for Maryland and recommend that this Conference place

itself back of any movement to elect a Legislature friendly to this purpose. We recommend the work of the Anti-Saloon League and recommend that it's Superintendent, T. M. Hare, or his representatives be given access to the pulpits of our Churches within the bounds of Maryland for the presentation of the cause and assure him of our enthusiastic support.

In Baltimore City and vicinity the Lords Day Alliance and the Society for the Suppression of Vice are actively engaged in their respective lines and we express our full sympathy with the endorsement of their work. It is with gratification that we note the efforts of the Board of Police Commissioners and the Liquor License Board to enforce the present most unsatisfactory liquor laws in the interest of public morality.

We deplore the present municipal regulation in the District of Columbia which permits the opening of Moving picture and other public places of amusement on Sunday and we heartily endorse the bill now in Congress prohibiting this desecration of the day, and we bespeak the influence of every member of the Conference in its support.

We register our protest against legalized race track gambling. We commend the Governor of the State of Maryland for vetoing the Bill amending the Child Labor Law reducing the age from twelve to ten.

We record with great sorrow the fact of the death of Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We sympathize with the national organization in the great loss sustained by her untimely death, and earnestly pray that God will raise up a leader to take her place who shall carry forward the banner of the White Ribbon hosts to ultimate victory.

While the workmen die the work still goes on. Simultaneous with the announcement of the death of this good and noble woman, Secretary Joseph Daniels, issued an order forbidding the use or introduction of Alcoholic liquors on board United States vessels or within Navy Yards and stations. We heartily commend this act of the Secretary of the Navy and earnestly hope that a similar order may soon be issued for the Army, and that a copy of this action be sent to the Secretary of the Navy.

S. F. CASSEN
N. O. GIBSON
G. J. HILL

Wm. VANSANT
C. O. MELVIN
THOS. A. MYERS

Report L

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Of the Committee.

We beg leave to submit the following report: We have carefully examined the papers presented to us by the Secretary of the Board of Deaconess move-

ment, and are pleased to recognize that there has been a commendable degree of success in the development of this very worthy institution—which as the youngest child of the church needs the fostering care and earnest attention of the mother—in order that it may grow and be perpetuated. It should appeal to all lovers of the church as one source of aid whence our needs in sickness will be supplied. It should be borne in mind that our Deaconess work is more than an opportunity for house to house visitation, for while we appreciate the good work done in this way yet, the idea ought to be spread broadcast that their primary work is to nurse, prepared as they are for this particular part of their work by scientific training and when our people learn this fact there will be found a much larger field for their labors.

Secondly: We believe that the time has come when this conference should do more than merely recognize the need by saying a home should be provided, we should formulate some plan to provide a home this year and suggest that some practical action toward the realization of such an ideal be at once considered.

We commend the faithful work of the treasurer who reports that \$1001.58 have been received from the district and that \$541.67 have been expended leaving a balance of \$459.91.

Thirdly: The board asks that the same plan for the financial support of this work be continued by the conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We therefore recommend that the request be granted and that the charges be asked to contribute an amount equal to one third of the assessment for President's Salary. We furthermore recommend that the pastors open their pulpits to the Deaconess for the presentation of their work, and we at the same time express our commendation to the pastors and to the members of their charges who contributed so liberally toward this worthy cause last year.

We recommend the name of Rev. G. E. Brown as a life director of the Maryland Tract Society.

B. F. RULEY, Secretary.

April 7, 1914.

H. W. D. JOHNSON

B. F. RULEY

W. N. SHERWOOD

S. C. PARDEE

L. H. LeCATES

F. REINECKER

Committee

Of the Deaconess Board.

To the Maryland Conference:—

The Deaconess Board submits the following report for the year ending March 31st, 1914.

We have one graduated deaconess in active service, Miss Nettie Perrin,

and it is a pleasure to report that her work has been acceptable and fruitful in those charges where she has been employed, viz. West Baltimore, Lauraville, Broadway, Rhode Island Ave., North Carolina Ave., Denton and Cumberland. Only words of commendation and appreciation are heard from the pastors and people with whom she has been associated.

Miss Evelyn Jefferson, our first graduate deaconess, feeling her need of a better equipment for the Master's service, entered the Hephzibah home in New York City, a training school for Christian workers, last September. The Board has no criticism to offer upon the motives of Miss Jefferson, but inasmuch as she took this step without the advice or consent of the Board we have been compelled to cancel for the present our engagement with her.

There are two young women, Misses Lillian N. DeMoss and Elma Lewis, receiving their hospital training in the school for nurses at the Md. General Hospital. They are expected to complete this special course in June of the present year.

The financial support the work has received and the amount of money expended will be shown in the Treasurer's exhibit which accompanies this report.

There are several items we believe vital to the work committed to this Board to which we wish to direct the immediate and serious consideration of the Conference.

1. We believe it is absolutely essential to the permanence and development of this work that a suitable and permanent home be secured. Attention has been directed to this need in previous reports, but the necessity has become so apparent and pressing that we again emphasize it, and feel justified in the statement that until this need is met the work will not only be hindered, but jeopardized. It is not alone a question of the successful prosecution and efficiency of the deaconess work, but its continuance. Shall we abandon the movement so enthusiastically and hopefully begun four years ago, or will we make the needed provision for its continuance and development? This question confronts us and we await the answer of the Conference.

II. The character of the work assigned to our deaconesses must be modified. So far they have been used almost exclusively in house to house visitation and in canvassing for Sunday School scholars. This is important and fruitful work, and should not be wholly abandoned; but the conviction is growing clear and stronger in your Board that more attention must be given to ministrations among the sick, and especially in families unable to employ trained nurses. We therefore accentuate the charitable and philanthropic work that properly belongs to the office of these young women, and invite our pastors to employ them among the sick, the poor and those who have not the advantages of Christian homes. The training the deaconesses receive fits them for these more specific forms of work in the way of mercy and help, and we believe these ministrations would be gratefully received and would prove a

potent means of introducing men and women to the Great Physician and Healer of both body and soul.

III. We again call attention to the Ladies Co-operative Board and urge our pastors to advise and assist the women in all our charges to organize Deaconess Circles. These Circles can do much in awakening and maintaining an interest in this worthy cause and can aid in securing the permanent home we believe so vital to the work. Miss Estelle Gilligan, 2326 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, the president of the Co-operative Board, will furnish upon request from the pastors all needed information and render any assistance in her power for the organization of these Circles.

IV. The Board asks that the Conference continue the same plan for the financial support of this work as has been in operation for two years, viz. The charges be asked to contribute an amount equal to one-third of the assessment for President's salary.

Respectfully submitted for The Board,

T. O. CROUSE, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Board.

April, 1913—April, 1914.

Receipts.

1913.		
April 16	By Balance -----	\$ 266.76
April 22	By E. J. Paige, for services of Mrs. Parron, W. Baltimore -----	\$ 20.00
May 6	By T. J. Murray, Jr., for services for Mrs. Parron (West Baltimore) -----	15.00
May 16	By E. J. Paige, for services of Mrs. Parron, (W. Baltimore) -----	10.00
May 22	By Linden Charge, through Miss Jefferson ----	2.85
May 22	By Linden Charge, Personal Col., Miss Jefferson--	3.00
May 22	By Ladies Aid Society, Miss Jefferson -----	10.00
May 22	By Linthicum Chapel, Basket collection through Miss Jefferson -----	4.86
May 22	By Linthicum Chapel, personal collection through Miss Jefferson -----	2.00
May 22	Brookville Charge, Personal collection through Miss Jefferson -----	15.00
May 22	By Brookville Charge, Basket Collection, through Miss Jefferson -----	3.35
May 22	By Mt. Carmel, collected through Miss Jefferson --	1.51
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June 1 By Union Chapel, Miss Jefferson -----	6.50	
June 1 By Poplar Springs, Miss Jefferson -----	2.72	
June 1 By Ridgewell, Miss Jefferson -----	2.25	
June 11 By Mt. Carmel P. M. Church (Clough) -----	25.00	
June 11 By Rev. McCaslin Charge -----	.50	
June 12 By Rev. H. O. Keen -----	17.88	
June 12 By Rev. A. Donovan -----	28.50	
June 14 By Rev. A. Donovan (Routson) -----	5.00	
June 21 By Central M. P. Chr. Rev. Ruley -----	10.77	
June 21 By Mt. Carmel M. P. Chg. Rev. Clough -----	5.09	
June 21 By New Market M. P. Chg. Rev. Ruley -----	1.18	105.39
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June 28 By Miss N. Perrin, Services -----	2.00	
June 28 By Rev. Mr. Parris -----	8.00	
June 28 By Rev. Ruley -----	.50	
June 28 By Subscription -----	2.50	
June 28 By Subscription -----	2.00	
June 28 By Cash -----	.75	
July 6 By Sums Creek -----	3.13	
July 6 By Union Bridge -----	9.41	
July 26 By Miss Jefferson -----	25.75	
July 26 By T. A. Murray Jr. Treas. W. B. S. S. -----	5.00	59.04
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July 28 By Lauraville M. P. Church -----	4.04	
Aug. 6 By Rev. J. Massey, Vienna, Md. -----	7.00	
Aug. 6 By Flinksburg M. P. Church -----	1.00	
Aug. 6 By Miss Jefferson, Bal. from Ex. Acct. -----	1.00	
Aug. 30 By Mrs. Geo. Akenhurst, Woodenburg, Md. -----	1.00	13.54
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Sept. 6 By Clarence Kenny, New Market, Fredk. -----	1.00	
Sept. 6 By Rev. Ruley, Mr. Spencer -----	.50	
Sept. 6 By Rev. Ruley, Chas. Albaugh -----	1.00	
Sept. 6 By Rev. Ruley, Conrad Cashour -----	1.00	
Sept. 6 By Rev. Ruley, Miss Gertrude Barnes -----	1.00	
Sept. 6 By Rev. Ruley, J. B. Jones -----	1.00	
Sept. 6 By Rev. Ruley, Mrs. Long -----	.25	
Oct. 15 By E. C. Makoskey, New M. P. Chr. -----	35.00	40.75
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Oct. 20 By Rev. W. T. Wright, Mt. Nebo -----	6.75	
Nov. 7 By Rev. A. B. Dupuy, Chesapeake -----	7.00	
Nov. 15 By Rev. W. F. Bauscher, Deer Park -----	2.50	
Nov. 22 By Rev. C. Maddox -----	.50	
Dec. 7 By St. John's H. K. Muller -----	11.65	

Dec. 17 By Rev. Bauscher, Deer Park -----	.50	
Dec. 17 By Rhode Island Ave., M. P. Church -----	30.00	
Dec. 23 By Rev. Maddox -----	3.00	
Dec. 23 By Rev. Bauscher -----	1.00	62.90
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Jan. 1 By Rev. J. F. Wooden -----	2.00	
Jan. 1 By Rev. G. J. Hill -----	6.00	8.00
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Feb. 8 By West Baltimore M. P. Church -----	15.00	
Feb. 8 By Rev. J. W. Parris -----	3.00	18.00
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March 5 By Rev. J. A. Wright, Delmar -----	7.00	
March 11 By Miss Nettie Perrin, for services rendered----	1.00	8.00
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Total Receipts -----		\$669.95

Disbursements.

1913		
April 23 To Dr. J. Clavarie, rent of rooms-----\$	15.00	
April 23 To Mrs. Robinson, meal ticket -----	6.00	
May 1 To Miss Jefferson, 1 mos. salary -----	12.00	
May 1 To Miss Perrin, 1 mos. salary -----	12.00	
May 9 To Miss Jefferson, car-fare, lunches laun- dry, etc -----	6.62	
May 10 To Mrs. Robinson, meal ticket -----	6.00	
May 13 To Miss Jefferson, drugs, dress & duster	17.50	
May 16 To Miss Jefferson, R. R. & expenses ----	10.00	
May 21 To M. P. Book Co. Postals & Printing for circulars -----	6.25	
May 23 To M. P. Book Co. cards for Miss Jefferson	3.50	
May 24 To Dr. L. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----	15.00	\$109.87
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June 2 To Miss E. Jefferson, salary -----	12.00	
June 2 To Miss N. Perrin, salary -----	12.00	
June 6 To Mrs. Louisa B. Schockly, 10 weeks board -----	40.00	
June 7 To Mrs. Wm. Shriver, advertising -----	.30	
June 16 To H. K. Muller, stamps, etc -----	2.50	66.80
June 25 To Dr. I. Clavarie, rent -----	15.00	
June 28 To Miss Jefferson, 2 mos. salary and exps.	17.00	
June 28 To Miss Perrin, 1 mo. salary & expenses-	12.00	
July 16 To Mrs. Robinson, 1 meal ticket -----	6.00	

July 19 To Miss E. Jefferson, 2 mos salary -----	24.00		
July 26 To Miss N. Perrin, 2 mos. salary -----	24.00		
July 28 To Dr. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----	15.00	113.00	
Aug. 26 To Dr. L. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----		15.00	
Sept. 24 To Dr. L. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----	15.00		
Oct. 18 To Miss Nettie Perrin, salary for Sept ---	12.00	27.00	
Oct. 27 To Dr. J. A. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----	15.00		
Oct. 29 To Mrs. L. B. Shockly (Board for Miss Perrin) -----	20.68		
Oct. 27 To Miss Nettie Perrin, salary for October-	12.00		
Nov. 7 To Stamps -----	.50		
Nov. 25 To Stewart & Co., Coat & Sweater -----	15.30		
Nov. 25 To Dr. J. A. Clavarie, rent -----	15.00		
Dec. 8 To Miss Nettie Perrin, sal. Nov. & R. R. fare	13.50		
Dec. 24 Miss Nettie Perrin, Salary December ---	12.00		
Dec. 29 To Dr. J. A. Clavarie, Rent for Jan. -----	15.00	118.98	
1914			
Jan. 2 To Miss Perrin, R. R. Fare -----	2.70		
Jan. 28 To Dr. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----	15.00		
Feb. 6 To Miss Perrin, 1 mos. salary -----	12.00	29.70	
Feb. 10 To Miss DeMoss, 1 mos. salary -----	8.33		
Feb. 10 To Miss Elma Lewis, 1 mos. salary ----	8.33		
Feb. 10 To Rev. T. Crouse, Stamps -----	1.00		
Feb. 28 To Dr. Clavarie, 1 mos. rent -----	15.00		
Feb. 28 To Miss DeMoss, 1 mos. salary -----	8.33		
Feb. 28 To Miss Elma Lewis, 1 mos. salary -----	8.33		
Feb. 28 To Miss Nettie Perrin, 1 mos. salary ---	12.00	61.32	541.67
Balance -----			\$128.28

Report M

OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

Of the Committee.

The work of the Committee on Official Relations is naturally arduous but it is rendered unpleasant in many respects owing to the delinquency of certain Pastors and Charges.

Last year fifty three charges neglected to appoint a Lady Visitor to Our

Church Home and while the evil is not entirely remedied we are gratified to report a marked decrease in the delinquents for this year. Amelia, Bedford Circuit, Hampden, Conquest, Lawsonia, Crumpton, Fairfax Circuit, Federalsburg, Felton, Georgetown Circuit, Greenwood, Grove, Kemptown, Lewistown, Mardela, Nichols Memorial, Northumberland, Prince George, Oak Grove, Powellville, Selbyville, St. James, Union Circuit, First Church Wilmington, Williamsport, have not appointed lady visitors.

The following Charges are not incorporated, Bedford Circuit, Waverly, Lawsonia, Deer Park, Howard, Lewistown, Mt. Nebo, Prince George, Selbyville, Taylor Memorial.

21 Charges are reported as having been incorporated during the past year.

We are pleased to impart the gratifying information that the Beneficiaries are continuing to liquidate in a satisfactory way their obligations to the Board of Ministerial Education.

The following Charges have paid their assessments in full and are entitled to be placed on the Honor Roll. Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, Alnutt Memorial, Broadway, Brooklyn, Calvary, Christ Church, East Baltimore, Eutaw, Evergreen, Hampden, Keen Memorial, Lauraville, North Baltimore, Payson Street, South Baltimore, Starr, St. Johns, St. Pauls, Violetville, Waverly, West Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Belair, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Centreville, Chesapeake, Chestertown, Conquest, Crisfield, Cumberland, Cumberland Circuit, Deer Creek, Delmar, Delta, Denton, Dover, Easton, Elizabeth, Fairfax Circuit, Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church Newark, Frederick, Georgetown, Del., Greenwood, Harbeson, Harrington, Howard, Hurlock, Kennedyville, Laurel, Del., Leeds, Leipsic, Lewes, Lisbon, Lynchburg, Fairview Heights, Milford, Del., Mt. Nebo, New Church, Nichols Memorial, Oxford, Parksley, St. Lukes, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Potomac, Reliance, Seaford, Salisbury, Salem, Stewartstown, St. Michaels, Sharptown, Susquehanna, St. James, Snow Hill, Trinity, Union Bridge, Wallace Memorial, Park Road, Rhode Island Ave., First Church, Washington, North Carolina Ave., Georgetown, D. C., Westminster, West Wilmington, Williamsport, Whaleyville, Wye.

The following Charges have failed to report their assessments in full. Bethany, Baltimore Circuit, Bedford, Campbell, Caroline, Cecil, Chincoteague, Clayton, Concord, Lawsonia, Mariners, Crumpton, Deer Park, Dorchester, Felton, Franklin City, Georgetown Circuit, Greensboro, Grove, Harpers Ferry, Indian River, Kemptown, Kent Island, Laurel Circuit, Lewistown, Liberty, Mardela, Marley, Middleway, Milton, Newmarket, Northumberland, Oak Grove, Patapasco, Taylor Memorial, Pocomoke Circuit, Powellville, Prince George, Quantico, Queen Anne, Rowlandville, Selbyville, Talbot, Union Circuit, Waltersville, Warwick, Mt. Tabor, Cherrydale, First Church Wilmington.

The following Charges have overpaid their Pastor's salary and are deficient in the payment of the rest of their assessments. Concord and Dorchester.

By action of last Conference in all cases where this discrepancy exists satisfactory explanation shall be made by the Pastor in open Conference.

The following Charges failed to give disciplines to new members. Accomac, Alexandria, Bedford, Calvary, St. Pauls, Waverly, Cecil, Centreville, Law-sonia, West Baltimore, Deer Creek, Delta, Denton, Leipsic, Dover, Federalsburg, Felton, Grove, Harbeson, Harrington, Kemptown, Kent Island, Lewistown, Liberty, Milton, Oxford, Pocomoke Circuit, Susquehanna, Mt. Tabor.

Fifty-one Charges failed to report any new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that Rev. B. W. Kindley be loaned to the Maryland Sunday School Assn.; The Rev. J. M. Gill to the Board of Home Missions, Rev. E. H. Van Dyke to the Board of Foreign Missions.

We also recommend that Rev. G. R. McCreedy be granted a Supernumerary relation, and that Rev. W. B. Judefind and Dorsey Blake be left without Appointment for one year at their own request.

THANKS.

First. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Pastor and Members of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Milford and to the Citizens of Milford and vicinity for their splendid hospitality and entertainment during the session of Conference.

Second. We heartily appreciate the kindness of the Presbyterian Church of Milford in placing at our disposal its building for Committee work.

Third. We extend to the Bell Telephone Co. of Milford our thanks for placing two of their Phones for the convenience of the Conference.

Fourth. We express our thanks to Mr. F. Bruce McKillip, Agent for the Blickensderfer Typewriter for the use of several of his machines.

Fifth. We extend to the Baltimore American our thanks for sending Mr. James M. Hoblitzell to report our Daily Sessions. We also thank the Local Newspapers for their kind notices of our proceedings.

Signed,

J. W. TROUT, Pres.
HOWARD L. SCHLINCKE, Secy.
EDWIN B. FENBY
A. R. LEWES
J. H. ROBERTS
W. S. JOHNSON

Report N

MISSIONS.

Of the Committee.

Your Committee on Missions submits the following report:

The report which comes to us from the Boards engaged in carrying on the work of evangelization at home and abroad, is very gratifying. The Church is fortunate in having in charge of these supreme interests Secretaries whose integrity, industry, tactfulness and efficiency command confidence, and give us reason to thank God and take courage. The work of these faithful laborers in the Lord's vineyard should be neither criticised nor hindered.

From Japan comes good news, the signs of growth being shown in the purchase of Church property, plans for the building of a new church, new preaching places, Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and an increase in the number of applicants for admission into the ministry of the Mission Conference. Conversions and inquirers have been reported in each school.

Dr. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, is most earnestly bringing to our attention the urgent needs and financial condition of this Agency of our Church. He is doing all that could be expected under his limitations. We hope that his appeals will stimulate our people to heartier co-operation in the extension of our denominational boundaries.

The Womans' Foreign Missionary Society deserves more attention than it receives. There are less than twenty-five Auxiliaries in our large Conference. They support Bible Readers, Scholarships, and have a Missionary of their own. It would be well if Pastors would open the way for Woman's Missionary Societies in their Churches, and send to it for literature and any help that it can render.

We urge every Sunday School in the Conference to hold a Children's Day Service and secure the largest possible offering to enable the Board to meet imperative demands, and that the offering be sent to the Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Klein, at the earliest possible date.

D. L. GREENFIELD, Chairman.

J. L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

Of The Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The Washington and Alexandria Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, Extends Christian Greetings to the Conference Assembled.

We are just a few faithful workers trying to give the blessed Gospel to the poor heathen in Foreign lands. We have five auxiliaries, with a membership of one hundred. We are supporting two scholarships; paying part of Bible Woman's salary, and supporting one Day Scholarship.

Total raised \$257.35.

Report O

OUR CHURCH HOME.

Of the Committee.

We take pleasure in recording the fact that our church home this year has been a pleasant haven of rest for seventeen of the aged folks of our church. We are delighted to believe that this institution has the marks of a true home with all its cordiality and comfort.

We desire to record the appreciation of the conference of the valued services of Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President of the Board of Lady Visitors, whose long and untiring care and thoughtfulness have ministered so graciously to the comfort of those who live in the home. We express our gratitude to all charges and persons for special donations of cash and goods during the year. We feel that special thanks should be recorded the generous friend of New Jersey, the son of a Methodist Protestant Minister for the cash contribution of \$100.00. We also record our appreciation of the services of the late lamented J. D. Cathell, President of the Board of Managers, and of Dr. J. W. Hering Treasurer of the Board of Managers. Their translation to the home above is an irreparable loss to the work of the board as they have faithfully served in their offices from the birth of the institution.

