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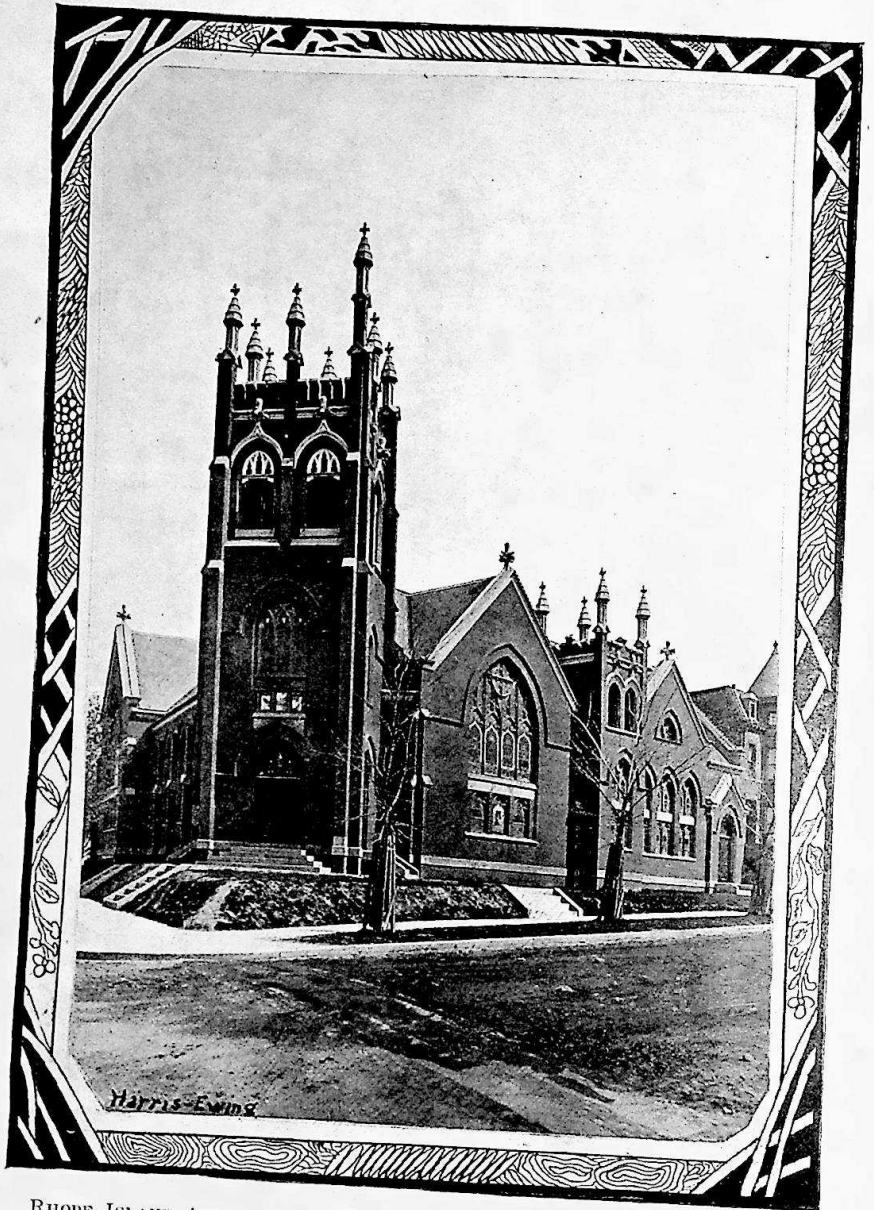
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215	J. M. Holmes	1865	1867	332	H. S. Johnson	1890	1892
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234	J. L. Straughn	1870	1872	339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891
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246	A. A. Harryman	1871	1873	341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.
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253	S. B. Tredway	1872	1874	344	C. M. Cullum	1892	1893
255	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	345	G. R. Donaldson	1892	1895
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261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	352	Louis Randall	1892	1894
262	J. A. Wiegand	1874	1876	354	J. A. Wright	1892	1892
265	G. Q. Bacchus	1874	1877	355	G. M. Clayton	1893	1896
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289	J. L. Elderdice	1880	1883	363	A. S. Beane	1893	1891
290	G. R. McCready	1880	1883	364	G. J. Hill	1894	1894
293	J. S. Bowers	1881	1884	365	W. H. Litsinger	1894	1896
294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883	369	F. S. Cain	1895	1898
297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885	370	H. L. Schlincke	1895	1897
299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886	371	C. E. Dryden	1895	1897
301	E. O. Ewing	1884	Tr.	372	H. O. Keen	1895	1898
302	E. A. Warfield	1884	1886	373	G. A. Morris	1895	1898
303	J. W. Norris	1884	1886	375	F. L. Stevens	1895	1897
308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886	376	A. N. Ward	1895	1897
309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887	377	T. H. Wright	1895	1893
310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885	378	J. F. Bryan	1896	1897
312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887	379	N. O. Gibson	1896	1898
315	J. F. Wooden	1886	1889	380	F. A. Holland	1896	1897
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387	W. A. Melvin	1897	1898	440	G. A. Ogg	1907	Tr.
388	E. T. Read	1897	1899	441	E. A. Sexsmith	1907	Tr.
389	J. L. Ward	1897	1899	442	J. L. Nichols	1908	Tr.
393	C. M. Zepp	1899	1900	443	R. T. Tyson	1908	Tr.
394	B. F. Ruley	1899	1900	445	E. L. Beauchamp . . .	1909	1910
396	T. R. Woodford	1899	1900	447	M. E. Hungerford . . .	1909	1911
397	G. E. Brown	1899	1904	448	J. R. Wright	1909	1911
398	C. M. Compher	1900	1901	450	A. B. Dupuy	1909	1911
400	F. J. Phillips	1900	1903	451	J. E. Massey	1909	1909
401	W. N. Sherwood	1900	1902	457	V. A. Miller	1911	1913
403	E. H. Jones	1900	1905	459	R. Y. Nicholson	1911	1912
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406	C. R. Strausburg	1901	1904	462	C. M. Adams	1912	1914
409	P. W. Crosby	1903	1904	463	W. F. Bauscher	1912	1913
411	G. J. Hooker	1903	1904	464	J. A. Dudley	1912	1912
413	Clayborne Phillips . . .	1903	1905	465	A. W. Ewell	1912	1913
415	R. L. Shipley	1903	1905	466	E. W. Simms	1912	1913
416	B. A. Bryan	1904	1906	467	W. F. Wright	1912	1914
417	G. I. Humphreys	1904	1906	468	Ziba Adams	1913	Tr.
421	F. M. Cliff	1904	1906	469	H. F. Schwarzkopf . . .	1913	Tr.
423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907	470	J. C. Poston	1913	Tr.
424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907	472	W. M. Snyder	1913	1914
425	Carroll Maddox	1905	1908	471	C. C. Day	1913	1914
426	W. P. Roberts	1905	1907	473	T. C. Jones	1914	Tr.
429	W. L. Hoffman	1906	1908	474	J. N. Link	1914	....
432	L. B. Smith	1906	1907	475	Allan Haldeman	1914	....
434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.	477	Ronalds Taylor	1914	1914
436	E. L. Bunce	1907	1907	478	I. S. Owens	1915
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Cumberland Ct.	C. H. Sturtz	Northumberland, Va.	J. T. Beane
Deer Creek	G. M. Pyle		
Deer Park	J. J. Brandenburg		