Three financial reports have been handed to us; the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, the report of the President of the Board of Lady Visitors, and the report of the building fund. The accounts embodied in these reports seem to be correct. There is some confusion, however, in two of the reports because certain monies are handled by two parties making it difficult to arrive at the exact cost of maintaining the home for the past year. As near as we can calculate the running expense of the home for the past year was \$2500. This amount is about \$1000 in excess of conference assessments. The only way of meeting this expense was by special contribution, and by drawing on every available resource in the hands of the Treasurer. A continuation of this course will mean bankruptcy in the very near future. At the close of the year there was just \$300 in the entire treasury after having used \$600 from entrance fees which should have gone to the permanent fund.

It will be necessary to increase the assessment if this home is to be main-

tained. We hesitate to make such a recommendation; but it is imperative. The increase that we recommend seems to be inadequate; but it is as much as we think wise to ask for at this time. If the increase of assessment is granted by the conference it will still be necessary for the Board of Lady Visitors to solicit special contributions as they have been doing in the past. We therefore urge every charge in the district to send at least one contribution of provisions during the year.

We view with deep concern the depletion of the Permanent Fund. The conference will remember that more than \$4000 were taken from this fund some years ago for enlarging the building. At that time an effort was made to raise sufficient money to reimburse this fund but the effort was discontinued before the full amount was secured. The money raised at that time has since been spent in the running expenses of the home. In addition to this \$600 raised last year as entrance fees which should have been placed in this fund have been spent in current expenses. The committee must express the conviction that to conduct the Church Home, without the permanent fund to protect the money paid by those, who have given all they have as entrance fees, is almost a violation of a moral obligation to provide such protection and in the event of an emergency it would seem impossible to meet the legal obligations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that an assessment of \$2,000 be laid on the district for this conference year.

2. We recommend that the recent election of officers and members to fill vacancies in the Board be approved as follows: E. O. Grimes, Pres., J. Pearre Wantz, Treas., T. W. Mather, Milton Zollicoffer, and T. A. Murray. We further recommend that The Board of Managers be and hereby is requested to so change its charter as that hereafter the members of the Board be elected by this Conference.

3. We recommend that pastors raise their assessments for the Church Home as early as possible in the year, and forward them to the Treasurer of the Conference, who is requested to forward the amounts received monthly to Mr. J. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer, Westminster, Md.

4. We recommend that the Board of Managers of the Church Home be requested to consider the advisability of arranging for an Active Board of Lady Managers to have the responsible administration of the affairs of the Home to make rules and regulations for such Board and to endeavor to secure by such Active Board the more hearty co-operation of our ladies.

A. S. BEANE

R. L. SHIPLEY

J. L. WARD

J. P. DODGE

L. S. FLECKENSTEIN

Of the Treasurer of Our Church Home

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for The Home for the Aged
from April 1, 1914 to March 31, 1914.

Joshua W. Herring Treasurer from April 1, 1913 to October 8, 1913.

Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer from October 8, 1913 to March 31, 1914.

April 1, 1913, Balance as shown by last report of J. W. Hering, Treasurer of Home for the Aged -----	\$	387.62
April 14 Amount received from conference Steward -----		995.00
Oct. 8 Amount received from St. John's Church -----		55.00
Oct. 8 Amount received from F. P. Krauss -----		5.00
Dec. 11 Amount received from Rev. C. M. Adams -----		6.00
Dec. 22 Amount received from Western Md. College S. S. -----		2.00
1914		
Jan. 14 Amount received from Rev. W. A. Melvin -----		13.00
Jan. 14 Amount received from Rev. C. E. Day -----		3.00
Jan. 14 Amount received from Rev. C. P. Nowlin -----		21.00
Jan. 14 Amount received from North Balto. M. P. Church -----		20.00
Jan. 14 Amount received from West Balto. M. P. S. S. -----		20.00
Feb. 2 Amount borrowed from Union National Bank -----		150.00
Feb. 5 Discount Electric Light Bill -----		1.00
Feb. 7 Amount received from W. R. Graham, Chestertown -----		30.00
Feb. 11 Entrance fee from Hattie M. Wood -----		300.00
March 12 Amount received from W. S. Hanks, Brooklyn -----		10.00
March 19 Amount received from T. C. Jones, Leeds, Md. -----		3.50
March 19 Amount received from W. C. Mumford, Mannboro, Va. ----		5.00
March 19 Entrance fee Marie L. Yingling -----		300.00
March 25 Amount received from H. B. Jester, St. James -----		14.00
March 25 Amount received from D. L. Greenfield, Westminster ----		28.00
March 28 Amount received from M. M. Robinson, Bel Air -----		5.00
Total amount collected -----		\$2374.12

Disbursements

1913

April 5 Chas. W. Essom, Agent (Insurance premium) -----	\$	9.75
April 26 Carroll County Mutual Fire Insurance Company -----		6.00
May 3 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----		150.00
June 3 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----		125.00

July 8 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
July 9 Chas. W. Essom, Agent (Insurance premium) -----	9.75
Aug. 5 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
Sept. 2 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
Oct. 8 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
Oct. 8 Electric Light bill, water -----	36.69
Oct. 10 Chas. W. Essom, Agent (Insurance premium) -----	9.75
Oct. 22 Maryland Casualty Company, Premium on Bond -----	2.50
Nov. 3 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	200.00
Nov. 6 Electric Light Bill -----	12.38
Dec 2 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
Dec. 5 Electric Light Bill -----	8.26
1914	
Jan. 3 Charles Essom Agent (Insurance premium) -----	9.75
Jan. 5 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	125.00
Jan. 8 Electric Light and Water bill -----	17.01
Feb. 2 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
Feb. 3 Electric Light Bill -----	10.45
Feb. 11 F. A. Sharrer & Sons (furniture and two funerals) -----	126.85
Feb 25 Carroll County Mutual Fire Insurance Company -----	6.00
March 3 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
March 4 Electric Light Bill -----	8.26
March 19 Union National Bank of Westminster, Note and Interest -	151.13
March 30 Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President -----	150.00
Balance -----	149.59
	\$2374.12

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

Statement of the Building Fund Account.

Balance in hands of Treasurer at beginning of year as shown by report of Steward -----	\$	221.00
Feb 11 1914 By bill paid D. S. Gehr for Hardware and fixtures from February 19, 1910 to date -----		155.56
Balance in hands of Treasurer -----	\$	65.44

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

Of the Board of Lady Visitors, Our Church Home.

The affairs of The Home are moving along quietly and we are still working to reduce expenses, but with a family of nineteen it takes more than faith to keep the machinery in motion. We have had many nice donations that always make us happy, especially when our New Jersey friend comes along with his gift of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and even though it is to be credited to a Special Church, St. Lukes, we are just as thankful, and my heart thrills with gratitude to this good friend. I would love to tell his name but can only say he is the son of an honored M. P. Minister. How I wish we had many more. Our receipts have not been as much this year as last and we still have to borrow.

Dear Pastors keep this Home close to your hearts, and early urge its claims upon your charges.

Two of our lady inmates have passed over the river during the year. We miss them. Two new ones have taken their places, making the number the same, and sometimes we are compelled to have extra help, especially with sickness.

I herewith make my report for receipts and expenses for the year 1913.

Debits.

In hands of Treasurer April, 1913	\$ 90.31	
Received during year from Pastors	285.50	
Borrowed from Permanent Fund	1800.00	\$2175.81

Special.

By Mrs. Stockdale	5.00	
By Rev. A. W. Mather	2.00	
By St. Johns-Christmas offering per Mrs. Meekins	16.00	
By Buckingham Industrial School	5.00	
By our New Jersey friend, Son of M. P. Minister	100.00	
By Mrs. Haines through Mr. John Shields	70.00	198.00
Total		\$2373.81

Credits.

Expenses, including Coal, Electricity, Telephone, etc.	\$ 2287.30	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	86.51	\$2373.81

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, President.

Report P

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND.

Report of the Treasurer.

Paid last Conference but not included in the list published: Liberty \$4, Seaford \$6, So. Baltimore \$4, Parksley \$5, Laurel \$7, Easton \$9, West Baltimore \$14, Mt. Nebo \$4, Concord \$5, St. Paul's \$1, St. James \$6, Bedford \$5.

Paid since last Conference: Greensboro \$2, Keen Memorial \$4, Cecil \$5, Accomac \$5, Stewartstown \$5, Hurlock \$3, Milton \$2, Grove \$3, First Wash. \$5, Oak Grove \$3, Denton \$5, Lisbon \$5, Prince George \$2, Delta \$4, Union Bridge \$4, Newmarket \$6, Georgetown Circuit \$3, Belair \$5, Pittsville \$4, Powellville \$3, Fairfax \$3, Georgetown, D. C. \$11, Broadway \$5, Alnutt \$10, Snow Hill \$5, Mt. Tabor \$2, N. C. Ave. \$5, Cambridge \$6, Georgetwn, Del. \$3, East Baltimore \$9, Wilton Heights \$1, Williamsport \$2.

Total received and paid to W. G. Baker, Jr. \$210.

Submitted,

G. Q. BACCCHUS, Treasurer.

Report of W. G. Baker, Jr., Treasurer of the Entertainment Committee.

Receipts.

Amount on hand last Conference -----	\$ 29.49
Received of G. Q. Bacchus, Treasurer -----	210.00
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Total receipts -----	239.49

Expenditures.

Notes unpaid -----	\$ 250.00
Interest and postage -----	10.75
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Total -----	\$ 260.75
Receipts applied -----	239.49
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Balance due -----	21.26

Submitted,

W. G. BAKER, Jr.

N. B.—The Conference ordered the above balance to be paid by the Secretary out of Conference funds, which has been done.

Report Q

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Your Program Committee reports its results in the printed form which has been provided by the local church. The Conference is requested to decide upon the time for holding the memorial service. Likewise Monday evening is open to the pleasure of the Conference, no set program having been arranged.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report R

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON METHODIST HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Methodist Hospital Association, Incorporated, of Baltimore, Maryland, submitted the following:

We recommend.

1. That its request for a special Conference Committee to meet with like committees from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to visit and inspect the Hospitals conducted by the association, to inquire into the terms and conditions upon which the property has been acquired to report the result of their findings to the Conference at its session of April, 1915, including such recommendations the joint commission may deem wise concerning the relation said Hospital should bear to the above named Conferences be granted and that two laymen and one minister constitute this committee.
2. That its request that two ministers be named by this Conference to serve on its Board of Managers be also granted, provided, however, that it be understood that this Conference, in doing this, does not assume any financial obligations.
3. That T. O. Crouse, and B. W. Kindley, who now are the ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church on the Board of Managers, be named as the two ministers to represent this Conference on the above Board.

E. B. FENBY
J. W. KIRK
S. B. TREDWAY

Committee.

Report S

COMMITTEE OF AUDIT.

We your committee have considered the Conference Treasurer's report and believe it to be correct, but we find it impossible for us in the limited time before the close of Conference to carefully examine his entire accounts.

We therefore recommend, That the standing committee ordered by this Conference be appointed this year; that it be composed of members residing adjacent to each other, and that it audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report to the next session of the conference.

We are impressed with the large amount of work and responsibility devolving upon the treasurer of this conference. Therefore we recommend that he be permitted to appoint assistants.

E. A. SEXSMITH, Chairman.

Report T

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BONDING TREASURER.

Your Committee to fix the bond of the Conference Treasurer respectfully submit the following report:—We recommend that the bond be fixed at \$5000; and we request that the Committee be given the privilege to make arrangements after Conference has closed, and make report of same to the Conference Secretary in time for publication in the minutes.

J. M. SHERIDAN
G. I. HUMPHREYS

Report U

THE CONFERENCE CHOIR.

At the annual meeting of the Conference Choir the following 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; General Manager, Rev. F. C. Klein.

F. C. KLEIN.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Of protest to Maryland Legislature against repealing Sunday Laws.

The Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, composed of more than 275 ministers and laymen, representing a consistency of 30,000 members, desires to place upon record its protest against a bill introduced into the Maryland Legislature adverse to the Sunday laws of the State and known as House Bill 933.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution of protest be sent at once to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Annapolis, Md.

T. O. CROUSE,
F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 2

Publishing the Sermon in the Minutes.

Resolved, That Louis Randall be requested to furnish a copy of the sermon preached to the Conference, for publication in the Minutes.

E. C. MAKOSKY,
G. M. CLAYTON.

Resolution 3

Payment of monies by the Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That, in the payment to Mrs. J. E. Litsinger the sum of \$105.00 and to Rev. J. W. Norris, the sum of \$175.00 from the superannuated fund during the interim of Conference 1913 and 1914, the action of the Conference Treasurer is hereby approved.

F. T. LITTLE.
J. M. SHERIDAN.

Resolution 4

Changing Distribution of President's Salary Assessment.

RESOLVED, That Regulation III, Sec. 2, be amended to read as follows: five sixths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One sixth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, etc.

T. H. LEWIS,
F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 5

On payment of monies by the Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That the residue of the claim of J. E. Nicholson be paid to his daughter, Mrs. Nickerson, and that of W. J. D. Lucas to his widow.

C. P. NOWYIN,
J. L. NICHOLS.

Resolution 6

Emergency provision for Conference Entertainment.

RESOLVED, That, in case there be no satisfactory invitation for the entertainment of the Conference in its next session, prior to October 1st, 1914, the Standing District Committee be authorized to select the place and determine the method by which the conference shall be entertained; and that this committee present the expense for the same to this Conference at its next session.

F. T. TAGG,
F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 7

Opening the pulpits to College Representatives.

RESOLVED, That T. H. Lewes, or his representative, be, and hereby is, cordially invited to visit the charges of this Conference in the interest of the new Recitation Building of Western Maryland College, and is assured of the hearty co-operation of all the pastors in the soliciting of support for this enterprise. 2. And be it resolved that this resolution be published in the Methodist Protestant at an early date.

C. M. ELDERDICE,
J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 8

Adding Committee of Audit to Standing Committees.

RESOLVED, That Rule V, Sec. 2, be amended to include among the Standing Committees a Committee on Audit.

F. T. LITTLE,
JAS. H. STRAUGHN.

Resolution 9

Changing time of the Conference Sermon.

RESOLVED, That Rule VI, Section 4, of the Manual be, and the same is hereby amended to read "At 8 o'clock on the evening of the first day of the session of the Annual Conference, the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, followed by the Lord's Supper.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,
F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 10

Concerning the payment of the President's Salary.

RESOLVED, That a special Committee of three be appointed by the President of the Conference, to take into consideration the advisability of having the President's salary assessment collected immediately after Conference and sent to the treasurer of the Conference and by him paid monthly to the President, the committee to report at the 1915 session of the Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY,
E. C. MAKOSKY.

Resolution 11

Listing incorporated Churches.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to secure a list of all the churches in the Maryland Conference that are incorporated and report at the next session of the Conference.

J. M. HOLMES,
F. T. LITTLE.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society

The Superannuated Fund Society met at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. The meeting was called to order by J. L. Mills, First Vice President.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was accorded the Treasurer, Mr. Thomas A. Murray for the excellent service he has continued to render for so long a time for the Superannuated Fund Society.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was also accorded the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. W. Mather for his splendid and untiring service to the Society.

The following Officers and Board of Managers were elected.

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, J. L. Nichols, Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers:

Ministers: J. W. Kirk; G. W. Haddaway; J. M. Sheridan; W. B. Judefind.
Laymen: Daniel Baker, T. A. Murray, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. B. Mills.

There being no other business the Society adjourned.

J. L. NICHOLS, Secretary Pro-tem.

Treasurer's Report for Year April 1913-1914.

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

Permanent Fund.

To Balance per last Report -----		\$1168.53
To amt. received from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.		
10% District Collections -----	\$411.50	
Annual Dues -----	101.00	\$512.50
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To amt. received account Legacy from Mrs. Brubaker,		
Net amt. from sale of Lot -----	\$126.75	
Net amt. from Insurance -----	725.16	851.91
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To amt. received account reduction Conference Parsonage		
Loan -----	500.00	
To amt. received in full \$2000 Con. Gas Co. Bonds-----	2000.00	3864.41
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		\$5032.94

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By amt. invested per Order of Board in purchase of Ground-		
Rent of \$50 on No. 702 N. Stricker St. -----	\$1039.15	
To Balance on deposit awaiting investment -----	3993.79	\$5032.94

Income Account.

To amt. Annual Income collected to date -----		\$6218.31
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By 1914 Taxes on Securities paid -----	\$ 79.94		
To Rent Safe Deposit Box, paid -----	5.00		
To expenses of collections -----	75.00	\$159.94	
To amts. remitted to C. P. Nowlin, Conf., Treasurer.			
July 25, 1913, Check No. 202 -----	\$1427.15		
Oct. 28, 1913, Check No. 203 -----	1593.31		
Feb. 2, 1914, Check No. 205 -----	1512.00		
Check herewith in full of Balance of			
Income in hand -----	1525.91	6058.38	6218.31

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY,

April 1st, 1914.

Treasurer.

N. B.—The Board has authorized the purchase of three Ground-Rents of \$30. each and one of \$70 for aggregate amount of \$2966.66 (expenses and accrued Rent to be added) as investment in part of amount in hand as above to credit of Permanent Fund; same not yet conveyed. Owing to recent death of Bro. Gilbert, Conference Parsonage Agent, the interest of \$80.45 due on balance of said Loan has not been paid and is not included in collections of Income report above.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as per above Report, and all Income from the Securities and property of the Society fully accounted for; and that we have also examined and verified 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. From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$10 for each year of his active service as a member of this Conference, and each widow of a minister of this Conference who is granted a superannuate relation, be entitled to \$5.00 for each year of her active service.
3. The amount received from the collections in the District during the year to be applied to the necessities of the claimants, considering. 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2 The size of family; 3, Peculiarities of condition; 4 Ability to contribute to self support by business capacity or by private income.
4. That when the Committee on Superannuates has information from claimants to the effect that they do not need the amount required by virtue of their years of service, that the Committee be governed by the information thus given. (For items 2, 3, 4, see report H, Superannuates, 1914 Minutes).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 the emergency 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 4. p. m. with the President of the Conference in the chair.

J. L. Nichols was appointed Secretary pro-tem.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected, President, J. L. Mills; First Vice President, E. C. Makosky; Second Vice President, B. F. Ruley; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the society for the following board of managers, Ministers, J. M. Sheridan, J. S. Bowers, T. O. Crouse, G. I. Humphreys; Laymen, W. W. Smith, T. A. Myers, J. Bibb Mills, J. H. Roberts.

A motion to strike out Regulation 1 of the Church Extension Regulations regarding the sending of money to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, was adopted.

A resolution to express the hearty thanks of the Society to Mr. W. W. Smith for his excellent services to the Church Extension Society, was un-animously adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted,
April 7th, 1914.

The Church Extension Society of the Maryland Conference at its meeting on the above date places upon its minutes an expression of deep sorrow in the death of brother Jarrett N. Gilbert, for some years a faithful and valued member of its board of managers; and it hereby instructs its Secretary to communicate this action to his bereaved family, with sentiments of Christian sympathy.

A motion, that we approve of all that the Board of Managers has done, both financially and otherwise, but suggest that, except in extreme cases, they obligate us no further. The motion was adopted.

Adjournment.

J. L. NICHOLS, Sec. pro-tem.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

1913		
March 31 Balance	-----	326.95
April 1 Interest on Deposit	-----	2.41
June 5 Kent County Savings Bank (loan)	-----	3800.00
June 30 Interest on Deposit	-----	1.58
Aug. 11 Conf. Appropriation, Order on Treas., 100.00; 8		
mo. discount \$4.00	-----	96.00

Oct. 7 Baker, Watts & Co. (loan) -----	3000.00	
Dec. 1 Liberty Quar. Conf. donation through Dr. J. M. Sheridan -----	100.00	
Dec. 1 Conf. Appropriation, Order on Treas., \$100.00; 5 mo. discount \$2.50 -----	97.50	
Dec. 31 Interest on Deposits -----	7.10	
1914		
Feb. 6, Taylor Memorial Church, Interest on Loan -----	61.00	
March 26, Sale of Old Harmony Grove Church, through Bro. Thos. L. Miller -----	50.00	\$7542.54
1913 Church Extension Assessments.		
July 18, Rev. F. D. Reynolds, Sharptown -----	44.00	
Aug. 25, Rev. G. A. Morris, Trinity Charge -----	58.00	
Nov. 22, Rev. J. A. Wright, Delmar Charge -----	35.00	
Dec. 16, Rev. T. O. Crouse, North Baltimore Charge -----	72.00	
Dec. 18, Rev. C. W. Sanderson, Cannon Charge -----	14.00	
1914		
Jan. 21, Rev. J. F. Bryan, South Baltimore Charge -----	40.00	
Jan. 22, Rev. C. M. Compher, Lynchburg -----	38.00	
Jan. 27, Rev. J. N. Link, Fairfax -----	28.00	
Feb. 14, Rev. C. M. Adams, Deer Creek -----	28.00	
Feb. 26, Rev. A. S. Beane, Keen Memorial -----	35.00	
Feb. 27, Rev. H. B. Jester, St. James -----	58.00	
March 3, Rev. E. T. Kirkley, Patapsco -----	1.00	
March 4, Rev. A. J. Torrey, Payson St. -----	24.00	
March 5, A. F. Dupuy, Chesapeake -----	40.00	
March 6, Rev. J. H. Straughn, Laurel, Del. -----	68.00	
March 9, Rev. G. E. Brown, Bedford St. -----	52.00	
March 18, Rev. W. C. Mumford, Amelia -----	21.00	656.00
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		\$8,193.54

Disbursements.

1913

April 9, Nat. Bank of Balto. on Note account Linthicum Heights Church -----	192.05
June 3, Kent County Savings Bank, Int. on loan -----	114.00
June 5, Park Road Church, Wash. D. C. -----	3800.00
June 6, Expenses of Committee account Park Road Church Lot transfer -----	2.25
June 20, W. T. Ballard, Ex. Title, preparing Deed etc., Park Road Church Lot -----	24.00

Aug. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto. on note -----	100.00	
Aug. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto, int. on note -----	10.20	
Oct. 6, Expenses of Committee to Taylor Memo. Church, Philadelphia, Pa. -----	8.41	
Oct. 7, Taylor Memorial Church, Loan -----	3000.00	
Oct. 24, Expenses Committee to Park Road Church -----	3.00	
Nov. 29, Kent County Sav. Bank, int. on loan -----	114.00	
Dec. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto., on note -----	\$100.00	
Dec. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto., int. on note -----	8.52	108.52
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1914.		
Feb. 6, Baker, Watts & Co., Int. on note -----	61.00	
Feb. 18, Expenses of Committee to Park Road Church ----	3.00	
March 9, Postage, Stationery, etc. -----	1.00	
March 27, Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Conf. Treas., Assements from charges -----	656.00	8197.43
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March 31, Balance -----		\$1.11

WALTER W. SMITH, Treas.

CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS.

- 1 Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collection in the hands of the Conference Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.
2. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of fund may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

9. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

13. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

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

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

16. Hereafter, no money shall be appropriated to any charge where the Board of Trustees refuses to be incorporated.

17. 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 best results in the appropriation of the funds of the society.

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

The chairman and secretary shall arrange these blanks in proper order, bring them to Conference and lay them before the committee. The committee, in making appropriations to the respective charges seeking aid, shall be guided by the information contained in the blanks; and the 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 withhold payment of the money until such payment is authorized by the committee.

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

The Mutual Relief Association

The Mutual Relief Association convened Monday morning, April 6th, 1914, with Rev. Geo. A. Ogg, 3rd Vice Pres., in the chair, and Rev. J. A. Weigand, Secretary.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer read and referred to an Auditing Committee of Dr. F. T. Little and Rev. A. W. Mather.

Following officers elected:—1st Vice Pres., G. A. Ogg; 2nd Vice Pres., J. F. Bryan; 3rd Vice Pres., C. E. Dryden; Sec.-Treas., Rev. J. A. Weigand.

The Secretary was requested to present the form of membership blank at next annual meeting.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined and found correct the Report, with Vouchers, of the Sec.-Treas.; and recommended his report be accepted. This Committee's report was adopted.

Moved that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to publish the list of members in the Conference Minutes. Adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec.-Treas.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

For Year ending April 1, 1914.

Amount in hand from 39th Advance case -----	\$164.00
Amount in hand from 40th Advance case -----	161.00
Amount in hand from 41st Advance case -----	163.00
Amount in hand from 42nd Advance case -----	158.00
Expenses of collecting 39th case -----	4.00
Expense of collecting 40th case -----	4.00
Expense of collecting 41st case -----	3.00
Expense of collecting 42nd case -----	3.00
Paid Rev. T. H. Wright -----	160.00
Paid Mrs. J. E. Litsinger -----	157.00
Paid Rev. W. M. Strayer -----	160.00
Paid Mrs. Ella V. Nickerson -----	155.00
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	\$632.00
Deceased during year -----	4
Total number lapsed -----	2
Total number resigned -----	2

Respectfully submitted,

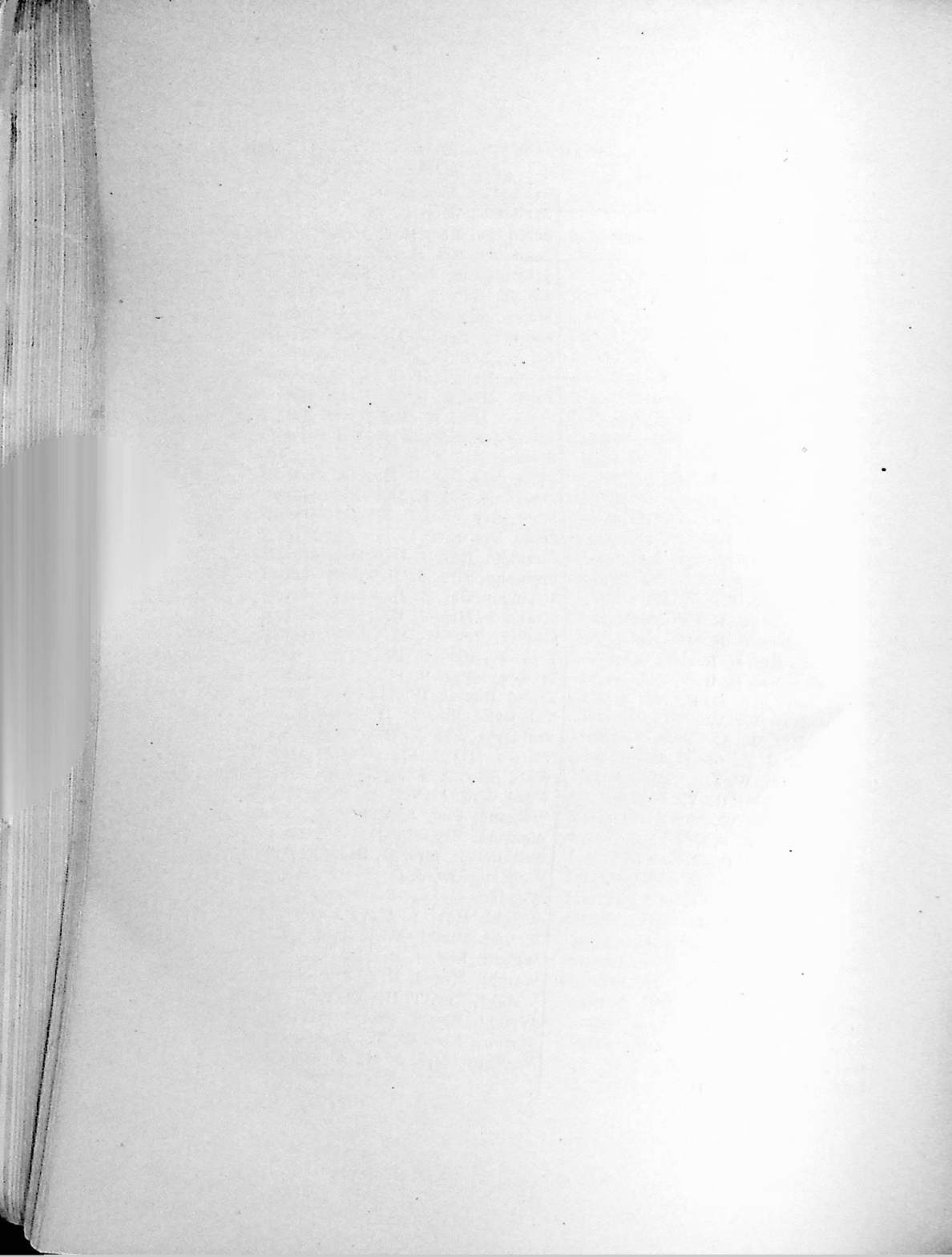
J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of Mutual Relief Association.

Adams, Rev. C. M.	Elderdice, Rev. J. L.
Adams, Rev. Ziba	Elderdice, Mrs. J. L.
Bailey, Rev. J. T.	Elderdice, Rev. H. L.
Bailey, Mrs. J. T.	Ewell, Rev. A. W.
Balderston, Rev. J. W.	Ewell, Mrs. A. W.
Bauscher, Mrs. W. F.	Ewing, Rev. E. O.
Beauchamp, Rev. E. L.	Ewing, Mrs. E. O.
Beachamp, Mrs. E. L.	Farring, Rev. G. F.
Bryan, Rev. B. A.	Floyd, Mrs. W. J.
Bryan, Mrs. B. A.	Gill, Rev. J. M.
Bacchus, Rev. G. Q.	Graham, Rev. W. R.
Bennett, Rev. L. A.	Gray, Rev. J. W.
Bennett, Mrs. L. A.	Greenfield, Rev. D. L.
Benson, Rev. F. T.	Greenfield, Mrs. D. L.
Benson, Mrs. F. T.	Green, Rev. A. H.
Bowers, Rev. J. S.	Green, Mrs. A. H.
Bowers, Mrs. J. S.	Hammond, Mrs. W. S.
Brown, Rev. J. M.	Hanks, Rev. W. S.
Brown, Mrs. J. M.	Hanks, Mrs. W. S.
Bauscher, Rev. W. F.	Harryman, Rev. A. A.
Bryan, Rev. J. F.	Harryman, Mrs. A. A.
Bryan, Mrs. J. F.	Hill, Rev. G. J.
Cassen, Rev. S. F.	Hines, Rev. G.
Cassen, Mrs. S. F.	Hines, Mrs. G.
Coe, Rev. S. W.	Hoblitzell, Mrs. S. A.
Coe, Mrs. S. W.	Hodge, Rev. G. A.
Crouse, Rev. T. O.	Hodge, Mrs. G. A.
Crouse, Mrs. T. O.	Holmes, Rev. J. M.
Clough, Rev. N. C.	Hungerford, Rev. M. E.
Clough, Mrs. N. C.	Hungerford, Mrs. M. E.
Charlton, Mrs. M. F.	Jester, Rev. H. B.
Cochel, Mrs. E. A.	Jester, Mrs. H. B.
Coe, Rev. R. W.	Johnson, Rev. W. W.
Cullum, Rev. C. M.	Johnson, Mrs. W. W.
Cullum, Mrs. C. M.	Johnson, Rev. H. W. D.
Cushing, Mrs. H. C.	Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D.
Day, Rev. C. C.	Jones, Rev. T. C.
Donovan, Rev. A.	Judefind, Rev. W. B.
Dryden, Rev. C. E.	Judefind, Mrs. W. B.
Dryden, Mrs. C. E.	Kindley, Rev. B. W.
Dudley, Rev. J. A.	Kindley, Mrs. B. W.
Dupuy, Rev. A. B.	Kirk, Rev. J. W.

Kirk, Mrs. J. W.
 Klein, Rev. F. C.
 Klein, Mrs. F. C.
 Lewis, Rev. T. H.
 Lewis, Mrs. T. H.
 Lewis, Rev. R. K.
 Litsinger, Mrs. J. E.
 Litsinger, Rev. W. H.
 Litsinger, Mrs. W. H.
 Litsinger, Rev. W. D.
 Litsinger, Mrs. W. D.
 Little, Rev. F. T.
 Little, Mrs. F. T.
 Lucas, Mrs. W. J. D.
 Makosky, Rev. E. C.
 Makosky, Mrs. E. C.
 Maloy, Rev. J. E.
 Mather, Rev. A. W.
 Mather, Mrs. A. W.
 Miller, Rev. V. A.
 Massey, Rev. J. E.
 McCaslin, Rev. C. K.
 McCaslin, Mrs. C. K.
 McCreedy, Rev. G. R.
 McCreedy, Mrs. G. R.
 McCullough, Rev. C. E.
 Melvin, Rev. W. A.
 Melvin, Mrs. W. A.
 Mills, Rev. J. L.
 Neepier, Mrs. W. J.
 Nicholson, Rev. R. Y.
 Norris, Rev. J. W.
 Nowlin, Rev. C. P.
 Nowlin, Mrs. C. P.
 Ogg, Rev. G. A.
 Ogg, Mrs. G. A.
 Phillips, Mrs. W. S.
 Randall, Rev. L.
 Randall, Mrs. L.
 Read, Rev. E. T.
 Read, Mrs. E. T.
 Rice, Rev. P. L.
 Rice, Mrs. P. L.
 Rowe, Mrs. R. S.
 Reynolds, Rev. F. D.

Sanderson, Rev. C. W.
 Sanderson, Mrs. C. W.
 Schlincke, Rev. H. L.
 Schlincke, Mrs. H. L.
 Schwarzkopf, Rev. H. F.
 Simms, Rev. E. W.
 Simms, Mrs. E. W.
 Sheridan, Rev. J. M.
 Smith, Mrs. G. J.
 Smith, Rev. L. B.
 Smith, Mrs. L. B.
 Snyder, Rev. W. M.
 Stevens, Rev. F. L.
 Stevens, Mrs. F. L.
 Stocksdale, Rev. G. H.
 Stockdale, Mrs. G. H.
 Stone, Rev. E. D.
 Stone, Mrs. E. D.
 Straughn, Rev. J. H.
 Straughn, Mrs. J. H.
 Straughn, Rev. J. L.
 Straughn, Mrs. J. L.
 Strayer, Rev. W. M.
 Tredway, Rev. S. B.
 Tredway, Mrs. S. B.
 Trout, Rev. J. W.
 Van Dyke, Rev. E. H.
 Van Dyke, Mrs. E. H.
 Walter, Mrs. I. S.
 Ward, Rev. A. N.
 Ward, Mrs. A. N.
 Weigand, Rev. J. A.
 Weigand, Mrs. J. A.
 Williamson, Mrs. R. S.
 Wooden, Rev. J. F.
 Wooden, Mrs. J. F.
 Wright, Rev. J. A.
 Wright, Mrs. J. A.
 Wright, Rev. J. R.
 Wright, Mrs. J. R.
 Wright, Rev. T. H.
 Wright, Mrs. T. H.
 Wright, Rev. W. F.
 Yingling, Mrs. J. M.



IN MEMORIAM

DEAD ROLL

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

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays	.....	1830	1831
William Bamber	.....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson	.....	1829	1834
William Kesley	.....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger	.....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh	.....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.	.....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux	.....	1838	1844
William W. Ball	.....	1842	1846
William H. Boardley	.....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood	1829	1844	1847
Isaac Webster	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stter	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside	1828	1850	1866
Ell Henkle	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice	1814	1838	1874
John Roberts	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Vallant	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert	1851	1873	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell	1832	1859	1884

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
James Martin Elderdice	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson	1843	1668	1889
Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Vallant	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols	1815	1838	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
James L Killgore, D. D.	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Eyerist	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond, D. D.	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.	1826	1845	1906
William John Neepier	1848	1871	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D.	1817	1841	1907
Jacob Matthias Yingling	1847	1873	1907
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell	1865	1889	1908
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D.	1828	1853	1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D.	1836	1866	1909
John Bayley Jones	1833	1860	1909
Benjamin Parker Truitt	1861	1887	1910
Solomon Asbury Hoblitzell	1836	1859	1911
John David Kinzer, D. D.	1841	1863	1911
William Sherman Phillips	1868	1889	1912
Herbert F. Wright	1866	1896	1912
Robert Semple Rowe	1832	1865	1912
Charles Smith Arnett	1852	1875	1913
Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D.	1854	1877	1913
James Ernest Litsinger	1879	1904	1913
Jacob Ezra Nicholson	1844	1881	1913
William James Dillon Lucas	1849	1873	1914

OBITUARIES

Rev. James Ernest Litsinger.

The subject of this obituary was born in Fawn Grove, Md., June 8, 1879. In 1887, at the early age of eight years, he publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and acknowledged Him as his Lord and Master. Nor is it strange that this dedication came so early in life, for he was blessed with a saintly mother and a godly father, who from his cradle had consecrated him by their vows and their prayers to membership in the Christian Church. Reared in the pious environments of a Methodist Protestant parsonage, listening to the preaching and observing the consistent conduct of his father who delighted to magnify his office, he fell in love with the ministry. Like the child Samuel in the Shiloh sanctuary he early heard the call of his God to wear the robe of the prophet, and was ready to respond with all the vision and vigor of his youth.

After preparatory work in the Western Maryland College, he entered the Westminster Theological Seminary October, 1901, graduating May, 1904. He joined the Maryland Conference April, 1904, and was ordained in 1906. As a student in training for the sacred calling to which he had consecrated his life he was ideal. In brilliancy and versatility of talent there were those of his fellows who surpassed him; but in faithful study, honesty of purpose, purity of motive, courage of conviction, and conscientiousness of endeavor he had no superior. He was not ambitious of scholarship for the sake of the scholarship, but sought it as a means to an end. Learning with him was not a pride of possession but a weapon for constant use. In the lecture hall, the campus, and the private room, as well as in the chapel, he was always about his "Father's business." Nor were his religious approaches offensive but were so natural and winsome that he fascinated men for Christ. One of his upper classmen bears this testimony: "For two years we ate at the same table and roomed on the same hall. I found in him a friend whose comradeship was a joy to my heart and an inspiration to my character. As a student he had the peculiar power of getting the gist of anything he read and seeing the one valuable point. The only explanation that I can give for this gift is that he had an unusual sympathy with the writer and he read not for any selfish culture or pride of intellect but to secure that which was worth while for others. In this purity of motive was the secret of a fine discrimination." These graces and virtues which began to bud during his seminary days rapidly developed into the full bloom soon after he entered the pastorate, for the student friends who paid the above tribute was later his fellow pastor in Washington and was his comrade in arms against every foe of the church. And this is his maturer appreciation: "His influence over me was peculiar and def-

inite. Some men make me want to preach better, some men inspire me to harder study, some stir my ambition toward greater labors, but Ernest always made me feel like I wanted to be a better man. There was spirituality, a touch of the Divine in him that always moved me to nobler longings. Men and women wanted to be better when he spoke to them. I know this, for I bear witness as to how his preaching moved me. He was Sir Galahad among us. "His strength was as the strength of ten because his heart was pure."

Not only were his teachers and his classmates of one mind concerning the merit of this modest man of God, but the men and women of the pews under the sound of his voice, the members of sister churches, and even the worldling bear tributes which indicate a concensus of opinion well-nigh unanimous. A layman of the charge he last served, one who had been a close friend, and twice his delegate to Conference, intimate with him in every pastoral relation for more than five years, knowing the spirit of cleanness that made fragrant his presence, pays this high compliment: "He was a gentleman. I thank God that I knew him, and was permitted to have him for a companion and friend. My life has been enriched by his noble, unselfish life." Another member of the same church, one who has seen the coming and going of many pastors, of sound judgment and well-weighed words, adds this verdict: "He was a grand, good man, faithful and conscientious in the discharge of all his duties, pleasant and popular in his social life, firm in his convictions of what he believed to be right, yet very thoughtful and considerate of the opinions of others. I do not hesitate to say that he was one of the most consistent Christian gentlemen that I ever knew."

During the last year of his stay in the Westminster Theological Seminary he served as "Supply" on the Lewistown charge. April, 1904, he was appointed pastor of Mt. Tabor, Washington, D. C., where he served for four years. April, 1908, he was appointed pastor of the work located in Seaford, Del., where he labored until the call came to "rest from his labors," August 22, 1913. Though he lived as preacher and pastor only ten years, and though even this brief period confined his ministerial activities within the circle of only three appointments, yet his name and fame were as wide as the borders of the Maryland Conference. Both clergy and laity had learned that this young man was not in the ministry for what he could get out of it but for what he could put in it; that he was making his record not for the sake of promotion but for the sake of leaving his field better than he found it; and that it was the highest honor to live in the grateful memory of those whom he had led through doubt to faith, and from false ideals of life to that true ideal found in Christian service.

"And he was not; for God took him." He took him from his wife, Adele Clunet, to whom he was married June 14, 1906; from his son, William Clunet, aged five and a half years; from his hitherto unbroken family circle—father, mother, five brothers and two sisters. But He took him to Himself. He who

walked with God upon earth had entered upon "the only journey that has no end." His walk is still with God and shall be through eternity. And this is why the loneliest at his fireside can find comfort and courage in the firm faith that with James Ernest Litsinger—

"It is not death to die,—
To leave this weary road,
And, 'mid the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God."

F. T. LITTLE,
H. L. ELDERDICE,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
L. M. CULVER,
L. W. HURLEY,
B. WOODRUFF,
Committee.

Rev. Jacob Ezra Nicholson.

Rev. Jacob Ezra Nicholson, the subject of this obituary, was born near Seaford, Del., January 10, 1844, and ushered into his heavenly home December 7, 1913. He had almost reached his seventieth milestone when the summons came to end his earthly pilgrimage. The Scriptural span allotted to human life he filled with a varied and a consecrated career—student, farmer, business man, and minister of the Gospel. His parents were Jacob C. and Susan F. Nicholson. After the training of the public schools he entered the Maryland Agricultural College, from which he graduated before his twentieth year. He was highly fortunate in winning Margaret F. Allen, of Seaford, Del., who became his wife June 29, 1865. This rare woman, so cultured, amiable, devoted to all in need, and faithful to her Lord and Master, was a constant blessing to her husband, and made him a blessing to others. No wonder she inspired him to the many acts of love and tenderness which make the ideal home a type of the heavenly, nor is it strange that her translation robbed life of most of its charm for him. He survived her twelve lonely years.

He was reared in Baltimore but spent his early married life on a farm near Seaford, Del. His lands were extended, his home a mansion, his equipage complete, but the role of gentleman farmer appealed to him for only about seven years, after which he entered business in Seaford. For eight years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. But his heart was not in the markets of men. It went out to the hearts of men. He heard the call of God to win men for the kingdom of Christ. He was ordained in 1875 but did not enter the Maryland Conference until 1881. Week days he spent in his store but Sun-

days he spent in evangelistic and missionary work at any spot where arose the Macedonian cry. One who knows whereof he speaks, Rev. D. W. Anstine, bears testimony to the activities of this period: "When I became pastor of Seaford charge, the spring of 1887, Brother Nicholson was living at Seaford, Del., engaged in mercantile business, and at the same time was pastor of Sussex Mission. Every Sunday, unless prevented by causes he could not control, he filled the appointments and held protracted meetings at all the churches. He did not allow his business to interfere with his church work. He seemed to be always on the lookout for a new place to locate a Methodist Protestant Church. Much of the work we now have in that section of Delaware was begun by him. I soon learned that I had in him a brother. His counsel, advice, and assistance were very helpful to me. He labored hard, but now he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him. I expect to see him again." Nor was the laity slow to recognize in him a man of God and a loyal Methodist Protestant Minister. L. W. Hurley, who lived long with him in the same town, bears witness: "It was my privilege to know Brother Nicholson in the early years of his ministry, and I always looked upon him as a very earnest, conscientious Christian gentleman. His genial manners and upright walk in life, both in business and in social centers, won for him many friends." And another layman, L. H. LeCates, pays this tribute: "I have known Rev. J. E. Nicholson many years. I remember when he was converted at our Wood's meeting in 1868, near Reliance. He joined the Gethsemane Church, and immediately, upon his reception into membership, began to preach. He so loved to preach that while engaged in business in Seaford he took time to fill local pulpits, and also to build up new charges. He not only labored, but he often did it without compensation, and frequently gave liberally of his own private means for the support of the Lord's work in the new fields which he had opened. Here, where he labored among us so many years, he was highly esteemed for his church loyalty, and dearly loved for his uprightness, goodness and spiritual ministrations. He was a Christian gentleman whose influence still lives with us."

Before separating himself entirely from business, he preached at Preston, Harrington, Felton, and Sussex Mission. After entering fully into the itinerancy he served the following charges: First Church, Washington; Harrington, Del.; Mariner's; Snow Hill, Clayton, Finksburg, Dorchester, Bethany, Wilmington, Lauraville, and Crumpton, where he superannuated in 1912.