Charge	Layman	Charge	Layman
Oak Grove & Prince George, Va.		St. James	*R. G. Nicholson
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St. Lukes.	John Bayley Jones	Union Bridge	S. D. Senseney
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Pipe Creek	M. A. Zollickoffer	Waltersville	W. A. Downing
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Potomac, Va.	F. L. Ball	First Church..	Wm. H. Womersley
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Stewartstown, Pa.*	J. R. Strawbridge		

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Brooklyn.		George Phelps
Calvary.		Charles N. Alexander
		Scott N. Duvall
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Eutaw		Daniel L. Koller
Keen Memorial		E. H. Hayman
		D. C. Butcher
		J. A. Buell
Lauraville.		Peter M. R. Schauer
North Baltimore.		H. C. Staley
South Baltimore		H. E. Norris
		Joseph Wilson

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Milton
St. Lukes (Phila.)
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Selbyville.....
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- Missions**—D. L. Greenfield, J. M. Brown, C. M. Compher, J. J. McCauley, Dr. A. B. Stine, J. Wimbrow.
- President's Report**—W. H. Litsinger, G. R. Hodge, G. A. Ogg, S. Burgess, R. W. Sutcliffe, E. T. Parsons.
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Historical Record: T. H. Lewis.

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Preparatory Course

- 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—"Tillets Studies in Christian Doctrine."
J. L. ELDERDICE—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
A written sermon submitted February 1st.
T. O. CROUSE—English.
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, W. P. Jump, I. S. Owens, Edward Kirkley.

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—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I, complete.
S. B. TREDWAY—Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
J. W. BALDERSTON—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.

Students—J. N. Link, Allan Haldeman.

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

Third Year's Class

F. T. BENSON—Curtis' 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.

B. W. KINDLEY—Sunday School Organization and Management.

Student—W. M. Snyder.

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. W. KIRK, Secretary.

J. L. MILLS, President.

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Washington, D. C., April 7, 1915.

First Day—Wednesday

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened this day in the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church at nine o'clock in its eighty-seventh session. President Bowers called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional services. Hymn 205, "We are watching, we are waiting," was sung. J. M. Holmes offered the prayer and the President read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, following which the Conference sang Hymn 1, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty". The President calling W. M. Strayer to the chair then read his annual report, elaborate in its treatment of the church activities and dwelling at length upon the growth of the church during the year. Following the reading of the report the President's character was passed. (Report A.)

The Secretary called the roll of the Conference, one hundred and ten ministers and sixty-four laymen responding to their names. The names of James Earle Maloy, who died August 20, 1914 and Charles Walter Sanderson, who died September 3, 1914, were transferred to the Memorial Roll. The transfer papers of George J. Hooker from the Muskingum Conference were presented and his name was entered on the roll, he having returned to this Conference within the three year limit. The name of Howard Zepp was stricken from the roll at the recommendation of the President. In the lay roll the selection of delegate from Payson Street was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

By appointment F. T. Tagg called the Memorial Roll. At the names of James Earle Maloy and Charles Walter Sanderson the Conference paused and their lives and toils remembered in appropriate remarks by those who knew them well: J. L. Mills, E. H. Jones and W. H. Womersley speaking of brother Maloy and J. L. Nichols with J. A. Dudley, of brother Sanderson. After announcements the Conference recessed at 12:00 with the benediction by J. W. Gray.

Afternoon

The Conference assembled at two o'clock with the President in the chair. The report of the Secretary setting forth the canvass of the incorporation of the churches and giving the accredited list of delegates was read and adopted. That part of the report referring to the incorporation of churches was referred to the Committee on Church Extension and the financial statement of the incidental expense of Conference and Publication of Minutes was sent to the Committee of Audit. (Report B).

The report of T. H. Lewis on the preparation of the Historical Record states his willingness to perform the task yet his inability to do so as the Conference has made no provision to cover the cost of production. It was referred to the Board of Finance with instructions to suggest the means of securing the necessary funds. (Report R).

The Program Committee submitted its report in a printed form for use of the Conference, giving assignments of hours to the various Boards and Institutions of the Church as well as fixing hours for Committee Reports. As no provision had been made for Monday evening the Conference decided to devote the time to a Young People's meeting and made F. T. Benson chairman, he to arrange the program. As the Committee had overlooked the order of the day at ten o'clock Thursday morning the Secretary was instructed to insert "Calling of the roll for Pastors' reports". The report was then adopted. (Report P).

The report of the Special Committee to audit the books of the Treasurer for last year was read and adopted, finding everything correct. (Report Q).

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

A motion by T. H. Lewis that the title of the list of deceased ministers of the Conference be called The Memorial Roll instead of The Dead Roll, as formerly, was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to see that the change was made.

The bar of the house was fixed on motion by J. M. Sheridan to include the first six rows of pews.

The order of the day at this time, 2:30, being the election of officers, the president appointed as tellers W. A. Melvin, Clayborne Phillips, J. N. Warfield, Jr., and F. L. Ball. The ballot for president was ordered and

resulted as follows: 219 ballots were cast, 110 necessary for election:

J. S. Bowers	160
W. R. Graham	30
G. W. Haddaway	22
F. T. Tagg	1
J. M. Gill	3
J. W. Kirk	1
F. T. Benson	1
F. T. Little	1

J. S. Bowers having received more than the majority was declared elected. On motion of G. Q. Bacchus the assistant secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for J. H. Straughn as Secretary, which was done. J. R. Wright was elected Conference Steward and C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer, each for 1916, and both by unanimous vote, the Secretary casting the ballot. They were given permission to name their assistants.

Ballots for the Standing District Committee were received and the tellers permitted to retire for the count. The President appointed new tellers for the ballot for the Committee on Appeals: J. W. Parris, John T. Bailey, G. W. Lewis, W. F. Kirby. When this ballot was taken they also were excused to count the vote.

T. H. Lewis addressed the Conference concerning the morning devotional services and suggested that something should be done to secure a larger attendance and to make the meetings more devotional and helpful. After several suggestions by members of the Conference the President urged that all members meet promptly at the hour for service.

The President appointed F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, J. L. Mills and W. R. Graham to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper at the evening service.

The report of the special committee of last Conference on the resolution providing for the collection of the President's salary in advance does not concur and after some discussion was adopted. (Report S).

The tellers on the election of the Standing District Committee reported as follows: 106 ballots cast; 54 necessary for election. The following received majorities: Ministers, F. T. Little, W. R. Graham, J. M. Sheridan; Laymen, T. P. Fisher, W. G. Baker, T. A. Murray.

J. W. Gray pronounced the benediction.

Evening

After a service of song led by the Conference Choir, A. S. Beane, appointee for the Conference sermon, came to the pulpit and was assisted in the service by C. E. Dryden, J. L. Mills and A. N. Ward. John the fifteenth chapter was the scripture lesson; the text, John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Following the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, the ceremony being performed by the President, assisted by those appointed at the afternoon session.

Second Day—Thursday

The morning devotional service was in charge of T. H. Lewis and at 9:30 with the President the Conference opened its business session. The Minutes of yesterday were read and after some minor corrections were approved.

A resolution was presented by J. F. Bryan changing Rule 2, Section 14, of the Manual and providing that the President be authorized to urge appointments to make the salary for married men at least \$800. It was adopted. (Resolution 1).

The roll of the Charges was called and the delegates deposited such papers and communications as they had instructions to do; reports were also received from the various Boards and Institutions within the Conference district. These papers and reports were filed by the Secretary and without reading were delivered to the appropriate committees.

The report of the Conference Trustees with the financial statement of the Treasurer was read and adopted. (Report D). By motion the President was instructed to appoint a nominating committee for the Trustees whose terms expire with this Conference. The following were selected for the committee: J. W. Balderston, H. O. Keen, F. G. Usilton.

The report of the Educational Endowment Society was read and adopted. (Report T). On motion of J. M. Sheridan, H. L. Elderdice and T. W. Mather were re-elected to membership in the Board, their terms of office having expired.

The Conference Steward named as his assistants: W. C. Mumford, J.