Brother Nicholson was always in evidence during the sessions of Annual Conference. He made it a rule to be present at the opening hour and to respond promptly to the calling of his name. He was alert to all business transactions, and his voice was frequently heard in debate and appeal for matters which he deemed wise for the welfare of his beloved Zion. As a preacher he was thoroughly orthodox and had little sympathy for any new creeds or new methods of church work which did not immediately and suc-

cessfully bring men to confess Christ as their Saviour and Lord. He will be remembered by his flocks not because of original interpretations of Scripture, or brilliancy of speech, but because of his plain, simple presentations of the old truths of the Gospel, and because of his genial and gentlemanly manners in the homes of his people, and his fidelity to every pastoral duty.

The last year of his life on earth was spent in superannuation, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ella Virginia Nickerson, Baltimore, Md. To the last he insisted upon attending the Monday Preacher's Meeting, for he was always happy with his ministerial brethren, in spite of pain of body, and less than two weeks before his death he returned from their meeting to enter his home for the last time. During his final suffering he was patient and resigned, and always thoughtful of others rather than of self.

The last time he conducted family worship he was so weak that he was able to read only three verses of the fifty-fifth Psalm, closing with the sixth verse: "Oh! that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest!" It was both a prayer and a prophecy. He soon said to his daughter who watched at his side: "I shall now enjoy that rest which I have preached to others for so many years." And in a little while his soul like an uncaged bird had winged its way to the high lands of heaven.

Of his immediate family there remain to follow him three sons and two daughters—John A., of New Orleans, La.; Jacob H., of Tulane, Cal.; Charles T., of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Susan F. Phillips, of Savannah, Ga., and Ella Virginia Nickerson, of Seaford, Del.

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Mrs. Ava Downes Wright.

Mrs. Ava Downes Wright, wife of Rev. Thomas H. Wright, of Pipe Creek, Circuit, was born in Queen Anne's County, Md., December 15, 1862, and died April 1913. She was converted in her early childhood and maintained a consistent and faithful Christian character until death summoned her to the land of spirits. After she grew up to womanhood she became a useful and popular teacher in the public schools of Queen Anne's County for several years. On August 25, 1885, she was married to Mr. Wm. D. Price, a young man of promise and prominence in the county. They lived happily together for a few years and then death called him away and that left her with two little boys, to face alone the trying issues of life. After a time she resumed the work of teaching and soon found herself again popular and sought for as a teacher of

more than ordinary ability and integrity. Her last school was at Stevensville, on Kent Island. There she came under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Wright, whose wife had died several years before. They found each other congenial and companionable and finally united in wedlock in September, 1909. As a preacher's wife she had now fallen into the groove for which nature seemed to have intended her, and was in a situation to employ the fine gifts with which nature and grace had generously endowed her. She loved Christian work, she coveted the association of Christian people, and cheerfully engaged in any duty that was providentially laid upon her. As far as health and strength permitted, she took the greatest pleasure in co-operating with her honored husband in all his ministerial duties, and was ready to sacrifice her comforts, and even to risk her health, in prosecuting the work of the church.

Mr. J. S. Goodhand, who knew her before her marriage to Mr. Wright, says: "I became better acquainted with her after her marriage and learned to love and esteem her highly. I can never forget the encouraging and helpful influence infused into my life by her Christian spirit. She was loyal to the church and to its cause and a useful helpmeet to her husband. She was a frequent visitor at our home and we all loved her. We became especially attached to her for the kindness she manifested toward my mother when her health began to fail. Mrs. Wright's health had not been robust for several years and the latter portion of the time she was a great sufferer but patient and submissive through it all. She will be sadly missed by her many friends."

Mr. E. L. Thomas, of Winchester, writes: "During his six years' stay with us Rev. T. H. Wright was married to Mrs. Price, and her earnest, untiring, sympathetic work was a proof that he had found 'a pearl of great price.' No task was ever too arduous when she engaged in the Master's work. Her sweet disposition and her kind and loving heart won her many friends. We knew her in her home, her daily life, and in her love for troubled souls. She was always true, kind, generous, cheerful and confident as to the future. We knew her only to love her and the more we saw of her the stronger did the tie of friendship weave itself around her. We shall never forget her bright conversations, her wise counsels, her eager interest in the unfortunate, and how, often in the midst of pain, she forgot her suffering and dropped her cares, to think and plan for others."

The committee sympathizes deeply with the stricken husband and with the sorely bereaved relatives in her untimely death, but we rejoice with them that her character and conduct in her life gives them the sweet assurance that she has gone to a blessed reward. She had trials, misfortunes, sickness and bereavement to mar the steady flow of her consecrated life, but,—

. . . "with affections warmed, intense, refined
She mixed such calm and holy strength of mind,
That, like heaven's image in the smiling brook,
Celestial peace was pictured in her look."

She was a great sufferer, for many months actually enduring tortures in the methods of treatment employed for her recovery; but with a gentle spirit that would not repine and a faith in God that never wavered she suffered without complaint, endured without protest and died without fear. She confidently committed herself to God, and in that faith she waited until she fell asleep—to awake in that land where shadows never come and where unruffled peace and joy abide forever. She died April 14, 1913, and was buried in Centreville Cemetery two days later.

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J. L. NICHOLS,
E. L. THOMAS,
J. H. GOODHAND,

Committee.

Mrs. Martha Bevans Strayer.

At her home, "Sunset Cottage," in Oxford, Md., Mrs. Martha Bevans Strayer, beloved wife of Rev. W. M. Strayer, fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday afternoon, December 4, 1913.

She was the youngest daughter of John Silverthorn and Sarah Ann Bevans, devoted Methodist Protestants, and was born February 6, 1846, at the ancestral farm, near old Nassawango Church. At this church she was converted in 1862, under the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Mills, by whom she was united in marriage to Brother Strayer in the home church March 29, 1864.

With all the enthusiasm and consecration of her young womanhood, she became a true helpmeet to her husband to share with him the sacrifices and labors, the joys and sorrows, the cares and responsibilities of the itinerant life of a Methodist Protestant minister, and for nearly half a century God permitted her to live to bless her husband, her children, her friends and her church.

How wisely and worthily she wrought cannot be penned in words, but is engraved on human hearts indelibly. On the heart of that noble and devoted husband whose home was made radiant with the sunlight of her smile, and the warmth of her love. On the hearts of her four sons and two daughters for whom she lived, and to whom she gave training, Christian nurture, high ideals and noble aspirations, with an abandon of self and a success of achievements rarely granted, even to consecrated Christian motherhood.

On the hearts of numberless friends all over the state, whose love she reciprocated, whose sorrows she shared, whose joys she entered into, whose lives she brightened, from the hills of Frederick and Harford to the plains of Worcester and Wicomico, for her friendship was true, and her hospitality abounding. God gave her not only such a number of friends among the ministry and the laity, but also the joy of seeing all her children in the church and two of her sons successful ministers of the Gospel. "She rests from her labors and her works do follow her."

For several years she was an invalid, and for several months before her departure her condition was so critical that her death was expected at any time.

Her faith did not fail during this critical ordeal, but like gold tried with the fire was made more precious and beautiful. For several days before the end came she was unconscious, and in the closing hours, she fell asleep as calmly and peacefully as a little child resting in the arms of its mother.

"So fades the summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies the wave along the shore."

God blessed her greatly in the love of her husband and children, but especially in strengthening him and the daughters to care for her, and lovingly minister to her needs with a devotion rarely equalled.

The funeral services were held in the home on Sunday afternoon, conducted by him who had 49 years before performed the marriage ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. McLain Brown, her pastor, and the Rev. Mr. McCann, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thanking God for her beautiful and useful life, we laid the body to rest in Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore, on Monday morning, in blissful hope of reunion in heaven, and the glorious hope of the resurrection from the grave.

For the bereaved in their loneliness and sorrow we would say,

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep on and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Savior's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best;
Good night! Good night!"

Till we meet in the morning.

Conference Committee,

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

Mrs. Marian Ball McGregor.

Mrs. Marian Ball McGregor, the youngest daughter of the late Horatio and Elizabeth Ball, was born Sept. 11th, 1839 and called to her heavenly home June 13, 1913.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour and Lord at a revival service held in the Mount Olivet Methodist Protestant Church, Virginia, Oct. 1857 by Rev. Jeremiah Clay and two months later united with the same church.

In 1891 she was happily wedded to the Rev. Dr. E. R. McGregor, a loyal and honored member of the Maryland Annual Conference, making him a devoted wife and helpmeet to the end of his life.

From the day she united with the church, until she heard the call of the Master saying, "it is enough, come up higher," she was a loyal, consistent member; interested in the local and general church, supporting the services with her presence and prayers, and her pastor with loyal, loving cooperation. She truly loved her church and its ministers. I have known only a few who were so keenly interested in all the activities of the Master's Kingdom. She was a lifelong reader of the "Methodist Protestant" and she could hardly wait for its weekly visits, so eager was to hear from the work of the Conference.

She was a lady by birth and training, born of an honorable Virginia family, she rightly belonged to that best type, the old school of women.

As a christian, she was earnest and sincere but very timid. The glory of her profession was not in words but in her humble quiet spirit and self-sacrificing deeds to her Saviour and her fellow-man. She loved to talk about her Saviour and His love but she found even greater joy in doing His will by ministering to others. She was by nature so modest that it was difficult for her to grasp the truth that all the fulness of the Atonement of Christ was for her and for that reason she never came into the light of perfect assurance until a short while before she left the body. Brother W. L. Hoffman, her pastor, who was with her often during her last hours, writes that, some time before the end came, the light in all its power and glory broke in upon her soul and from that moment she was not only resigned, but wanted to be released from the body and in a few days she left the earth leaning on the arm of the Lord in perfect peace.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Kirk writes, she was a good and faithful woman, and her home, her church and her pastor felt both her goodness and faithfulness. Her christian life was thoroughly earnest. She was quiet in her devotions and unobtrusive in her christian profession, but was sincere and pronounced in her faithfulness to Christ. She held that it was important that conscience should not be unheeded, and therefore she was conscientious in her actions. Her affection for her pastor was always warm and when he spoke the holy message she listened intently and felt that his voice was bearing to her a message from God. One of the joys of her life was to entertain her pastor in her home and the days of his visits

were red letter days, always to be remembered and never to be forgotten. She has left behind her the gracious memory of one who sought the things which are above."

Mr. William M. Ball says, he knew her all his life and that she was always keenly interested in her church.

Mr. Robt. E. Carson says, she was one of the most faithful readers of the Bible I have ever known.

Mr. G. W. Faulkner says, "I have known her for forty years and I regard her as a true christian and friend."

She was a member of the Rhode Island Avenue Church during the nine years of my pastorate and I valued her friendship, admired her devotion to the church and her Lord, and appreciated the power of her christian influence among the people. She lived miles away but would often get to the church for the lesson in the Bible School. She was beautiful and useful in life, peaceful in death and she is now gone to be with Christ, which is far better.

J. M. GILL,

J. W. KIRK,

W. L. HOFFMAN,

W. M. BALL,

ROBT. E. CARSON,

G. W. FAULKNER.

Mrs. Carrie E. Littleton.

Mrs. Carrie E. Pope Littleton, widow of Rev. Charles H. Littleton, of the Maryland Conference, was born in Carroll Co., Md., July, 1837, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Lemmon, Washington, D. C., Jan. 19th, 1914.

The subject of this sketch was the second wife of our brother Littleton, and had but a short career as the sharer of an itinerant's life, hence this record prepared for the Conference Minutes must be brief.

Sister Littleton was a member of a family—the Buechys—well and honorably known in Carroll and the adjoining counties of the state of Maryland. She married in early life a Mr. Pope, but the records of this marriage are not accessible to the writer at this time. Suffice it to say that after some years of widowhood she was married to our brother Littleton in July, 1888. Until his superannuation she took her place as the helpmeet of an active pastor and met her responsibilities faithfully and acceptably. Later her health was seriously impaired and the closing years of her life were years of great suffering and at times of mental gloom. But those who knew her best and saw her when there were rifts in the clouds testify that "she had strong and humble faith in her Saviour and was willing and ready to go when God called her." Her wasted body was laid to rest in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, and our Christian faith assures those who knew and loved her here that she has entered upon the inheritance purchased for all believers by the death and resurrection of Our Saviour and Lord.

T. O. CROUSE, for the Committee.

THE SERMON

REV. LOUIS RANDALL.

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."—Jer. 6-16.

Theme:—The Landmarks of an Efficient Evangelism.

The thought which I am to present to you at this time has as its inspiration the words of Jeremiah, the weeping prophet of Israel as he is sometimes designated, recorded in the sixteenth verse of the sixth chapter of his prophecies. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

This, I would remind you, while a specific message from the Lord to the house of Israel in one of the darkest periods of its spiritual declension, and therefore invested with a peculiar emphasis and significance, is applicable to the Church in all ages and every clime, history ever repeating itself in the diversified experiences of the Church as well as in the secular annals of the world.

Permit me to say in passing, lest the trend of my introductory remarks in presenting the theme of the hour, The Landmarks of an Efficient Evangelism, should lead you to suspicion me of taking a too melancholy view of things, looking on the dark rather than the bright side, my faith in God and man weakened by a pessimistic outlook, that I am by no means a pessimist, the rather, if I may lay any claim whatever to the ability to weigh matters, to determine their relative values, or merits, an optimist, so optimistic in fact as not only to believe implicitly, but to most heartily indorse the lines of Bishop Arthur Cleveland Coxe.

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

For from whatever standpoint you view it, looked at in the light of its possibilities, this is one of the grandest if not, indeed, the grandest period of the world's history.

Other ages have been remarkable for their contributions to the advancement of the race along economic and socialistic lines, in fact the creations of man's genius, the work of his brain and hand, inspired and animated by the

discovery of the unlimited resources of the Infinite mind in the bountiful provisions of a kind Providence for man's welfare, have been so numerous as to render, them almost innumerable, and so marvelous as to make a description of their intricate mechanism and possibilities almost impossible, but the distinctive creation, shall I say, of this age, the crowning period of the Christian era, is not to be found in the line of material, political, or socialistic achievements, grand as they have been, so much as in the development of the latent powers of the Christian Church, the calling into play of all the forces the concentration of all effort looking to the evangelization of the world, so that, without any hesitancy whatever, we declare it to be our belief that the achievements of this age along all lines, but more especially along the lines of organized effort for the spread of the gospel, are such as to make even the most pessimistic optimistic of the almost infinite possibilities of the present upon future ages.

In the closing chapters of the book of Revelation we have set before us by John who tells us in the opening lines of that wonderfully prophetic book that he "Was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," and heard, "a great voice, as of a trumpet," summoning him as the people of old were wont to be summoned to the religious feasts and sacred assemblies to receive some special message from God, "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last,—Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." Rev. 1:10-11, and 19.

The things which John was to write and commit to the Churches was not only the contrasting vision of the glorified Christ, His Session at the right hand of God, and the existing state of the Church as having left its first love, lukewarm, riven and torn by schisms and isms, weakened in its hold upon and influence over the masses of men, hindered in its world-wide propaganda of the truth committed to it, but also the vision of the coming and ultimate victory of our crucified, risen, and glorified Lord, the ideal reign of the God-man at that time when the vision of prophet and seer shall be fully realized, and "The kingdoms of this world (shall have become) the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ." Rev. 11-15. Listen to the seer of Patmos, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:2-4, a description of an ideal state which shall be hereafter, a foregleam, if you please, of the reestablishment of a world-wide theocracy in which the will of God shall be the supreme rule of conduct, and "Peace on earth," Luke 2-14, shall be the happy realization of a Saviour's mission to this world.

Of course I am taking it for granted that you recognize that the teachings of the Bible, whether you read the Old Testament or the New, everywhere emphasizes by its prophetic declarations the fact that the ideal of today, under the guiding hand of Divine Providence, is to become the real of tomorrow, the fanciful the actual, the spiritual the material, the prophetic the historical, for to John, in common with other prophetic writes, "Who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Pet. 1-21, was revealed not only the things which had already taken place, the things at that very moment transpiring, but also, "The things which shall be hereafter", the ultimate overthrow of all evil and the final accomplishment of the purposes of Infinite wisdom and Divine grace.

I grant you that it may at times seem almost impossible, at least, extremely difficult, for us as we look back over the intervening centuries since Jesus uttered those significant words prompted by the vision which the coming of the Greeks desirous of an interview brought before His mind's eye, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," John 12-22, and take an inventory of the Church's comparative status in the world today, to peer into the future and even imagine the fulfillment of all the kingdom predictions, the realization of all the Messianic prophecies, but we must not overlook the fact that all through the prophetic writings, however dark, foreboding, and unpromising the conditions of the individual, national, and religious life of the people to whom the prophets were sent, there sounds forth the one, clear, optimistic, triumphant note of ultimate victory; even in the midst of sin's havoc in Eden there flashes forth the first scintillating rays of the possible victory of man over, "the world, the flesh and the devil," through the Seed of the woman who, though through suffering, should bruise the serpent's head and finally put down, "All rule, and all authority, and power," 1 Cor. 15-24. For, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth." Isa. 42-4.

True optimism, permit me to remind you, is not blind resignation to fortuitous circumstances, a stoical conformity to conditions as we find them, cheerfulness in the midst of untoward surroundings, but that frame of mind and disposition of heart which, with a vision of possibilities, makes an inventory of existing conditions with a view of correcting them in order to the realization of a present ideal or ideal condition. It is the spirit of a Nehemiah walking around the tumbled down, dilapidated walls of Jerusalem, in the night of her desolation, setting itself in perfect accord with the Divine plan and implicit faith in God to the restoration of the waste places.

Christ Jesus came into this world as was predicted of Him not only to "Seek and save that which was lost," Luke 19-10, but to establish a kingdom of righteousness among men. He began His labors proclaiming the approach of that kingdom which, in Him drew near, and then proceeded to unfold and illustrate by the economic principle of the little company of men that He had

gathered around Him, its workings in the individual and national life, and finally, seeing the attitude of the people toward Him and the kingdom that drew near. He uttered the kingdom parables, recorded in Matt. 13:1-52, Matt. 25:1-30 setting forth the suspended realization of the kingdom prophecies and the ever increasing responsibility of the Church for the evangelization of the world, the work of preparation for the establishment of that kingdom which now for a season, "Until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in," is held in suspense.

And this enjoins me to say, and I feel sure that your conception of the mission of the Church will assent to it, that if ever this world is to be brought to Christ and under the influence of the teachings of the Man of Galilee, it is to be done by the instrumentality of the Christian Church as a Church, experience and observation teaching us that in order to the propagation of any principle, most assuredly the principles of that life that Christ came to give to the world in unflinching exuberance, it is just as necessary that there be an organization as in the natural order of things there be an organism, the arrangement and adjustment of the several organs of the body in order to the propagation of life, and where shall we find this organization but in the Christian Church, the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for in the Church, of which He is the Head, with all its agencies for home evangelization and the salvation of those peoples which now, "Sit in darkness and the shadow of death." Psa. 107-10, we find the very organization through and by which God designs to bring this world into vital contact with that word that quickens and continued in emancipates. Each man, and woman, and child as a component, integral part of the Church, lending the influence of a consistent, consecrated, spirit-filled life to bring about this happy consummation of the redeeming work of Infinite love: each Church becoming, as Jerusalem and Antioch, the radial point geographically from which the gospel of light, life, and salvation is to radiate into all the regions round about, and unto the lands beyond the seas; our Saviour teaching and emphasizing by the great commission, great in its scope and promise, great in its import and obligation, great in its opportunities and responsibilities, that the principles of that life which He came to give to the world by the sacrifice of His own life are not to propagate themselves by spontaneous natural development, the heathen and the unregenerate are not to evolve them out of their own personal self consciousness. Spontaneity implies, as you know, inherent capacities and tendencies, and these the unregenerate and benighted have not, "The natural man," man in the fallen condition into which sin has brought him, and in whom the faculty of knowing things, of determining their relative values, is dormant, "The natural man," according to the teachings of the great Apostle, "Receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2-14. The will and the ability, if we rightly interpret the Apostle, are

involved, necessarily so, in a spiritual apprehension of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and the supreme business of the Church, the business to which everything else must be subordinate but subservient, is not so much the conversion of the world—God will take care of that when we have done our whole duty—but an appeal to the will, through the preaching of the Word, in order to bring it into subjection to the will of God and submission to the Lordship of the Christ. In a word, those who have come into vital contact with the life of the Christ are to impart that life to all who come within the sphere of their activities and the scope of their influence.

We speak, sometimes flippantly I fear, of evangelism as it has come to be looked upon in these days of commercialized standards as something to be imported; the very suggestion of an evangelistic service leading us to think of the professional evangelist who stalks up and down through the land thundering forth the terrors of the law, scathing with withering epithets the Church and the ministry—I grant you there may be the need of a fearless Moses, his soul all aflame with zeal, to arraign and reprimand a time serving Aaron. All the saints are not in the pulpit any more than all the sinners are in the pew,—but methinks that that man has mistaken his calling who with clenched fist and set jaw hurls forth the anathemas of the law and calls himself an evangelist, or I mistake the meaning of the word.

An evangelist is one who tells forth the evangel, which according to its Latin derivation, means simply a Gospel. Let me quote you from the writings of the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, the great London preacher and expositor of the Bible, and we have the example of the incomparable Teacher who when, "He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was,—went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day,—and the book of the prophet Esaias," being handed to Him, He turned to, and read, and applied those significant words which drew the attention of His astonished auditors to the first declaration of His Messiahship, and made them to say to one another, Why, "Is not this Joseph's son?" "The Spirit of the Lord was upon me, because he hath appointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." When He stopped short, omitting the last sentence of Isaiah's conception of the mission of the messenger of the Most High, "And the day of vengeance of our God." that awaits His coming again. Says Dr. Morgan, "The evangelist is a name signifying a man who tells the glad tidings always with a view of constraining the man who listens by the evangel to that which the evangel bears witness—the evangelist comes with his personal and individual message of the Lordship of Christ; the value of his resurrection: and the victory of his indwelling,—the evangelist is therefore the one who in the name of the Church tells men and women outside how they may come inside, declares the glorious glad

news of the infinite gospel." I submit, Brethren, there is no note of sadness or failure in an evangel; no tone of terror; it is good news; glad tidings; not denunciatory of sin,—or pronounciatory of punishment,—but annuncia-tory of salvation."

I repeat it, "This evangel demands a Church, and wherever the Church of Jesus is, there is an instrument for evangelistic work, because there is a company of men and women in whom the evangel has won its victory, and through whom it is manifested as a life, and proclaimed as a message."