P. George, Allan Haldeman. The Treasurer named N. C. Clough as his assistant.

The order of the day for ten o'clock was observed, the pastors depositing their official reports with call of their names. The Stewards were excused to make their tabulations.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, Secretary of the Federated Council of Churches; Rev. E. R. Hardin, fraternal messenger of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Bishop Earl Cranston of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced and each in turn addressed the Conference. D. L. Greenfield at the suggestion of the President made reply to Mr. Hardin and the President responded to the remarks of Bishop Cranston.

The two general secretaries, F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions and G. R. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, in turn addressed the Conference relative to their various interests. Daniel Baker thought it would be well for the Secretaries in these annual addresses to dwell more largely upon the statistical aspects of their work rather than upon its inspirational features. T. H. Lewis supplemented the address of Dr. Brown, that greater diligence be given throughout the district in putting the call to the ministry before the young men of our churches.

The Committee on President's Report was given more time in which to prepare.

Mr. J. Bibb Mills, Legislative representative of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the Conference in reference to the work of that organization in the absence of the Superintendent, T. M. Hare, who had been detained through illness in his family. The time was extended to hear a resolution offered by J. W. Trout, commending the course of Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania for his position on the Temperance question, and the resolution was by motion referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

E. D. Stone brought greetings from the Men's Bible Class of his charge, now numbering over 600 men.

F. T. Little requested for A. W. Mather a superannuate relation and by motion the request was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. The benediction was had by Bishop Cranston.

Afternoon

The President called the Conference to order at two o'clock. The report of the Committee on Visitation of the Maryland General Hospital was made the order of the day for Friday at ten o'clock.

Rev. L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society was introduced and addressed the Conference in that interest. Rev. J. Monroe Stick of the Maryland Tract Society was also introduced and spoke in behalf of his work.

The President of the General Conference, Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D.D., was introduced to the Conference. He addressed the Conference at length upon the state of the church and at its close the President gave him a seat beside himself for his use during his stay with the Conference.

H. O. Keen was excused until Friday morning.

C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the opportunities of the church. Rev. J. J. Jeffries, of the Anti-Cigarette League, was also introduced and briefly spoke to the Conference.

The Secretary read a letter from R. K. Lewis that he was ill, that he would be compelled to rest for a year and asked for a superannuate relation. The Secretary was instructed to reply to the letter and the request was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. A letter from J. L. Straughn was also read, that his condition is unimproved, but professing his continued interest in the Conference. The letter was sent to the Superannuate Committee and the Secretary made reply.

The Secretary appointed the following assistants: G. I. Humphreys, J. L. Nichols, Ronalds Taylor.

A resolution commending the peace efforts of President Wilson was presented by E. C. Makosky and was adopted. (Resolution 2).

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution appreciating the work of J. Bibb Mills, of the Anti-Saloon League and after reading was referred to the Committee on Moral Reform. (See Report K).

The special committee on Frederica church reported that it had exchanged whatever interest we had in the property for whatever interest was held in another property near Felton by the "Lightbourn" church of Dover. The report was adopted and the committee continued. (Report U).

A communication was read from the Lord's Day Alliance of the Unit-

ed States, asking the appointment of a denominational representative. It was referred to the Committee on Moral Reform. (See Report K).

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read and laid over. All desiring to be excused from preaching Sunday were referred to the Committee.

The session concluded with benediction by Dr. Lyman E. Davis.

Evening

The Conference Choir led a song service of half an hour. At eight o'clock President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan were ushered to the pulpit and their entrance was the occasion of prolonged applause. The President in his address reminded the delegates that in transacting the business of their church they, like the men in charge of the nation's government, were, in reality, handling "the phases of the day." "You are handing the affairs of the church as they stand under the treatment of the men of your generation," he said. "Back of them lie the eternal principles which you are trying to exemplify in the life of the work; back of us here in the government lie the eternal principles of justice and righteousness, which, in my conviction, at any rate, we do not derive from ourselves, but from the same source which a great church derives its inspiration and authority.

"It seemed to me that it was worth saying something like this: These are days of very great perplexity, when a great cloud of trouble hangs and broods over the greater part of the world. It seems as if great blind material forces had been released which had for long been held in leash and restrained. And yet underneath that you can see the strong impulses of great ideals.

"It would be impossible, ladies and gentlemen, for men to go through what men are going through on the battlefields of Europe and struggle through the present dark night of their terrible struggle, if it were not that they saw, or thought that they saw, the broadening of light where the morning should come up and believed that they were standing each on his side of the contest for some eternal principle of right.

"Then all about them as all about us, there sits the silent, waiting tribunal which is going to utter the ultimate judgment upon this struggle, the great tribunal of the opinion of the world; and I fancy I see, I hope that I see, I pray that it may be that I do truly see, great spiritual forces

lying waiting for the outcome of this thing to assert themselves, and asserting themselves even now, to enlighten our judgment and steady our spirits. No man is wise enough to pronounce judgment, but we can all hold our spirits in readiness to accept the truth when it dawns on us and is revealed to us in the outcome of this titanic struggle.

"You will see that it is only in such general terms that one can speak in the midst of a confused world, because, as I have already said, no man has the key of this confusion. No man can see the outcome, but every man can keep his own spirit prepared to contribute to the net result when the outcome displays itself.

"That is the reason I said to a body similar to this only a few nights ago that I welcomed the atmosphere which these solemn assessments of the human spirit bring to Washington. For this is the place of assessment. In one sense Washington is not even a part of the United States. It is where everybody else comes and sooner or later speaks his mind about the United States, and about many outlying parts of the world.

"Mr. Bryan and I are constantly auditors to what I dare say is a large part of the opinion of the world; to judge by the time it takes to express it, I think a very large part, and to judge by the variety and contrariety of it I dare say it is a fair cross section of what men are thinking about."

He was followed by Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan. He proved his claim as an ideal Christian statesman, with the emphasis on both terms. He took for his text the first commandment—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me". The responses were warm and general. Beginning with the postulate that this was not only the first commandment, but it was fundamental that it should be, he used the Savior's own words to prove that it was the first and the great commandment, and then with fine emphasis declared that Jesus was the final authority. He insisted that when a man obeyed the first commandment to make God supreme, and the second, to love his neighbor as himself, he would never violate the other commandments.

In ancient times it was the custom with many to place gods of wood and stone before God, and the commandment applied to them. In our day it is not less important because we have gods that we place first. He called attention to nine of these which he placed on their shelves:

Love of money.

Love of society.

Love of power.

These he said have some redeeming features because they spur to action, and bring about conditions that are beneficent even when the motives that impelled men were in themselves wrong.

The second tier contained:

Love of ease.

Love of learning for the sake of mere mental acquisition.

Love of travel for the sake of travel.

These were wholly selfish and sought, not for the purpose of giving out, or helping others, but for vanity and gratification.

The third shelf had on it the gods:

Love of gambling.

The mastery of the passions.

Love of intoxicating drinks.

Here his wonderful eloquence became direct and incisive. Bravely and impressively he painted the evils of gambling, the awful dangers of lechery, and the unspeakable evils of the drink habit. He made investigations and found that the drink bill is two and one-half billion dollars in this nation—three times as much as we spend for education from the lowest grade of the kindergarten to the mightiest university—and all this to devitalize and destroy men who would otherwise become constructive agents in building up society.

Third Day—Friday

At 9 o'clock Friday morning the Conference met in devotional service conducted by D. L. Greenfield. The Conference business session was called to order at 9.30 o'clock, with the President in the chair. The Minutes were then read and upon correction, adopted.

The roll of absentees was then called.