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will"—Listen! Say it over with me. "Draw all men unto me." More than nineteen centuries have passed away since that lifting up was accomplished in the tragic happenings of Golgotha and yet "all men" are not drawn to the Christ. Hundreds, and thousands, and millions, have lived and died without the knowledge of a Saviour's love or the experience of pardoning mercy. Thousands upon thousands through our great cities to whom the name of Christ is but a convenient epithet with which to give vent to the pent up feelings of a vitiated morality. Millions upon millions without the knowledge of the Father's love gift to the world.

The conditions that confront us, both within and without the Church, are extremely alarming, however we may concede the statement that the moral tone of the world is better now than ever before. The neglect of public worship, How many of you Brethren can boast of a regular attendance of 50% of your Church membership? Neglect of public worship and the ordinances of the house of God, within. The consequent spirit of utter indifference which has seized upon the people, without. Men and women turning away from sound doctrine to follow after the ignus fatuus of new thought theories, free thinkers, secular leagues, the rankest kind of pantheism which threatens the very citadel of faith in a personal God through the pernicious activity of Christian Science, so-called. The growing spirit of worldiness that renders the people impervious to the demands of a world-wide vision. Difficulties in financing the activities of the Church, the comparative barrenness of our modern revival efforts. A world rushing headlong into practical infidelity.

Active! Yes, the church is active, but I fear it is the activity of zeal run away with judgment. You remember, do you not, the excuse given by the disguised prophet who was sent to reprove Ahab for letting go a man, Behadad, King of Syria, whom, "God had delivered into his hands and appointed to utter destruction." "While I was busy here and there, he was gone." 1 Kings 20-40. Inconsiderately busy in spasmodic, frantic efforts to save "the world in this generation," occupied with committee meetings and banqueting much ado about plans and schemes of financing great movements, the real purpose of our high calling, the work of the evangel suffers, and men, women, and children perish for the "Bread that cometh down from heaven."

Oh, for a revival of the old altar fires of our fathers to burn up the dross of mistaken and misguided zeal, and to inspire us with a holy enthusiasm for the salvation of men.

In the language of Him that "Walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks," of Him who declared to John that "He was the first and the last," the everliving One, the message of the Book to the Church of this age is, "Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." An emphasis on that long ago message to apostate Israel, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

The imagery of our text is that of a traveler pursuing the wrong road, presumably under the impression that it will bring him to his desired destination, arrested by a kindly voice which pleads with him to pause and consider the path of his feet and turn to the right path. Israel was fast approaching a crisis in its history, having destroyed or neglected the old landmarks, and Jeremiah is sent to call the people to repentance, to turn back to the ways of their fathers. "Thus hath Jehovah spoken, stand ye in the ways, and look around, and inquire for the paths of ancient times, where is the way of salvation; and walk therein and find a resting place for your souls."

The history of all moral reforms, of all successful movements for the uplift of mankind, the amelioration of society, the quickening of religious life and conviction, we are reminded by our text, demonstrates that the secret of an efficient evangelism is a return to the old ways, strong and wholesome, which have, in a measure, at least, been neglected, for the great moral principles which have been the uplift of mankind and molded and fashioned Christian character have never changed, "While the earth remaineth," is the assurance of an ever-watchful Providence, "seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." Gen. 8-22. We grant you that as man's horizon broadens conditions and environments will naturally change, but the elements of an efficient evangelism are not subject to change, in a word, the evangelism that is going to reach, and take hold of, and influence the people, and bring lasting results, must be a return to Pentecostal conditions of life and work. The evangelism of the present must be the evangelism of the first century or, as Dr. Campbell Morgan has said, "It is not true to Christ and His word," and hence cannot claim the blessing.

The Church, in order to realize its high destiny and make possible the triumph of our Lord, in its work, local and general, must come back, not so much to old time methods, and yet I question if Methodism has not lost its hold upon the people by failing to impress upon its adherents Scriptural holiness, and the sacrifice of the so-called "Mourner's bench," substituting the new fangled method of signing a card or the holding up of the hand:

times change, I'll admit, and conditions vary, but sin has not changed one whit and the conditions of salvation have not changed, and the Church, in order to realize its high destiny must come back to old time convictions and dependencies, an analysis of which reveals first of all,—

A TRUE CONCEPTION OF THE CHARACTER AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST.

But you say, Have you not inverted the natural, the logical order? Why put the character and work of Jesus first in your analysis of an efficient evangelism? Simply because that was the Apostolic method. "In the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we have," as has been said, the first sermon preached in the power of the outpoured Spirit." If you will consider carefully its homeletical construction you will discover that it is from first to last an appeal to men to believe in Jesus as the promised Messiah, for as Mr. Morgan said some weeks ago in Washington, "Jesus was the center, and heart, and life of that first sermon, the final word of that sermon, to which everything led up was, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2-36, exalted Him to be the King so long expected, in the exercise of which office he now rules in heaven and on earth; and will yet come to judge the world.

When the anxious inquirer comes asking what he must do to be saved we are wont to answer him, and rightly so, in the language of the great Apostle to the Gentiles, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and immediately, from the emphasis which we have been prone to place upon the sacrificial death, the picture of a suffering Saviour, covered with every indignity that the vilest of men were wont to heap upon the greatest of criminals, surrounded by a hooting, jeering rabble of fanatical Jews, crucified between two men of abandon character who joined with the frenzied mob as they flung in His teeth the sneering insinuation, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the king of Israel," a veiled shaft of repudiation of the act of Pilate in causing the title which he had written in "Hebrew, and Latin, and Greek." "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews," to be placed upon the cross, "If he be the King of Israel, let him come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him; for he said, I am the Son of God," Matt. 27:42-43, rises in all its ghastliness before his vision, and the agonies of those last hours on the rugged cross awaken within him feelings akin to those that prompted the centurion to make the reluctant concession, "Certainly this was a righteous man," Luke 23-47.

Too often, I fear, our views of the Christ, if taken seriously would awaken pity and create sympathy for the victim rather than faith in the victor of the cross. I would not for one moment have you understand me as belittling or seeking to depreciate the sacrificial character of His passion, for the story

of the cross, the tragedy of the ages though it be, is the very heart and centre of our Gospel. Too often, as we have traced the scarlet thread, the crimson flood that flowed from the altars of expiation down through the centuries from the offering of righteous Abel to the cross on Calvary on which the Lord of life was crucified, has the one, significant, momentous, suggestive truth stood out in such bold relief, "Without the shedding of blood is no remission," Heb. 9-22, that to suggest, or even to hint at, any substitute would be the purest, the rankest heterodoxy, wholly at variance with the accepted doctrine of the Church of all ages, but, beloved, the cross is not to be looked upon as the finished work of redemption, "Unless," as has been said, "there is all that the New Testament claims there is in that death, then that death is the severest reflection upon the goodness of God that the world has ever seen." Ah, my Brethren, there is a more far reaching significance in the cry of the crucified, "It is finished," than some of us have been wont to give to it; usually in considering these words of our Lord we seek to emphasize the finished life, a completed sacrifice, a mission fulfilled. All are involved in those words from the cross. He did come to make the Father known, to reveal His will to and concerning man. He did make an atonement for the sins of the world. His life was fast ebbing away when they fell from His fevered lips. But there is more here than a casual thought would suggest; more than a vision of sin, the cup of human iniquity being full, more than "The worker's cry of achievement—And the sufferer's cry of relief," it is the triumphant note, sounding out over the vanquished hosts of His enemies, of the coming and final victory of Him whose right to the throne through obedience unto death was established by the cross.

The humiliation of Him, "Who, being the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil. 2:6-8, the humiliation I say, literally the emptying of Himself, not of the Divine nature which was inherent in His oneness with the Father, nor yet of the attributes of Deity, for these, as you know full well, he exercised as occasion demanded, and in so doing demonstrated His divine Sonship; the emptying of Himself, the laying aside of the outward and visible manifestation of the Godhead, "The insignia of majesty," being as the Apostle in his Epistle to the Phillippians, (Chapter 2:9-11,) has said but the stepping stone to exaltation at "The right hand of God," where Stephen saw Him, Acts 7-56, "Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth: And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," The ascension, of which we read in the Acts of the Apostles, (Chapter 1-9:10,) being His coronation, and the Session His en-

thronement. "Crowned with glory and honor," Heb. 2-9, He is set down with His Father in the Father's throne. His supremacy in all things being established by virtue of the splendor of His character, the victory of His cross, and the power of His resurrection.

"He was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead."

It was about midnight March 5th when, after a day of exacting labor, and several hours meditation, brain and body weary, that I retired with a prayer on my lips and in my heart that I might have a clear vision, a true conception, and a comprehensive grasp of the situation brought before me by this study. I had attended the prayer service in my Church where the study of the evening was the Sabbath-school lesson for the following Sabbath on "Watchfulness," in view of our Lord's return. About five o'clock the next morning, March 6th. my prayer was answered in a most signal manner in a vision of the night. In my dream I, with two intimate friends, whose faces and names faded from my memory in the vision of the dissolving picture of the cross giving place to the supernal glory of a crucified, risen and glorified Lord, was resting beneath the spreading boughs of a friendly shade tree. It was a beautiful summer day. One of those days when all nature seems vocal with the praise of God. The sun had just reached the meridian of high noon, the zenith of its glory. Great mountains of cloud, as of molten gold, floated leisurely in the heavens. The scene was one to charm the most esthetic nature and stir the muses of a poetic soul. I was lost in contemplation of the superb cloud-land scenery, my eye sweeping from one giant mass to another, when suddenly I noticed that they grew more luminous than the sun, and, as I gazed in wonder at the magnificent spectacle, my eye caught sight of the cross surmounting the highest peak. Look! Look! I cried to my friends. See that cross! Look, it grows brighter and brighter. It draws nearer and nearer. It changes form. See, it is encircled with a halo of radiant light! As it descended it was transformed, in my vision, into an image of "One like unto the Son of God." "And his face did shine like the sun, and his raiment was white as the light! Matt. 17-2. It dawned on my mind that the day of my Lord's triumph, which had already shown out through His humiliation as a glorious anticipation, was at hand. The very air was surcharged with the momentous event and vocal with the praise of Him that sat upon the throne. A celestial messenger summoned the faithful to meet their Lord. I awoke in an ecstasy, and there flashed upon my mind the words of St. Paul, recorded in 1 Thess. 4:16-17, as he surveyed the anticipatory triumph of Jesus, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God," not as is too often taught and believed, to take vengeance on the ungodly, but to receive His waiting Bride, the Church, "And the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are

alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord, wherefore," says the Apostle, "comfort," intreat, exhort, "one another with these words."

The many references in the teaching of Jesus and His disciples to the closing scenes of the Apocalypse, the unveiling of the mystery of the Eternal mind in the person of the glorified Christ, the vision of the finished work of redemption, that which had such a powerful influence over the prejudiced multitudes that thronged the Jerusalem streets on the day of Pentecost, is that of a completed kingdom delivered up to God and the Father, "When he shall have put down all rule, and all power, and authority," that lifts itself in defiance to His will and word, "For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet," 1 Cor. 15-24, the incarnation and each successive step of His humiliation being but the path, though it led by way of Gethsemane agony and bloody sweat, and Calvary's ingominy and suffering, to power and authority. Listen to the strains that float out over the battlements of heaven to our enraptured ears, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." Rev. 5-12.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory come in," cries the Church militant as it catches the vision of triumph. "Who is this King of glory?" shouts the Church triumphant in reply. "The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle." Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory," Psa. 24:7-10. "To him be glory and dominion forever," Rev. 1-6.

In the next place we want to observe that the spirit of the Pentecost reveals

A PERFECT RELIANCE UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT.

If we are to place any credence whatever in the sacred historians records we are led to believe that the company of Disciples who wrought such a great work on the day of Pentecost, and from whom the Methodist Protestant Church has much to learn in these stirring times of uncertainty and anxiety, numbered but one hundred and twenty souls. A Church scarcely surpassing in numerical strength one fourth of the smaller charges of the Maryland Annual Conference, among whom, if we are to accept Paul's statement, there were not, "Many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble," 1 Cor. 1-26, not that we would stoop to that gratuitous comparison which we so often hear flippantly bandied about by an indolent clientage as an excuse for studious habits and faithful service, which represents our Lord's disciples as ignorant. It is true that Jesus called His disciples from the humbler walks of life; from the fisherman's nets, the physician's office, and the receipt of custom, yet in each case I believe if we shall but carefully look into their personal history

we shall find that they were the men, above all others, in whose bosoms there smouldered the fires of a National patriotism that would lift the Jewish people up out of a greivous bondage and again restore the ancient prestige of the chosen people that they might fulfill the high destiny for which they were thrust out. Men trained in the domestic seminary of an ideal Hebrew home where, in keeping with the Levitical law, the father and mother handed down the traditions of their people and stirred that spirit which, originating in love of country, prompts to obedience to its laws, the support and defence of its existence, rights, and institutions, and the promotion of its welfare. "We trusted that it was he that should have redeemed Israel," Luke 24-21 said the two as they journeyed to Emmaus and talked with the mysterious stranger concerning their Messianic hopes. Three years association with Jesus who, in anticipation of His official rejection and crucifixion, revealed to them the "Mysteries of the kingdom of heaven," things to be fulfilled in the interval between His rejection and return in glory (Matt. 13:1-50,) when the mysteries should be brought to an end, and the Davidic monarchy restored in His own person by the ingathering of dispersed Israel and the establishment of His own power over all the earth in the millenium kingdom, but intensifying that belief.

Thus equipped with the vision of the glory, and power, and contemplated victory of the "Son of God who became," as the Rev. Thos. H. Stockton was wont to say, "the Son of Man that the sons of men might become the sons of God," they received the commission of the risen Lord to "Go—into all the world, and preach the gospel," "The gospel," the definite article particularizing the whole gospel,—“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, (the whole gospel) to every creature.” “But” says He, “Tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”—Luke 24-49. Jesus recognized, as we must, that “It is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit” of the Lord that the Church is to accomplish its God-given mission. Zech. 4-6. “And having led them out as far as to Bethany.” Luke 24-49. “And being assembled with them,” He charged them again,—“Not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father’s promised gift, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” Acts 1:4-5.

Can you not imagine that scene? “In the quiet twilight of a Sabbath evening a little group of twelve young men standing yonder on the brow of Olivet.” The last mellow rays of the fast setting sun filling all the western sky and shedding a halo of soft yellow glory light over the hill-top in upon that little group of intensely earnest men. You have no difficulty in picking out the One in whom all interest centers. Around Him are gathered the other eleven who, “Have forsaken their all to follow him,” eagerly drinking in His parting message and instructions pertaining to the kingdom. Only one point untouched, the time when the kingdom should be restored, which prompted the Disciples to ask, “Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to

Israel?" the kingdom to which you have referred so often. Listen, "It is not for you to know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power," a gentle rebuke of a prying curiosity, "But ye shall receive power," to carry on the work now to be intrusted to you, and to await the development of the things pertaining to that kingdom, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:6-8.

It is interesting to sit down and read the account of the Pentecost, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come," when, "There were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven," the Disciples of our Lord, the Lord Himself having ascended into heaven, and entered into Session at the right hand of God, being gathered together in one place, "when the day of Pentecost was fully come." Let us say it together, "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the place where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." "Now when this was noised abroad," throughout the city, "the multitudes came together, and were amazed, because that every man heard them speak in his own language,—the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:1-12.

Brethren are you troubled, distressed because of the empty pews in your Church? Here is the secret of reaching the masses. The whole Church acting in one accord. Preacher and people under the afflatus, filled with, and completely surrendered to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

As we look about us and see the spasmodic, frantic efforts, and worldly wise resorts of the Church of today to reach and influence men, the erratic attempts of modern movements and endeavors through an appeal to an esthetic and amusement loving populace, stereopticon and moving pictures, and sacred concert bait, to win men, we are more than ever impressed with the force and significance of a remark made by our lamented Dr. W. S. Hammond a few years before his departure from us as sitting in the parlor of the old Georgetown, D. C. Church he said to me. "Bro. Randall, I fear that the Church, as a Church, has rarely, if ever since the Pentecost, properly appreciated the endowment of the Holy Ghost as an essential requisite for service."

Stately edifices, magnificent equipments, splendid organ, operatic choirs, numerical strength, and financial power, all very good when the sanctified instruments of the Holy Spirit in saving men, are too often resorted to as the sole means of attracting men to the Church, molding character, and preparing immortal souls for eternity.

Beloved, as Mr. S. D. Gordon in his "Quiet Talks on Power," has expressed it, if the Church would be efficient in winning men to Christ, "Our vision must take in two hill-tops—Calvary and Olivet. Calvary—sin conquered through the blood of Jesus, a matter of history. Olivet—sin conquered through the power of Jesus, a matter of experience," says he in this same connection. "The Church has been gazing so intently upon the hill of the cross with its blood-red message of sin and love, that it has largely lost sight of the Ascension Mount with its legacy of power, we have been so enwrapped with the marvelous scene of Calvary—and what wonder!—that we have allowed ourselves to lose the intense significance of Pentecost. That last victorious shout, "It is finished,"—has been crowding out of our ears its counterpart—the equally victorious cry of Olivet, "All power is given unto me" "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: and, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

If the Church laments the lack of Pentecostal results it argues the lack of Pentecostal power back of which lies the lack of Pentecostal consecration. I was invited some weeks ago to meet with a number of representative ministers and laymen of the City of Washington to consider the proposition of inviting the Rev. William Sunday, more familiarly known as "Billy Sunday", to conduct a series of meetings in our City. I was very much interested in the reports of such men as the Rev. Dr. Wood, of the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian, Rev. Dr. Wilfley, of the Vermont Ave., Christian Church, Mr. F. M. B. MacFarland, and others, some of whom, on their own initiative and expense, went to Pittsburg to study Mr. Sunday and his methods. The one thing that impressed me most was the statement of one of the speakers to the effect that Mr. Sunday requires as one of the conditions of undertaking such a meeting that there shall be on the part of all the ministers and Churches a season, three months I think it was, of earnest, persistent, united prayer. I submit, Brethren, that if this condition were complied with in our Churches, in all our Churches, there would be no need of inviting "Billy Sunday," or any other professional evangelist.

Oh, Church of the living God, "Thus hath Jehovah spoken," the One in whom is all sufficiency, "Stand ye in the ways, and look around, and inquire for the paths of ancient times, where is the way of salvation." "Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." Back! Back to Pentecost, the secret of an efficient evangelism, the forth-telling of the whole gospel which brings results.—"And there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved."

"O for the happy hour
When God will hear our cry,
And send with a reviving power,
His Spirit from on high."

"We meet, we sing, we pray
 We listen to the Word,
 In vain; we see no cheering ray,
 No cheering voice is heard."

"While many crowd Thy house,
 How few, around Thy board,
 Meet to record their solemn vows,
 And bless Thee as their Lord."

"Thou, Thou alone canst give
 Thy Gospel sure success,
 And bid the dying sinner live
 Anew in holiness."

"Come with Thy power divine,
 Spirit of life and love!
 Then shall Thy people all be Thine,
 Our Church like that above."

In conclusion let me emphasize briefly one other element of an efficient evangelism as suggested by this second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and that is,

A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

"And they" the Church, "continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking bread, and in prayers.—And all that believed were together, and had all things common;—And they," the Church, "continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." Acts 2:42, 44, 46.

Stress, you no doubt noticed, if you followed closely the reading of these verses, is apparently laid upon a certain communism or community of interests, not socialism in the vulgar parlance of the street—that theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society by a gratuitous distribution of wealth regardless of merit,—but an embodied idea of that high and lofty principle of a common bond of brotherhood set by Christ and His little company of Disciples; The number of twelve or thirteen men living on a common purse and with no selfishly individual object in view, being but the suggestion of a principle which, just as the transfiguration gave a passing glimpse of the state of glory, illustrates what Christian love and unity in its perfection and unchecked by contact with the world without would produce, a concrete example of practical Christianity, a principle which the world must concede is to be realized substantially only in the Christian Church where ideal

ly each seeks not his own but the advantage of his brother, the basis of this first communism being that of an essential, spiritual unity, they were of one heart and one soul, and the expression of that fellowship was that of a practical testimony to the power of the Gospel in men's lives and conduct.

The crying need of the hour, in order that the Church may engage in an efficient evangelism is, therefore, a revival of Scriptural holiness and a practical demonstration of Christian Discipleship.

The idea of Discipleship I fear conveys to some minds simply the twofold idea of learner and adherent—one who learns and one who follows—overlooking the fact that Jesus invested that relationship with the teaching function. In connection with the command to "Go", was the instruction to "teach" "preach" "Disciple." A teacher needs to have a comprehensive grasp and the ability to rightly interpret and clearly state the exact meaning of the truth he teaches, hence St. Paul writing to Timothy, his son in the Gospel exhorts, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2-15.

The importance of the exhortation of the great Apostle can best be illustrated by a conversation between a Jew and a Christian minister. Taking a New Testament and opening it at Luke 1-32, the Jew asked, "Do you believe that what is here written shall be literally accomplished, "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father, David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever?" "I do not" answered the clergyman, "but rather take it to be figurative language, descriptive of Christ's spiritual reign over the Church." "Then" replied the Jew, "neither do I believe literally the words preceding, which say that this Son of David should be born of a virgin; but take them to be merely a figurative manner of describing the remarkable character for purity of him who is the subject of prophecy."

"I do not hesitate to affirm that if, at all times, the Church in its multiplied agencies had only been true to the Gospel, interpreted it in a real, actual, practical sense, there would have been no room for the distracting isms that threaten the citadel of our Faith, of course I am taking it for granted that you recognize the fact that the teaching function implies not only precept but example as well.

Ah, that is it. "Everywhere", says Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, a man of wide experience and large vision, "Everywhere men are calling for an ethical and social Gospel, for something that touches all the needs of men's lives,—a passion,—for something that conditions actual life, and affects the details of every man's doings," a deep hungering after the summum bonum, the supreme good, for that which neither creeds nor dogmas can give, and the doggerel platitudes of a time serving ministry, handing out a stone where bread is sought, cannot satisfy. What the world is hungering for; what the world wants; what the world is seeking after as it turns here, and there, and everywhere, following every will-o-the-wisp that dances over the quagmires

of these uncertain times, taking up any and every new ism and cult that promises a surcease from the exacting cares and ceaseless grind that afflicts mankind in these times of the shameful impotency, is that which alone the gospel of a crucified, risen, and glorified Lord can give.

These are stirring times in which we live. Times of ceaseless activity, feverish expectancy, and fearful forebodings. Times in which, as someone has suggestively said, we find, "A revolt against materialism, a new passion for that which is practical, and a great, mystic, mysterious sense of some coming visitation." Times in which the passionate cry of a burdened humanity going up from the mute and yet eloquent signs of the times is best expressed in the language of the Psalmist, "Oh, that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion." Psa. 14-8.

Shall I be charged with extravagance if I say that the supreme mission of the Christ to this world, that to which even the work of regeneration was incidental, was to show men how to live well. How to get the best out of life by putting the best into it? Seems to me we find sufficient warrant for such an assertion in the teachings of the Man of Galilee, and the Epistle of His great Apostle who, writing to Titus declares that "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men. Teaching (them) that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts (they) should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:11-14. Jesus says Himself saying to His disciples, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5-16.

The potent influences of a consistent Christian life may best be seen in the fact that exemplified religion catches the attention, convinces the judgment, removes objections, wins esteem, is the most powerful appeal to the conscience of the unbelieving, and converts to Christ, for men everywhere are convinced by facts and not by theories.

Back, then, back to Pentecost, the secret of an efficient evangelism. "And when this was noised abroad, it brought the people together." And when they heard, "Every man in (his) own tongue,"—"The wonderful works of God," they were amazed and pricked in their hearts, and said, "Men and Brethren, what shall we do? And when they saw the steadfastness and mutual interest of the Brethren there was, "Added to the Church daily such as should be saved."

"Oh, turn me, mould me, mellow me for use,
Pervade my being with Thy vital force,
That this else inexpressive life of mine
May become eloquent and full of power,

Impregnated with life and strength divine.
Put the bright torch of heaven in my hand,
That I may carry it aloft
And win the eye of weary wanderers here below
To guide their feet into paths of peace.
I cannot raise the dead,
Nor from this soil pluck precious dust,
Nor bid the sleeper wake,
Nor still the storm, nor bend the lightning back,
Nor muffle up the thunder,
Nor bid the chains fall from off creation's long enfeathered limbs
But I can live a life that tells on other lives,
And makes this world less full of anguish and of pain;
A life that like the pebble dropped upon the sea
Sends its wide circles to a hundred shores.
May such a life be mine.
Creator of true life, Thyself the life Thou givest,
Give Thyself, that Thou mayst dwell in me, and I in Thee.



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		1	Accomac, Va.....	24	24	4	4	6	6	16	16	18	18	36	36	47	47	19	19	25	25
2	Alexandria, Va.....	12	12	3	3	2	2	6	6	9	9	16	16	21	21	9	9	10	10	6	6
3	Amelia, Va.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	7	7	15	15	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
	Baltimore:																				
4	Almott Mem'l.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	26	26	99	99	135	135	55	55	63	63	33	33
5	Bethany.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	4	12	4	16	4	22	4	9	5	10	8	5	4
6	Broadway.....	25	25	4	4	6	6	18	18	11	11	40	40	55	55	22	22	25	25	13	13
7	Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
8	Calvary.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	16	16	16	16	21	21	9	12	10	10	5	5
9	Christ Church.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	30	30	25	25	35	35	16	16	18	18	9	9
10	East Baltimore..	45	45	7	7	9	9	28	28	10	10	66	66	90	90	38	38	42	42	23	23
11	Eutaw.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	6	6	24	24	35	35	14	14	15	15	10	10
12	Evergreen.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
13	Hampden.....	40	40	5	5	7	7	24	24	17	17	59	59	80	80	30	30	38	38	20	20
14	Keen Memorial	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	11	11	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	9	9
15	Lauraville.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	14	14	5	5	6	6	3	3
16	North Baltimore	40	40	5	5	8	8	27	27	7	7	52	52	72	72	29	29	37	37	20	20
17	Payson Street	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	9	9	17	17	24	24	9	9	10	10	5	5
18	South Baltimore	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
19	Starr.....	66	66	9	9	13	13	42	42	8	8	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	33	33
20	St Johns.....	66	66	9	9	13	13	42	42	16	16	21	21	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63
21	St. Pauls.....	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	4	4	6	6	3	3	3	3	2	2
22	Violetville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	9	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	4	4
23	Waverly.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	9	9	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
24	West Baltimore..	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	16	16	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	33	33
25	Wilton Heights.	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	15	15	9	9	14	14	5	5	7	7	4	4
26	Baltimore Circuit..	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	11	11	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
27	Bedford, Pa.....	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	18	28	10	44	29	62	29	24	12	28	27	14	8
28	Belair.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	9	9	39	39	51	51	21	21	24	24	13	13
29	Buckeystown.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	15	15	90	90	124	124	52	52	58	58	30	30
30	Cambridge.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	15	15	47	47	66	66	26	26	30	30	15	15
31	Campbell, Va.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	7	7	16	5	21	5	9	5	10	3	5	4
32	Cannon, Del.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	9	9	9	14	14	5	5	6	6	4	4
33	Caroline.....	23	23	3	3	6	4	15	12	17	10	34	25	49	24	20	10	22	18	13	10
34	Cecil.....	21	21	3	3	4	3	15	11	16	10	33	22	45	28	18	13	21	21	10	10
35	Centreville.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	5	5	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	9	10
36	Chesapeake.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	9	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
37	Chestertown.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	11	11	90	90	124	124	52	52	58	58	30	30
38	Chincoteague, Va.	18	18	3	3	4	2	10	5	8	3	25	5	35	5	15	5	17	5	9	5
39	Clayton, Del.....	25	25	4	2	5	3	16	15	12	6	39	30	52	18	21	9	24	10	13	5
40	Concord, Pa.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	14	14	10	10	34	30	45	40	18	14	20	15	11	11
41	Conquest, Va.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
42	Crisfield: Crisfield	45	45	7	7	9	9	28	28	8	8	66	66	90	90	38	38	42	42	23	23
43	Lawsonia.....	10	10	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	4	13	13	18	18	7	7	9	9	5	5
44	Mariners.....	20	20	2	2	3	3	9	9	13	7	22	22	36	20	14	14	16	16	10	10
45	Crumpton.....	15	15	2	2	1	1	10	1	5	1	24	4	31	4	14	1	14	...	8	3
46	Cumberland.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	89	89	52	52	21	21	24	24	13	13
47	Cumberland Circ't	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	14	14	14	14	20	20	8	8	9	9	5	5
48	Deer Creek.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	18	18	28	28	11	11	12	12	6	6

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd	Total.											Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number
		Children's Day	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Easter for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League	Miscellaneous Gen'l	Total Gen. Interests	Ass'd	Paid.												
207	207	5					29	267	800	800	75	175	150	200	1400	1667	1			
95	95	11					2	109	650	650	240	155	138	50	200	234	1667	1776	2			
87	87	2						87	600	606	60	15	36	390	1107	1194	3			
540	540	40	141				30	72	1500	1500	360	1200	815	1265	330	5470	6298	4			
95	48	2						50	800	800	276	219	9	41	34	1379	1429	5			
219	219	35		5			13	20	1000	1000	300	220	239	305	770	2834	3126	6			
157	157	12						174	700	700	150	180	100	94	1224	1398	7			
98	101	10						115	750	750	149	178	520	300	844	2241	2356	8			
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358	358	9	88					496	1000	1000	300	476	200	116	20	2112	2808	10			
139	139	25		60	5	18	10	257	700	700	300	178	115	492	485	2370	2527	11		
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95	95	10						105	600	600	275	175	162	271	1543	1648	17			
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69	69	16		9	4	17	23	138	700	700	209	136	19	2000	163	3227	3365	25			
162	139	34						138	800	758	400	110	94	2584	576	150	472	4858	26			
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186	142					11		153	650	650	100	200	92	120	60	1222	1375	34				
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145	123	18						41	700	700	84	154	112	240	212	41	1543	1699	44			
125	31	10						41	300	281	75	75	30	360	30	851	892	45			
210	210	23		10		88	42	373	800	925	360	387	230	600	400	500	3462	3835	46			
91	91	8		23				129	600	600	80	179	253	122	1234	1363	47			
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50	Delmar, Del.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	18	18	24	24	35	35	14	14	15	15	10	10
51	Delta, Pa.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	13	13	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
52	Denton.....	24	24	3	3	4	4	15	15	17	17	37	37	47	47	20	20	22	22	12	12
53	Dorchester.....	25	25	4	1	5	3	16	16	10	10	39	27	52	34	21	15	24	24	13	10
54	Dover, Del.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
55	Easton.....	43	43	7	7	7	7	26	26	9	9	64	84	87	87	35	35	40	40	21	21
56	Elizabeth, N. J.....	40	40	6	6	7	7	25	25	17	17	64	64	86	86	35	35	40	40	21	21
57	Fairfax, Va.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	6	6
58	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	13	13	32	32	44	44	15	15	20	20	11	11
59	Federalburg.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	9	9	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	6	6
60	Felton, Del.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	6	6
61	Finksburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	20	20	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	13	13
62	First Ch'h, Newark, N.J.	60	60	7	7	13	13	38	38	37	37	88	88	120	120	50	50	55	55	30	30
63	Franklin City, Va.	23	23	3	3	5	5	15	10	20	10	38	15	50	15	20	7	22	10	12	9
64	Frederica, Del.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
65	Frederick.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	18	18	34	34	47	47	19	19	21	21	11	11
66	Georgetown, Del.	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	11	11	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
67	Georgetown Circ't	12	12	3	3	1	1	6	3	9	2	19	5	28	3	11	2	12	2	6	1
68	Greensboro.....	10	10	3	1	2	1	6	3	3	1	16	9	22	10	9	5	10	5	5	3
69	Greenwood, Del...	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	17	17	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	11	11
70	Grove.....	15	15	2	2	2	1	10	2	13	2	24	1	31	4	14	4	14	7	8	2
71	Harbeson, Del.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	15	15	11	11	17	17	7	7	9	9	4	4
72	Harpers Fy, W. Va.	18	18	2	2	3	3	8	8	7	7	20	5	30	5	12	12	14	7	9	4
73	Harrington, Del.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	13	13	9	9	35	35	48	48	18	18	20	20	11	11
74	Howard.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	15	15	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	23	11	11
75	Hurlock.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	9	9	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	6	6
76	Indian River.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	3	9	9	14	7	5	1	6	6	3	3
77	Kempton.....	30	30	5	5	9	9	23	23	26	17	47	47	64	64	26	26	30	30	15	15
78	Kennedyville.....	16	16	3	3	4	4	10	10	5	5	22	22	31	31	12	12	15	15	8	8
79	Kent Island.....	20	20	3	2	4	3	12	8	6	3	32	28	45	33	17	15	20	18	10	10
80	Laurel, Del.....	32	32	7	7	7	7	21	21	15	15	49	49	68	68	28	28	29	29	16	16
81	Laurel Circuit.....	25	25	4	3	5	3	16	16	15	10	39	25	52	25	21	13	24	24	13	10
82	Leeds.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
83	Leipsic.....	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	3	3
84	Lewis, Del.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	3	3
85	Lewistown.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	10	10	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	4	4
86	Liberty.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	11	10	28	28	40	39	16	15	18	17	10	10
87	Lisbon.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	19	19	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	13	13
88	Lynchburg, Va.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	15	15	27	27	38	38	16	16	18	18	10	10
89	Fairview, Va.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	11	11	17	17	7	7	9	9	4	4
90	Mardela.....	19	19	3	2	5	2	13	5	19	6	28	25	37	19	14	6	18	9	9	2
91	Marley.....	15	15	3	2	2	1	8	4	19	5	20	6	28	9	12	5	12	16	8	3
92	Middleway, W. Va.	10	7	3	3	3	3	6	3	2	2	16	16	22	9	10	10	5	5	3	3
93	Milford, Del.....	21	21	3	3	5	5	15	15	23	23	34	34	45	45	20	20	25	25	10	10
94	Milton, Del.....	17	17	3	1	4	2	10	8	8	6	24	22	32	28	14	12	16	15	8	8
95	Mt. Nebo.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	25	25	37	37	15	15	16	16	9	9
96	New Church, Va.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	15	15	25	25	36	36	15	15	17	17	9	9
97	Newmarket.....	30	30	5	4	9	7	23	20	19	14	47	40	64	55	26	20	30	30	15	10

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Total.												Pastor's Salary.												Total all Purposes.		Number.
Ass'd	Paid	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Easter for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League.	Miscellaneous Gen'l.	Total Gen. Interests.	As's'd	Paid.	Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid of Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.								
152	110	15	...	...	...	...	13	128	480	480	75	101	84	830	...	55	1625	1753	49			
151	151	20	...	12	...	2	20	205	800	850	150	200	100	175	500	378	2353	2558	50							
164	164	20	...	...	...	...	21	6	850	850	200	145	115	75	...	256	1641	1852	51			
201	201	35	...	...	...	...	20	5	1000	1000	200	214	170	393	1200	283	8460	8721	52			
209	185	25	...	...	...	...	...	190	710	750	150	73	112	275	...	63	1423	1613	53		
88	88	10	...	...	...	...	4	102	600	605	240	172	101	5	231	179	1533	1635	54			
340	360	43	16	77	...	...	29	525	1000	1000	250	416	190	330	...	246	2932	3457	55					
341	341	19	...	...	...	...	21	381	1050	1050	500	806	160	20	900	414	3850	4231	56			
110	110	28	...	...	...	...	3	141	500	500	90	30	106	215	...	26	967	1108	57			
180	180	77	...	5	...	...	48	1	700	760	200	233	190	503	150	157	2193	2504	58					
111	111	35	...	...	...	...	...	146	700	700	150	103	84	...	253	100	1390	1538	59		
110	83	10	...	...	...	...	...	83	500	500	85	70	45	...	305	41	1046	1139	60		
219	219	50	...	10	...	...	25	304	825	825	125	250	275	250	800	100	2625	2929	61					
498	498	50	80	407	40	36	176	1287	1800	1800	720	1946	1430	441	1600	1503	9439	10726	62							
208	107	25	...	...	3	...	2	137	700	700	80	175	220	415	63	42	1695	1832	63					
16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
195	195	60	50	...	...	...	12	317	800	800	100	70	172	426	...	52	1620	1937	65				
162	162	16	...	...	...	...	5	183	700	706	180	406	139	200	620	36	2287	2470	66			
111	31	14	...	...	...	...	5	50	400	166	...	63	...	...	...	23	242	292	67
86	48	5	...	...	...	...	7	8	350	350	100	87	42	...	...	60	639	707	68	
195	195	...	...	...	...	...	27	2	700	700	100	168	110	500	...	26	1604	1828	69		
133	40	7	...	...	...	3	3	53	450	373	60	49	77	...	...	559	612	70			
78	78	8	...	2	...	...	...	88	600	600	72	90	60	25	...	6	853	941	71				
123	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	400	400	125	71	45	60	450	325	1476	1630	72	
183	183	16	...	...	10	...	...	209	800	800	167	297	105	...	...	56	1425	1634	73	
193	194	87	...	...	50	73	404	...	700	708	125	106	61	126	...	254	1380	1784	74					
111	111	25	...	...	3	...	139	...	700	700	150	160	100	183	1000	487	2780	2919	75					
52	36	2	...	...	...	...	38	...	70	...	...	5	...	...	...	75	113	76	...
275	268	115	...	...	...	22	403	...	900	900	75	200	107	100	...	75	1457	1860	77				
126	128	18	...	...	...	3	147	...	550	550	120	90	9	160	...	268	1257	1404	78				
169	140	12	2	154	...	500	500	125	118	60	250	...	20	200	1273	1427	79						
272	272	125	...	8	...	12	40	457	1200	1200	150	475	200	140	1000	665	3830	4287	80							
214	154	15	...	...	...	4	173	...	650	608	125	112	60	170	50	35	1160	1333	81				
157	157	50	...	12	...	17	3	239	700	700	150	136	94	307	...	120	1507	1746	82							
56	56	5	...	...	...	6	67	...	300	300	48	92	44	...	...	6	490	557	83		
60	60	6	...	...	2	...	70	...	550	550	90	106	54	...	...	1	801	871	84			
64	45	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	140	140	36	30	55	405	...	90	756	501	85		
162	158	28	...	3	...	...	16	205	500	500	75	135	45	325	...	...	1080	1285	86			
218	218	100	...	...	...	...	18	336	900	900	200	150	150	200	418	151	2189	2525	87			
163	163	80	84	220	13	...	105	665	900	900	300	305	75	25	100	510	2215	2880	88							
68	68	...	...	...	...	...	2	70	450	450	85	70	78	214	...	143	1040	1110	89		
165	95	6	...	...	...	...	1	1	800	800	100	58	97	235	523	...	1858	1960	90			
127	66	...	...	3	...	...	69	...	650	592	180	144	95	35	250	61	1357	1426	91			
85	7	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	117	100	50	10	...	50	...	...	210	217	92
201	201	15	...	10	5	2	233	...	1200	1200	300	750	300	200	500	980	4230	4462	93							
137	119	5	...	...	...	2	126	...	600	600	75	300	78	280	...	13	1346	1472	94				
149	149	100	...	...	...	8	257	...	600	600	75	158	109	86	...	354	1382	1639	95				
152	152	25	...	...	...	16	193	...	650	650	125	125	170	225	...	125	1420	1618	96				
268	230	30	...	10	...	2	272	...	800	750	120	250	180	1325	...	...	2625	2897	97					

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number.	Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Theological Seminary.		Western Mary-land College.		Superannuates.		Church Exten.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns		Church Home.	
		Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
98	Nichols Memorial	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	3	3
99	Northumber'd, Va.	28	28	5	5	6	4	19	10	9	5	44	23	62	30	24	11	28	12	14	7
100	Oak Grove.....	13	13	2	2	2	2	9	4	4	2	21	10	29	14	12	6	13	5	7	7
101	Oxford.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	12	12	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	11	11
102	Parkley, Va.....	24	24	4	4	5	5	15	15	15	15	26	26	36	36	50	50	19	19	21	21
103	Patapsco.....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Philadelphia, Pa.																				
104	St. Lukes.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	16	16	22	22	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
105	Taylor Memorial	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	5	19		19	15	23	20	11	13	12	12	6	3
106	Pipe Creek.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	7	7	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	11	11
107	Pittsville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	16	16	28	28	40	40	16	24	18	18	10	10
108	Pocomoke City.....	43	43	4	4	7	7	26	26	16	16	64	64	85	85	35	35	40	40	22	22
109	Pocomoke Cir.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	5	11	5	25	8	35	10	15	7	17	11	9	4
110	Potomac, Va.....	18	18	3	3	3	3	10	10	17	17	24	24	36	36	14	14	16	16	9	9
111	Powellville.....	15	15	3	2	2	2	10	10	11	2	24	20	32	18	14	8	14	10	8	6
112	Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	1	2	1	9	3	15	4	5	2	6	2	4	4
113	Quantico.....	13	13	2	1	2	1	8	3	3	1	21	6	28	5	12	4	11	6	7	2
114	Queen Anne.....	13	13	2	2	3	2	10	10	7	7	21	7	29	8	12	7	13	8	7	3
115	Reliance.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	16	16	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	9	9
116	Rowlandville.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	5	6	5	24	9	32	9	14	10	14	10	8	8
117	Salem.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	4	4	24	24	32	32	14	14	14	14	8	8
118	Salisbury.....	37	37	5	5	9	9	23	23	25	25	52	52	73	73	29	29	38	38	19	19
119	Seaford, Del.....	26	26	4	4	5	5	18	18	17	17	41	41	57	57	22	22	25	25	13	13
120	Selbyville, Del.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	5	19	10	16	16	22	12	9	5	10	6	5	5
121	Sharptown.....	23	23	3	3	6	6	15	15	21	21	30	30	44	44	18	18	20	20	12	12
122	Snow Hill.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	15	15	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	11	11
123	Stewartstown, Pa.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	13	13
124	St. James.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	9	9	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	14	14
125	St. Michaels.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	16	16	14	14	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	10	10
126	Susquehanna.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	13	13
127	Talbot.....	12	7	2	2	3	3	8	8	5	5	19	19	27	27	11	11	12	4	6	6
128	Tri-ity.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	9	9	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	14	14
129	Union.....	16	16	4	4	5	5	11	10	19	17	24	22	33	30	14	13	15	14	8	8
130	Union Bridge.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	11	4	4	25	25	35	34	15	15	17	17	9	9
131	Wallace Mem., Va	10	10	2	2	2	2	7	7	10	10	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
132	Waltersville.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	14	8	14	7	34	15	45	45	22	19	12	12	11	10
133	Warwick.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	11	7	4	28	20	40	17	16	9	18	18	10	9
	Washington, D. C.																				
134	Cherrydale.....	10	10	1	1	2	2	6	6	12	12	12	12	16	16	5	5	10	10	5	5
135	First Church.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	18	18	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	13	13
136	Georgetown.....	45	45	7	7	9	9	28	28	6	6	66	66	88	88	36	36	42	42	23	23
137	Park Road.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	10	10	15	15	5	5	10	10	3	3
138	Mt. Tabor.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	3	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	11	11
139	N. Carolina Ave.	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	53	53	21	21	24	24	13	13
140	Rhode Isl'd Ave	80	80	12	12	17	17	49	49	28	28	111	111	167	167	56	56	88	88	40	40
141	Westminster.....	55	55	7	7	12	12	36	36	11	11	86	86	116	116	49	49	54	54	28	28
142	Wilmington, Del.....	16	16	3	3	1	2	8	8	2	3	2	5	23	10	12	3	12	6	8	4
143	W. Wilming'n, Del.	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	7	7	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
144	Williamsport.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	7	9	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	5	5
145	Whaleyville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	6	6	16	16	12	12	16	16	5	5	10	10	4	4
146	Wye.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	27	27	11	11	12	12	6	6

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Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid																			
57	57	7	64	500	500	...	64	74	80	300	303	1321	1385	98	
239	135	5	140	800	800	100	182	75	125	1282	1422	99	
113	65	20	88	400	400	85	43	31	10	97	666	754	100
190	190	23	40	1	...	...	...	...	...	286	600	600	150	138	120	215	300	38	1561	1847	101
212	212	71	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	341	1000	1000	180	214	238	110	1000	621	3363	3704	102
16	14	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	125	125	...	15	48	...	200	117	505	521	103
177	277	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	304	1000	1000	500	2266	423	100	...	357	4646	4950	104
116	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	600	600	300	300	200	5700	...	76	7176	7262	105
185	185	75	4	264	650	650	125	265	82	1000	2122	2386	106
167	175	72	12	11	6	21	21	318	800	850	250	110	235	205	19	1669	1987	107
342	342	125	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	482	1000	1000	210	558	180	245	250	111	2554	3036	108
147	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	500	500	40	75	46	70	...	...	731	806	109
150	150	30	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	199	825	825	300	118	144	...	500	358	2245	2444	110
133	93	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	500	492	75	25	36	115	...	...	743	839	111
56	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	255	212	...	30	32	...	...	...	274	304	112
107	40	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	295	290	60	5	5	67	...	2	447	493	113
117	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	550	533	100	40	35	100	...	205	1013	1080	114
152	152	35	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	192	600	650	...	155	120	290	...	35	1250	1442	115
128	76	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	600	571	60	95	30	30	...	30	816	904	116
126	126	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	131	500	500	75	137	12	14	100	66	904	1035	117
310	310	128	...	5	63	7	513	...	...	...	1200	1200	500	668	633	...	2000	625	5646	6159	118
228	228	79	23	19	...	...	...	...	...	359	900	900	125	250	93	...	...	83	1451	1810	119
102	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	900	700	100	200	100	300	...	59	1459	1533	120
192	192	100	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	314	1000	1000	75	160	230	110	...	320	1895	2209	121
193	193	63	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	295	900	900	200	216	79	835	225	130	2575	2870	122
214	214	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	256	800	800	150	200	200	100	...	20	1650	1906	123
226	226	61	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	418	650	650	120	78	171	800	...	8	1827	2245	124
169	169	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	194	700	700	150	300	150	400	...	650	2350	2544	125
210	210	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	257	720	720	200	100	140	450	...	118	1728	1985	126
105	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	211	127
226	226	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	228	850	850	250	145	65	200	100	102	1712	1940	128
149	139	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	850	850	200	150	125	316	197	36	1874	2038	129
140	140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262	500	675	144	80	70	300	...	75	1344	1606	130
93	93	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	139	600	600	125	56	100	365	150	110	1506	1645	131
187	115	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	138	650	650	250	126	75	140	...	278	1519	1657	132
158	114	21	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	138	600	600	75	138	71	407	...	32	1323	1461	133
79	11	12	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	65	800	800	...	126	175	100	100	400	1701	1766	134
217	217	15	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	244	1100	1100	600	500	300	3000	...	205	5745	5949	135
350	350	60	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	496	1200	1200	400	715	160	1600	...	300	4375	4871	136
60	60	10	70	600	600	...	30	65	137	832	902	137
184	127	17	12	...	4	...	...	...	...	160	900	900	...	475	200	40	400	521	2536	2906	138
213	213	30	26	48	...	...	...	...	...	383	1300	1300	...	650	180	264	...	346	2760	3143	139
648	648	57	88	137	...	150	168	1248	...	...	2250	2250	...	2082	733	400	1000	1200	7665	8913	140
454	454	30	175	691	1000	1000	250	450	142	25	10	...	197	4539	5230	141
111	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	...	...	...	112	39	1079	...	221	1451	1553	142
90	90	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	650	650	...	110	65	40	100	80	1045	1145	143
92	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	450	450	...	21	42	81	...	...	597	689	144
80	80	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	600	600	120	50	75	280	...	29	1154	1254	145
108	108	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	400	400	120	81	50	78	...	15	744	879	146

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers		Probationers.						Full Members				Sunday School.			Y. P. S. C. R.					
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Received.	Elected to Membership		Discontinued.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Children Baptized.	Conversions.	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.		
				Received.	Withdrawn.																
Accomac, Va.....	343	40	40	...	...	...	44	...	1	...	54	225	2	250	2	332	...	...	
Alexandria, Va....	6	129	6	4	...	...	6	2	...	1	...	5	111	40	176	1	41	...	...
Amelia, Va.....	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	318	...	127	...	...	...	...
Baltimore:																					
Alnut Mem'l	2	550	20	12	...	3	15	13	11	12	4	32	28	145	61	470	1	81	1	50	
Bethany.....	3	1118	2	1	...	...	18	4	...	...	9	2	114	30	200	1	14	...	...
Broadway.....	...	179	...	12	1	...	16	6	...	2	3	11	4	115	25	194	1	29	1	50	
Brooklyn.....	...	12	113	...	...	4	4	1	...	1	...	5	7	112	8	119	1	20	1	125
Calvary.....	2	20	195	20	16	...	8	24	3	2	2	...	21	23	136	50	336	1	67	1	60
Christ Church	2	...	333	...	...	...	56	6	7	4	4	22	50	144	75	600	1	70	1	75
E. Baltimore..	...	1	252	...	...	...	6	4	...	4	...	7	3	116	25	110	1	26	1	20
Eutaw.....	1	...	113	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	5	12	115	18	115	1	30	...	...	...
Evergreen....	...	1	107	...	3	...	6	2	7	...	12	3	114	4	148	1	48	1	61	...	
Hampden.....	46	550	206	160	...	...	180	3	...	5	3	23	236	121	893	1081	1	38	1	45
Keen Mem.....	3	10	167	20	10	...	10	...	10	...	25	20	124	20	200	1	60	1	60	...	
Lauraville...	...	23	88	6	7	...	24	...	5	1	2	7	118	19	128	1	27	1	35	...	
N. Baltimore..	1	5	164	...	4	...	8	4	...	4	...	3	2	116	18	113	1	30	...	...
Payson Street	1	...	88	4	4	...	11	4	...	...	14	5	118	30	180	1	40	1	20	...
S. Baltimore..	2	12	187	6	...	...	23	13	9	2	2	23	23	120	40	184	1	30	1	32
Starr.....	3	19	276	...	...	...	34	3	...	3	2	10	10	120	20	165	1	38	...	...
St. Johns.....	2	8	253	4	8	...	13	5	1	3	...	9	11	134	51	302	1	40	1	35	
St. Pauls.....	...	1	102	...	...	...	50	4	...	10	17	69	120	80	174	1	55	1	45	...
Violetville...	17	82	23	6	...	...	11	1	21	...	8	8	119	4	125	1	30	...	...	...
Waverly.....	3	82	11	8	1	...	11	...	1	1	18	11	117	39	144	1	40	1	35	...	
W. Baltimore..	2	3	377	1	1	...	28	15	1	12	14	18	133	100	317	1	54	1	46	...	
Wilton He'lts	23	146	...	3	3	...	43	5	6	1	6	71	121	89	239	1	46	1	80	...	
Baltimore Ct....	...	225	4	12	...	...	28	...	3	1	9	16	328	9	190	2	99	...	...	...
Bedford, Pa.....	62	327	62	...	...	...	1	3	...	5	...	204	6	67	...	483	...	...	...	...
Belair.....	18	243	18	...	...	...	2	3	...	1	4	21	434	18	153	1	16	...	...	...
Buckeystown...	...	297	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	3	...	10	17	240	25	260	1	50	1	60
Cambridge.....	1	15	230	12	12	4	...	20	...	5	...	60	16	340	25	275	1	20	1	40	
Campbell, Va....	3	175	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	321	...	125	...	...	...	...	...
Cannon, Del....	5	112	10	5	...	...	6	3	1	...	4	10	120	24	135	1	35	2	47	...
Ca. oline.....	1	253	45	45	...	...	45	...	...	1	17	45	434	10	275	3	50	...	...	...
Cecil.....	...	211	...	...	...	...	10	10	46	2	1	4	4	38	12	272	...	...	...	...
Centreville....	2	8	153	4	7	...	16	2	...	1	...	9	8	111	...	78	1	25	1	40	
Chesapeake....	1	107	1	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	...	11	3	120	5	150	1	40	...	...
Chestertown...	6	382	2	111	...	...	1	17	3	...	2	8	3	122	26	192	1	60	1	40
Chincoteag', Va.	...	89	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	...	...	6	120	20	180	...	...	...	...	...
Clayton, Del....	...	206	...	...	...	...	32	1	...	1	...	12	34	328	50	260	1	48	...	...
Concord, Pa....	...	368	82	82	...	...	86	1	...	3	25	85	115	338	40	200	2	125	...	...
Conquest, Va....	...	149	...	...	...	...	9	3	...	1	3	1	12	224	...	126	...	...	1	35
Crisfield: Crisf'd	23	375	4	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	1	9	5	155	...	772	1	73	1	75
Lawsonia.....	5	67	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	8	16	112	...	60	...	...	...	...
Mariners.....	14	203	14	4	1	6	...	5	5	1	2	5	19	117	21	226	1	25	1	45	
Crumpton.....	6	71	10	4	...	...	4	2	...	2	...	7	18	2	...	60	...	...	...	...
Cumberland.....	24	333	24	98	2	37	3	9	17	350	131	200	414	1	53	1	33	
Cumberland Ct..	29	146	69	40	45	14	28	2	2	13	98	3	27	128	329	3	68	3	65

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		Probationers.										Full Members.					School			Y. P. S. C. R.	
		Received.	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Adults Emptised.	Children Baptised.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
Deer Creek.....	172	...	...	...	...	20	1	3	2	1	4	35	2	22	25	134	2	50	.....	.....
Deer Park.....	242	...	...	...	...	2	3	14	4	...	22	4	4	49	12	340	2	108	.....	.....
Delmar, Del....	21 200	3	3	...	...	4	3	...	1	...	20	5	1	30	25	350	1	25	1	50
Delta, Pa.....	1 281	...	...	...	...	18	3	10	3	1	3	15	1	24	20	220	1	72	1	50
Denton.....	1 179	...	...	...	...	16	1	6	...	...	4	28	1	15	...	332	1	19	1	45
Dorchester.....	257 36	36	...	...	...	39	2	8	2	3	8	75	4	28	28	203	...	...	...	...
Dover, Del....	1 78	...	1	...	...	8	...	...	1	1	1	1	14	58	95	...	...	...	...	...
Easton.....	10 200	16	15	...	...	23	3	...	4	...	9	14	1	18	17	162	1	21	1	29
Elizabeth, N. J.	216	...	...	...	...	14	9	...	1	2	10	10	1	29	80	272	1	39	1	35
Fairfax, Va....	2 26	185	31	6	...	20	2	8	2	15	2	44	4	33	74	209	2	30	...	...
Fawn Grove, Pa.	28 347	88	59	1	...	70	4	31	3	3	46	100	2	25	46	275	1	100	1	40	
Federalsburg...	13 98	...	...	...	...	3	2	4	1	...	5	4	1	18	10	150	1	30	...	...
Felton, Del....	3 100	3	...	10	...	...	...	26	...	...	5	13	2	22	5	145	...	...	...	...
Finksburg.....	459	5	20	15	...	20	...	...	3	2	25	10	4	57	10	350	4	170	...	...
First Ch. Newark, N. J.	2 10	419	3	1	...	1 67	17	5	4	1	15	33	1	65	120	689	1	54	1	35	
Franklin C'y, Va	280	7	7	...	...	7	2	3	1	12	4	15	4	55	60	365	3	200	1	40
Frederica, Del.	1 250	13	12	1	...	12	...	...	2	16	13	4	49	32	318	1	21	...	...	...
Georgeto'n, Del.	1 3	184	...	2	...	10	2	1	...	3	27	...	1	23	30	139	1	33	1	57	
Georgeto'n Cir.	2 143	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	13	19	2	3	20	5	158	...	...	...	...	...
Greensboro....	47	7	7	...	...	14	...	...	15	7	1	7	10	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greenwood, Del.	4 258	6	...	69	...	20	3	18	14	77	3	35	30	315	1	36	1	24	...	...
Grove.....	4 105	3	...	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	4	45	...	215	...	...	...	...	...
Harbeson, Del...	1 25	160	7	1	...	11	...	...	2	2	19	3	38	...	230	3	60	...	...	...
Harper's F'y, W. Va	20	100	20	...	...	15	1	...	2	1	23	25	2	20	67	150	...	...	...	...
Harrington, Del	2 232	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	3	9	1	19	...	250	1	42	1	25	...
Howard.....	19 232	8	8	9	...	8	...	...	6	8	9	4	33	14	271	2	40	...	...	...
Hurlock.....	28 120	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	2	...	...	2	27	41	150	1	40	...	...	...
Indian River....	44	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	8	3	1	7	4	64	...	...	...	...	...
Kempton.....	1 19	465	10	19	...	19	2	73	4	2	21	25	5	65	...	450	1	20	...	...
Kennedyville...	103	...	...	...	...	7	2	3	2	...	5	3	1	14	...	84	1	15	...	...
Kent Island....	1 106	...	...	...	...	5	1	8	3	...	8	4	2	18	...	85	...	...	...	...
Laurel, Del....	2 306	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	3	...	6	8	1	23	12	260	1	26	1	48
Laurel Circuit	1 21	187	4	13	13	25	6	...	1	...	8	21	4	35	20	240	...	...	...	...
Leeds.....	2 184	16	14	5	...	30	7	12	4	6	14	36	2	27	10	100	1	45	...	...
Leipsic, Del...	5 108	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	1	8	...	65	1	30	...	...	...
Lewes, Del....	2 85	2	...	7	...	1	...	...	3	...	22	5	1	15	25	125	1	18	1	20
Lewistown.....	51 127	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	15	4	2	24	6	145	2	142	1	45
Liberty.....	193	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	5	...	4	...	2	34	9	188	1	68	2	55
Lisbon.....	114	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	1	...	15	...	4	51	...	325	...	...	...	...
Lynchburg, Va.	159	...	...	...	...	32	8	...	1	14	1	43	1	17	22	110	1	36	...	...
Fairview....	75	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	10	1	11	40	107	1	30	1	50	...
Mardela.....	6 267	6	6	...	...	7	...	...	2	...	3	5	4	50	5	299	2	50	1	12
Marley.....	2 11	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	...	3	25	25	200	1	30	1	25
Middleway, W. Va.	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Milford, Del...	50 440	30	75	175	...	1 60	10	40	2	1	20	46	2	40	43	450	2	150	1	85	
Milton, Del....	1 152	9	1	...	22	20	1	11	25	155	1	25	
Mt. Nebo.....	17 304	41	1 68	3	1	1	5	20	44	3	38	16	300	3	62	

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				Received.	Ejected to Membership.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.				Deceased.	Officers and Teachers.		School	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.	
New Church, Va	241	30	38					38	6	3	23	2	43	3	39	31	289						
Newmarket	336	15	17			8		17	10	4	4	10	15	4	45	30	350	3	95	1	35		
Nichols Memo'	10	46	10					4		1	1	6	10	3	20	25	134						
Northumb'ld Va.	7	470	7							6		1	13	2	20	150							
Oak Grove	128							1		10				1	13	2	61						
Oxford	5	147	5					17	2		2		5	40	1	22	40	227			1	30	
Parksley, Va		325						22	1	3		1	1	24	2	45	25	368	1	25			
Patapsco	12	38	12	1				1						13	1	14	17	76	1	35			
Philadelphia:																							
St. Lukes	2	8	208	8	7	1		22	9	13	1		12	9	1	35	40	401	1	86			
Taylor Mem'l.	1	23	160	23				32	3		2		20		1	32	150	500	1	60			
Pipe Creek			250					35	7		1	14		31	2	24	11	149	2	80			
Pittsville		1	489	17	16			19	1		3	3	9	25	3	38	32	350	1	30			
Pocomoke City		2	310	2	1			7	3		3	2	3	9	2	24	27	265	1	17	1	60	
Pocomoke Circ't	3		200	3				6	2	4	1			5	4	28	10	150					
Potomac, Va	21	200	7	11				39	2		2	4	14	35	2	36	25	252	1	65			
Powellville		1	181	1				1		1			1	3	25	18	195						
Prince George			125					3		2	1			1	7		38						
Quantico			79	1				5	2				3	1	4	5	30						
Queen Anne		5	110	7	2			2	7	2			5	7	2	15	2	72	1	10			
Reliance		4	255	4	1			23	2		5	14	23	3	37	15	280	1	14				
Rowlandville			175					1	22	8			1	3	22	6	96						
Salem			95		3			2		1	1	2		1	12		75	1	20				
Salisbury	20	401	26					21	8		4	1	4	50	1	34	170	506	1	99	1	50	
Seaford, Del.			302					29	6	14	7	1	4	33	1	25	29	296	1	63	1	75	
Selbyville, Del.	1		222					12				5	26	2	28		350	1	92				
Sharptown			275	15					8	4		10	37	2	54	30	325	1	80	1	60	1	40
Snow Hill		4	370	4	4	11		22	8	10	3		10	33	2	27	63	255	1	60	1	140	
Stewartstown Pa	2		192					6		2	4	1	7	5	24	25	225	2	60	1	25		
St. James			168					9	4			1	4	6	2	26	119	233	1	56			
St. Michaels	1	19	177	20	5			5	1			2	12	30	3	45	30	260	2	90	1	50	
Susquehanna	1		245	7	7			2		2	10	10	7	2	30	6	186	1	46				
Talbot		2	50	2				6		1			5	2	26		65	1	15				
Trinity	1		260	1				1	2					2	18		160	1	27				
Union	1	1	239	1				8	2	28			9		4	42	57	399					
Union Bridge			80	1				6				2	4	3	1	15	14	72	1	57	1	15	
Wallace Me. Va.		3	95	1				8	1	1			6	1	20	16	184	1	53				
Waltersville		19	211	11	4		3	11	4		3	4	5	44	2	30	20	187					
Warwick			185	7	7			7	1	3	1		22	7	3	23	13	134	1	26			
Washington:																							
Cherrydale			77					24				2	14	12	1	26	64	264	4	29			
First Church	1		285					25	5	10	5	2	29	23	1	32	80	250	1	35			
Georgetown			238		12			24	4		4	1	3	8	1	17	15	91	1	52			
Park Road			43					2	1		2		2	23	1	17	23	110	1	17	1	45	
Mt. Tabor			73					8	3		1		7	8	1	14	12	117	1	25			
N. C. Avenue	1		217					16	2	42	2		4	11	1	25	64	315	2	25	1	20	
R. I. Avenue	1	11	570	8	6			54	33		6	7	11	22	1	49	57	493	1	61	1	20	
Westminster	3		297	8				10	3		5			25	1	18	11	184	1	89			
Wilmington, Del	2	29	51	29				42		19				33	1	8	50	96	1	29			
W. Wilmington, Del	1		6	1				3		1		12	2	1	12		22	127					
Williamsport		39	133	39	29			29			1	26	2	39	2	25	5	160	1	14			
Whaleyville	1		230					1		2		16	10	2	25	10	250	1	15				
Wye			182	12	12			13	1	5	1		11	16	1	15		95	1	25	1	30	

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1914-15											
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Home.	Total.
Accomac, Va....	3	3	1	8100	1500	1000	4300	17	24	4	6	16	14	36	47	19	25	14	205
Alexandria, Va..	1	1	1	18300	3000	2550	8000	8	12	3	2	6	9	16	22	9	10	8	97
Amelia, Va.....	3	3	1	2800	1500	.....	1800	19	10	2	2	6	7	15	21	9	10	7	89
Baltimore:																			
Alnut Mem'l	1	1	1	55000	6000	.....	24000	18	65	9	13	42	20	99	13	55	63	38	545
Bethany	1	1	...	5000	.....	.....	3000	9	10	3	2	6	11	16	22	9	10	7	96
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	1000	6000	8	25	4	6	18	10	40	55	22	25	17	232
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	10000	1000	.....	6000	11	20	3	4	12	7	28	40	16	18	13	161
Calvary.....	1	1	...	15000	.....	5020	6000	4	10	3	2	6	19	18	21	9	10	7	103
Christ Church	1	1	1	30000	3300	14100	17550	15	18	3	4	10	32	25	35	16	18	12	173
E. Baltimore	1	1	1	25000	2000	.....	6000	12	45	7	9	28	6	66	90	38	42	30	361
Eutaw	1	1	1	20000	4000	6731	10700	12	19	3	4	9	7	24	35	14	15	13	143
Evergreen	1	1	...	6000	.....	550	5000	6	10	3	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	93
Hampden	1	1	1	17000	1500	.....	1:650	18	40	5	7	24	55	59	80	30	38	27	365
Keen Mem'l.	1	1	1	19000	4000	1700	6000	4	18	3	4	10	11	25	35	15	17	12	150
Lauraville	1	1	...	5600	.....	1600	3600	7	5	1	2	4	7	9	14	5	6	4	57
N. Baltim'e...	1	1	1	36000	6000	6300	25500	22	40	5	8	27	6	52	72	29	37	27	303
Payson Street	1	1	...	4000	.....	1500	1500	2	10	3	2	6	10	17	24	9	10	7	98
So. Baltimore	1	1	1	21000	2000	700	3500	13	20	3	4	12	10	28	40	16	18	13	164
Starr	1	2	2	91000	14000	23500	28500	13	66	9	13	42	9	99	134	55	63	39	529
St. Johns	1	1	1	85000	7500	7000	32333	27	66	9	13	42	17	99	134	55	63	39	537
St. Paul's	1	1	...	14000	.....	6098	6000	1	5	1	2	4	10	9	10	4	3	5	52
Violetville.....	1	1	1	1200	2500	1600	2500	6	8	1	2	4	7	9	15	5	6	5	62
Waverly.....	1	1	1	2000	1800	158	2200	1	10	3	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	93
W. Baltimore	1	1	1	37500	3000	6000	20000	77	65	9	13	42	18	99	134	55	63	38	537
WiltonHe'hts	1	1	...	8500	.....	450	7000	13	8	1	2	4	15	9	14	5	7	5	70
Baltimore Ct....	3	3	1	22000	4000	3220	16700	12	20	3	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	165
Bedford, Pa.....	6	6	1	10000	1000	.....	1900	50	28	5	6	19	28	44	62	24	28	19	263
Belair	4	4	1	18000	7000	.....	10000	23	25	4	5	16	9	39	51	21	24	17	211
Buckeystown	2	2	1	23700	4500	.....	18800	20	60	9	13	38	15	90	124	52	58	40	499
Cambridge	3	3	1	22000	2500	8000	15000	10	30	5	6	20	16	47	66	26	30	20	264
Campbell, Va....	3	3	1	3000	1500	200	1400	...	10	3	2	6	7	16	21	9	10	7	91
Cannou, Del.....	1	1	1	2000	2500	600	2600	3	10	1	2	5	8	12	17	7	9	5	76
Caroline	4	4	1	6500	2500	490	3000	...	23	3	6	15	15	34	49	20	22	15	202
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000	.....	6500	6	21	3	4	15	16	33	45	18	21	14	190
Centreville	1	1	1	13500	2500	.....	6500	21	18	3	4	10	4	25	35	15	17	12	143
Chesapeake	2	2	1	6450	2000	.....	4500	8	18	3	4	10	9	25	35	19	17	10	150
Chestertown....	1	1	1	30000	6000	.....	15340	29	60	9	13	38	11	90	124	52	58	40	495
Chincoteag', Va	1	1	1	6000	1600	.....	1500	8	18	3	4	10	10	25	35	15	17	12	149
Clayton, Del....	3	3	1	9000	1800	.....	6700	12	25	4	5	16	14	39	52	21	24	17	217
Concord, Pa....	3	3	1	5500	500	.....	3800	15	22	3	4	14	12	34	45	18	20	15	187
Conquest, Va....	2	2	1	4000	2500	585	4050	8	10	3	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	93
Crisfield:																			
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	40000	3000	800	11000	20	45	7	9	28	41	66	90	38	42	26	392
Lawsonia.....	1	1	1	3500	1000	.....	2090	1	10	1	2	5	4	13	18	7	9	7	76
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1200	.....	4000	3	20	2	3	9	12	22	36	14	16	13	147
Crumpton	2	2	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	5	5	15	2	2	10	4	24	31	14	14	126
Cumberland	1	1	1	16000	5000	2900	11000	25	25	4	5	16	22	39	52	21	24	17	225
Cumberland Ct.	3	3	...	3300	.....	50	2400	2	2	10	8	2	6	18	14	20	8	9	97
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	4200	1800	3300	11	12	3	3	8	8	19	23	11	12	8	113
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	7500	1600	57	6500	8	19	3	4	9	19	24	35	14	15	13	155

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New Church, Va	241	30	38	38	6	3	23	2	43	3	39	31	289					
Newmarket	336	15	17	8	17	10	...	4	4	10	15	4	45	30	350	3	95	1	35			
Nichols Memo'	10	46	10	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	1	6	10	3	20	25	134	...	...	...	...
Northumb'ld Va.	7	470	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	13	2	20	...	150	...	...	...	...	...
Oak Grove	128	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	1	13	2	61	...	...	...	...	...
Oxford	5	147	5	...	...	...	...	...	17	2	...	2	...	5	40	1	22	40	227	...	...	...	1	30	
Parksley, Va	325	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	1	3	...	1	1	24	2	45	25	368	1	25	...	...	...
Patapsco	12	38	12	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	17	76	1	35	...	...	...	...
Philadelphia:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Lukes	2	8	208	8	7	1	...	...	22	9	13	1	...	12	9	1	35	40	401	1	86	...	...	...	...
Taylor Mem'l.	1	23	160	23	...	...	...	...	32	3	...	2	...	20	...	1	32	150	500	1	60	...	...	...	...
Pipe Creek	...	...	250	...	...	...	...	...	35	7	...	1	14	...	31	2	24	11	149	2	80	...	...	...	...
Pittsville	1	489	17	16	...	...	...	...	19	1	...	3	3	9	25	3	38	32	350	1	30	...	...	...	...
Pocomoke City	2	310	2	1	...	...	...	...	7	3	...	3	2	3	9	2	24	27	265	1	17	1	60	...	...
Pocomoke Circ't	3	...	200	3	...	...	...	...	6	2	4	1	...	5	4	28	10	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Potomac, Va	21	200	7	11	...	...	...	...	39	2	...	2	4	14	35	2	36	25	252	1	65	...	...	...	...
Powellville	1	131	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	3	25	18	195	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prince George	...	125	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	1	7	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quantico	...	79	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	3	1	4	5	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Queen Anne	...	5	110	7	2	...	...	...	2	7	2	...	...	5	7	2	15	2	72	1	10	...	...	...	...
Reliance	4	255	4	1	...	...	...	...	23	2	...	5	...	14	23	3	37	15	280	1	14	...	...	...	...
Rowlandville	...	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	22	8	...	...	1	3	22	6	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem	...	95	...	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	1	2	...	...	1	12	...	75	1	20	...	...	...	...
Salisbury	20	401	26	...	...	...	...	...	21	8	...	4	1	4	50	1	34	170	506	1	99	1	50	...	...
Seaford, Del.	...	302	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	6	14	7	1	4	33	1	25	29	296	1	63	1	75	...	...
Selbyville, Del.	1	222	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	5	26	2	28	...	350	1	92	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sharptown	...	275	15	8	4	...	10	37	2	54	30	325	1	80	1	60	1	60
Snow Hill	4	370	4	4	...	11	...	...	22	8	10	3	...	10	33	2	27	63	255	1	60	1	40	...	...
Stewartstown Pa	2	192	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	4	1	7	5	2	42	25	225	2	60	1	25	...	...	...
St. James	...	168	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	...	1	4	6	2	26	119	233	1	56	...	...	...	...	...
St. Michaels	1	19	177	20	5	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	2	12	30	3	45	30	260	2	90	1	50	...	...
Susquehanna	1	245	7	7	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	10	10	7	2	30	6	186	1	46	...	...	...	...	...
Talbot	2	50	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	5	2	26	...	65	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trinity	1	260	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	18	...	160	1	27	...	...	...	...	...
Union	1	1	239	1	...	...	...	...	8	2	28	...	9	...	4	42	57	399	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Union Bridge	...	80	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	2	4	3	1	15	14	72	1	57	1	15	...	...	...
Wallace Me. Va.	3	95	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	...	1	6	1	20	16	184	1	53	...	...	...	...	...
Waltersville	19	211	11	4	...	3	11	4	...	3	4	5	44	2	30	20	185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warwick	...	185	7	7	...	...	...	...	7	1	3	1	...	22	7	3	23	13	133	1	26	...	...	...	...
Washington:
Cherrydale	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	2	14	19	1	26	64	264	...	29	...	...	...	...	...
First Church	1	285	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	5	10	5	2	29	23	1	32	80	250	1	35	...	...	...	...
Georgetown	...	238	12	...	...	...	...	...	24	4	...	1	3	8	1	17	15	91	1	52	...	...	...	...	...
Park Road	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	2	...	2	23	1	17	23	110	1	17	1	45	...	...
Mt. Tabor	...	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	...	1	7	8	1	14	12	117	1	25	...	...	...	...	...
N. C. Avenue	1	217	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2	42	2	...	4	11	1	25	64	315	2	25	1	20	...	...
R. I. Avenue	1	11	570	8	6	...	...	...	54	33	...	6	7	11	22	1	49	57	493	1	61	1	20	...	...
Westminster	3	287	8	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	...	5	...	25	1	18	11	184	1	89	...	...	...	...	...
Wilmington, Del	2	29	51	29	...	...	...	...	42	...	19	...	...	33	1	8	50	96	1	29	...	...	...	...	...
W. Wilming'n, Del	1	6	61	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	12	2	1	12	2	12	22	127	...	...	...	...	...	...
Williamsport	39	133	39	29	...	...	...	...	29	...	1	26	2	39	2	25	5	160	1	14	...	...	...	...	...
Whaleyville	1	230	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	16	10	2	25	10	250	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wye	...	182	12	12	...	...	...	...	13	1	5	1	11	16	1	15	...	95	1	25	1	30	...	...	...

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1914-15											
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Home	Total.
Accomac, Va....	3	3	1	8100	1500	1000	4300	17	24	4	6	16	14	36	47	19	25	14	205
Alexandria, Va..	1	1	1	18300	3000	2550	8000	8	12	3	2	6	9	16	22	9	10	8	97
Amelia, Va.....	3	3	1	2800	1500	.....	1800	19	10	2	2	6	7	15	21	9	10	7	89
Baltimore:																			
Alnut Mem'l	1	1	1	55000	6000	.....	24000	18	65	9	13	42	26	99	33	55	63	38	545
Bethany	1	1	1	5000	.....	.....	3000	9	10	3	2	6	11	16	22	9	10	7	96
Broadway	1	1	1	4000	6000	1000	6000	8	25	4	6	18	10	40	55	22	25	17	222
Brooklyn	1	1	1	10000	1000	.....	6000	11	20	3	4	12	7	28	40	16	18	13	161
Calvary	1	1	1	15000	.....	5020	6000	4	10	3	2	6	19	16	21	9	10	7	103
Christ Church	1	1	1	30000	3300	14100	17550	15	18	3	4	10	32	25	35	16	18	12	173
E. Baltimore.	1	1	1	25000	2000	.....	6000	12	45	7	9	28	6	66	90	38	42	30	361
Eutaw	1	1	1	20000	4000	6731	10700	12	19	3	4	9	7	24	35	14	15	13	143
Evergreen	1	1	1	6000	.....	550	5060	6	10	3	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	93
Hampden	1	1	1	17000	1500	.....	12650	18	40	5	7	24	55	59	80	30	38	27	365
Keen Mem'l.	1	1	1	15000	4000	1700	6000	4	18	3	4	10	11	25	35	15	17	12	150
Lauraville	1	1	1	5600	.....	1600	3600	7	5	1	2	4	7	9	14	5	6	4	57
N. Baltim'e..	1	1	1	36000	6000	6300	25500	22	40	5	8	27	6	62	72	29	37	27	303
Payson Street	1	1	1	4000	.....	1500	1500	2	10	3	2	6	10	17	24	9	10	7	93
So. Baltimore	1	1	1	21000	2000	700	3500	13	20	3	4	12	10	23	40	16	18	13	164
Starr	1	2	2	91000	1000	23500	28500	13	66	9	13	42	9	99	134	55	63	30	520
St. Johns	1	1	1	85000	7500	7000	32333	27	66	9	13	42	17	99	134	55	63	39	537
St. Paul's	1	1	1	14000	.....	6098	6000	1	5	1	2	4	10	9	10	4	4	3	52
Violetville....	1	1	1	1200	2500	1600	2500	6	8	1	2	4	7	9	15	5	6	5	62
Waverly.....	1	1	1	2000	1800	158	2200	1	10	3	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	93
W. Baltimore	1	1	1	37500	3000	6000	20000	77	65	9	13	42	18	99	134	55	63	38	537
WiltonHe'hts	1	1	1	8500	.....	460	7000	13	8	1	2	4	15	9	14	5	7	5	70
Baltimore Ct...	3	3	1	22000	4000	3220	16700	12	20	3	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	165
Bedford, Pa.....	6	6	1	10000	1000	.....	1900	50	28	5	6	19	28	44	62	24	28	19	263
Belair	4	4	1	18000	7000	.....	10000	23	25	4	5	16	9	39	51	21	24	17	211
Buckeystown ..	2	2	1	23700	4500	.....	18800	20	60	9	13	38	15	90	124	52	58	40	499
Cambridge	3	3	1	22000	2500	8000	15000	10	30	5	6	20	16	47	66	26	30	20	264
Campbell, Va...	3	3	1	3000	1500	200	1400	...	10	3	2	6	7	16	21	9	10	7	91
Cannon, Del....	1	1	1	2000	2500	600	2600	3	10	1	2	5	8	12	17	7	9	5	76
Caroline	4	4	1	6500	2500	490	3000	...	23	3	6	15	15	34	49	20	22	15	202
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000	.....	6500	6	21	3	4	15	16	33	45	18	21	14	190
Centreville	1	1	1	18500	2500	.....	6500	21	18	3	4	10	4	25	35	15	17	12	143
Chesapeake	2	2	1	6450	2000	.....	4500	8	18	3	4	10	9	25	35	19	17	10	150
Chestertown...	1	1	1	30000	6000	.....	15340	29	60	9	13	38	11	90	124	52	58	40	495
Chincoteag, Va	1	1	1	6000	1600	.....	1500	3	18	3	4	10	10	25	35	15	17	12	149
Clayton, Del....	3	3	1	9000	1800	.....	6700	12	25	4	5	16	14	39	52	21	24	17	217
Concord, Pa....	3	3	1	5500	500	.....	3800	15	22	3	4	14	12	34	45	18	20	15	187
Conquest, Va...	2	2	1	4000	2500	585	4050	8	10	3	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	93
Crisfield:																			
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	40000	3000	800	11000	20	45	7	9	28	41	66	90	38	42	26	392
Lawsonia.....	1	1	1	3500	1000	.....	2000	1	10	1	2	5	4	13	18	7	9	7	76
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1200	.....	4000	3	20	2	3	9	12	22	36	14	16	13	147
Crumpton	2	2	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	5	15	2	2	10	4	24	31	14	14	10	126
Cumberland ...	1	1	1	16000	5000	2900	11000	25	25	4	5	16	22	39	52	21	24	17	225
Cumberland Ct.	3	3	3	3300	.....	50	2400	2	10	3	2	6	18	14	20	8	9	7	97
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	4200	1800	3300	11	12	3	3	8	8	19	23	11	12	8	112
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	7500	1600	57	6500	8	19	3	4	9	19	24	35	14	15	13	155

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	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Home	Total.		
Delmar, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	2500	3900	8250	25	19	3	4	9	19	24	35	14	15	13	155	
Delta, Pa.....	1	1	1	6000	3000	887	6000	7	20	3	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	166	
Denton.....	1	1	1	12000	2500	3600	7500	13	24	3	4	15	17	37	47	20	22	16	205	
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6000	21	24	3	4	15	12	37	47	20	22	16	205
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	3200	1800	2200	7	10	3	2	6	5	16	22	9	10	7	90	
Easton.....	1	1	1	16000	2500	400	12885	19	43	7	26	9	64	87	35	40	29	347		
Elizabeth, N. J..	1	1	1	16500	5500	4800	14300	8	40	6	7	25	15	64	86	35	40	27	345	
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	5000	1800	326	5925	12	12	3	3	8	12	19	28	11	12	8	116	
Fawn Grove, Pa.	2	2	1	20	00	3500	1600	9000	7	22	4	5	16	20	39	52	21	24	17	223
Federalsburg.....	1	1	1	10000	2000	950	5800	13	12	3	3	8	8	19	28	11	12	8	112	
Felton, Del.....	3	3	1	3500	2000	382	40	0	1	12	3	3	8	8	19	28	11	12	8	112
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	20000	2200	.....	11000	74	25	4	5	16	20	39	52	21	24	17	223
Ist Ch'l, Newark, N.J.	1	1	1	90000	10000	9000	48500	25	60	7	13	38	38	88	120	50	55	40	509	
Franklin C'y, Va	4	4	1	7500	1000	106	3100	10	23	3	5	15	1	38	50	20	22	15	212	
Frederica, Del..	1	1	1	1500	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	16
Frederick.....	4	4	1	6800	1600	.....	4700	14	22	4	5	14	18	34	47	19	21	15	199
Geo'town, Del..	1	1	1	9000	6000	3491	8500	5	20	3	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	166	
Geo'town Cir't	3	3	1	3500	.....	.....	2100	3	12	3	3	8	9	19	28	11	12	8	113
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	3000	1900	1000	2200	2	10	3	2	6	3	16	22	9	10	7	88	
Greenwood, Del	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	9000	15	22	4	5	14	18	34	47	19	22	15	200
Grove.....	4	4	1	5000	800	.....	.....	8	15	2	2	10	13	24	31	14	14	10	135
Harbeson, Del..	3	3	1	3200	1300	.....	1000	3	8	1	2	4	13	11	17	7	9	5	77
Harpers F'y, W. Va	2	2	1	6000	3000	1000	3000	4	18	2	3	8	9	20	30	12	14	12	128	
Harrington Del.	1	1	1	15000	1675	.....	5931	17	22	3	4	13	13	35	48	18	20	15	191
Howard.....	4	3	1	12000	3100	.....	10200	46	22	4	5	14	15	34	47	19	22	15	197
Hurlock.....	3	3	1	8700	2500	1000	4900	8	15	3	3	10	9	24	31	14	14	8	131	
Indian River...	1	1	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	1	2	4	9	14	5	6	4	59
Kempdown.....	5	5	1	10000	1200	.....	8200	46	28	5	6	19	26	44	62	24	28	11	261
Kennedyville...	1	1	1	4750	1300	.....	4000	10	16	3	4	10	5	22	31	12	15	11	129
Kent Island ..	2	2	1	6000	1800	.....	3000	16	20	3	4	12	5	32	45	17	20	13	171
Laurel, Del...	1	1	1	80000	4000	12200	15000	30	32	7	7	21	14	49	68	28	29	21	276	
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	5000	3000	270	4200	12	25	4	5	16	14	39	52	21	24	17	217	
Leeds.....	2	2	1	8000	2500	125	6875	26	20	3	4	12	6	28	40	16	18	13	160	
Leipsic.....	1	1	1	3000	1000	.....	2500	2	6	1	2	4	4	9	15	5	6	4	56
Lewes, Del.....	1	1	1	4000	300	.....	2500	2	8	1	2	4	7	9	15	5	6	5	62
Lewistown.....	2	2	1	2800	1200	700	2700	1	8	1	2	4	8	9	15	5	6	5	63	
Liberty.....	3	3	1	7000	2000	.....	5200	13	20	3	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	165
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	8600	4900	1340	9670	21	25	4	5	16	19	39	52	21	24	17	222	
Lynchburg, Va.	1	1	1	20000	5000	800	5000	14	20	3	4	12	6	27	38	16	18	13	157	
Fairview.....	1	1	1	3500	700	.....	1000	4	8	1	2	4	6	11	17	7	9	5	70
Mardela.....	4	4	1	6500	1000	87	2000	9	20	3	4	12	17	30	43	17	20	13	179	
Marley.....	3	3	1	5200	1800	1400	3000	12	15	3	2	8	11	20	28	12	12	10	121	
Middleway, W. Va	1	1	1	800	500	.....	500	2	10	3	2	6	.....	16	22	9	10	7	85
Milford, Del..	2	2	1	28000	.....	3200	20000	12	25	4	5	16	25	39	52	21	24	12	223
Milton, Del....	1	1	1	3500	1500	.....	2300	4	15	3	2	8	8	20	28	12	12	11	119
Mt. Nebo.....	3	3	1	4500	2200	.....	5000	7	18	3	4	12	17	25	37	15	16	12	159
New Church Va	3	3	1	8700	2200	100	3000	21	18	3	4	10	16	25	36	15	17	12	156	
Newmarket.....	4	4	1	13000	2000	.....	9000	12	30	5	9	23	20	47	64	26	30	20	274
Nichols Memo'l	3	3	2	13345	2400	5600	10225	.....	6	1	2	4	8	9	15	5	6	4	60
Northumberl'd.	5	5	1	14000	1600	.....	3400	16	23	5	6	19	9	44	62	24	28	19	244
Oak Grove.....	1	1	1	2500	1000	.....	1700	18	13	2	3	9	4	21	29	12	13	9	115

Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1914	1913	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3105	\$ 3085	\$ 20	\$
Conference.....	477	474	3	
Ministerial Education	601	598	3	
Seminary	1803	1821		18
College.....	1500	1446	54	
Superannuates.....	4157	4115	42	
Church Extension.....	5519	5606		87
Home Missions.....	2351	2540		189
Foreign Missions.....	2863	2741	122	
Church Home.....	1592	1516	76	
Special for Foreign Missions.....	7957	7700	257	
Miscellaneous	4333	254	4079	
Total	\$36258	\$31,896	4362	

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary.....	\$104525	\$100201	\$ 4324	
Parsonage Rent	23461	22867	594	
Current Expenses.....	40092	43224		3132
Sunday School Expenses.....	21709	20732	977	
Building and Improvements.....	57749	53 95	4654	
Paid on Debt.....	26420	26056	364	
Miscellaneous.....	29166	21069	8097	
Total for Local Interests	303122	287244	20240	
Total for all purposes.....	339380	319140	24602	

Assessments

President	\$ 3115	\$ 3118		
Conference.....	508	514		
Ministerial Education	653	656		
Seminary	1957	1957		
College	1768	1711		
Superannuates.....	4628	4638		
Church Extension.....	6408	6433		
Home Missions	2583	2596		
Foreign Missions.....	2970	2958		
Church Home.....	1588	1578		

J. RALPH WRIGHT,
Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

Membership

	1914	1913	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers.....	143	142	1	
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	70	67	3	
Probationers	1107	1339		232
Full Members	29708	28566	1142	
Probationers Received.....	1375	1322	53	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1171	740	431	
Probationers Withdrawn.....	23	10	13	
Probationers Discontinued.....	179	179		
Probationers Deceased.....	11	6	5	
Full Members Received.....	2624	2164	460	
Full Members Withdrawn	419	376	43	
Full Members Discontinued.....	705	1008		303
Full Members Deceased.....	294	284	10	
Adults Baptized	298	253	40	
Children Baptized	1438	1493		55
Conversions.....	3392	3358	34	
Sunday Schools.....	275	279		4
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3848	3692	156	
New Scholars.....	4956	4236	720	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	32598	31216	1382	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	141	136	5	
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	5792	5540	252	
Junior C. E. Societies.....	64	60	4	
Junior C. E. Members.....	2679	2628	51	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior } Societies for Foreign Missions..... }	\$ 1189	\$1558		369

Property

Appointments.....	291	290	1	
Churches.....	2924	2914	1	
Parsonages.....	122	120	2	
Value of Church Property.....	2383545	2344661	38884	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	349325	337475	11850	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	244788	254395		9607
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	1203624	1185989	17635	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	1893	1869	24	

JAMES A. DUDLEY,
CHAS. E. SHAW,
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 Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.

2. 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.

3. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

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 adjournment.

2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.

3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.

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

5. 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.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

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

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, 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 occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. Be the Committee on the Publication and distribution of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks to all ministers who are not pastors, on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

14. Be the Committee on Transportation.

Rule IV. Duties of 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.

2. They shall meet on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock and open the pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall count the money in 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. The 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.

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

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

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

2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
 3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
 4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 6. Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 7. Young People's Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 8. Moral Reform—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 10. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 11. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
 12. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
 13. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 14. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 15. Committee of Audit—2 ministers, 1 layman.
 16. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.
 17. Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young People's Work—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.
 18. Our Church Home—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.
4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full.

Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—

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

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

3. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary.

4. At 8.00 o'clock on the evening of 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 adoption.

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.

4. Call for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up in regular order, or made the order of the day.

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

6. Miscellaneous business.

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

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

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

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

Rule VIII. DECORUM:—1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

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

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

4. 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.

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

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.

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

3. 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 members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.

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 Conference 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 necessarily 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.

6. 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-

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.

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

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

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

9. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors 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.

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

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

Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. 1. The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the 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: five-sixths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One-sixth 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 steadily 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 Conference.

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, by 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 at 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 conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

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

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

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 member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

7. 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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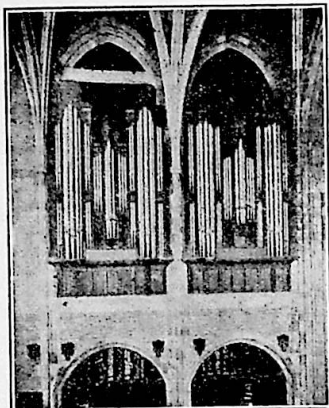
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