H. L. Schlincke presented a paper from the Board of Home Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

The report of the Committee on President's Report expressing the sympathy of the Conference in his recent grief, and recommending the appointment of a Committee on Church Efficiency comprised of five laymen, was read. Upon motion of T. H. Lewis, the report was adopted. (See Report A).

The order of the day having arrived, Rev. R. L. Wright, Superinten-

dent of the Maryland General Hospital of Baltimore, was presented to the Conference and spoke of the work and claims of this Hospital. F. T. Little hereupon read the report of the Special Committee "On Request from Methodist Hospital Association," giving the results of its investigations and the following recommendations: 1. That this Annual Conference co-operate heartily in promoting the interests of the Maryland General Hospital. 2. That the pastors at their discretion permit representatives of this association to enter their pulpits to present the claims of the hospital. 3. That each pastor shall select and observe a Sunday some time during the year as Maryland Hospital Day. 4. That this Conference appoint a Committee on Visitation of this Hospital. Upon motion this report was adopted as read. (Report V).

At this point T. H. Lewis and W. M. Strayer were excused from further attendance upon the Conference. The Pastor of Leeds was excused until tomorrow.

The Secretary at this time read the report of the Committee on Literature and Education. After reading Item 1 relative to the Book Concern, F. T. Tagg, Editor of the Methodist Protestant, addressed the Conference upon the conditions confronting the Church Paper. Charles Reiner, Agent of our Baltimore Book Concern, then spoke upon the work of our publishing interests. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2, relative to Western Maryland College was read by the Secretary, commending the work of the College, the recent revival there, drawing attention to the approaching Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the College, expressing pleasure that T. H. Lewis had refused the position of Proyost of the Maryland University and had retained his position as President of our College. At this point, upon motion, the time was extended and F. T. Little addressed the Conference, drawing attention to A. N. Ward's excellent service rendered as Vice-President of W. M. C. and the proposed Fiftieth Anniversary. Item 2 was hereupon adopted. Item 3, referring to the Westminster Theological Seminary, was read, noting the election of T. W. Mather, vice the Late J. W. Hering to the Board of Governors; its material growth; its need of more money for its scholarship fund; and, recommending the usual assessment; that H. L. Elderdice be reappointed as President; that the second Sunday in May be observed by all Pastors as Ministerial Supply or Seminary Day. H. L. Elderdice here addressed the Conference upon the work

of his institution. Item 3 was adopted. Upon motion of F. T. Little the report as a whole was adopted. (Report I).

The Secretary read the report of the tellers on the election of Committee on Appeals. The following men were declared elected:

Ministers: J. W. Kirk, J. L. Mills, A. W. Mather; Laymen: H. K. Muller, E. B. Fenby, A. R. Lewis.

The Secretary re-read the report of the Pulpit Supply Committee which was adopted.

The following resolution offered by J. T. Bailey was read and adopted: That this Conference expresses its condemnation of the attitude of the General Assembly of Delaware in not passing any advance temperance legislation at its last session; and calls upon its members to support only those candidates for office who have stood by or promise to support temperance legislation. (Resolution 3).

A resolution by Louis Randall expressing our appreciation of the visit of the President and the Secretary of State last evening, and of their splendid addresses, and instructing the Secretary to forward such expression to the President and Secretary of State, was offered and adopted. (Resolution 4).

A letter from E. S. Fooks was read.

The report of the Standing District Committee relative to this Conference entertainment outlining its assurance to the entertaining church, was read by F. T. Little, Chairman, and upon motion was adopted. G. A. Ogg here explained the withdrawal of the invitation to entertain the Conference extended by Delta. (Report W).

Rev. Charles E. Fultz of the U. B. Church was presented and was extended the courtesies of this body.

Dr. W. W. Davis spoke to the Conference in behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The delegate from Denton, upon his request, was excused from further attendance upon the Conference. L. A. Bennett was likewise excused until next Monday. Upon motion the Conference adjourned with benediction by H. L. Elderdice.

Evening

Following the evening song service Dr. Howard A. Kelley of Baltimore and the Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, in turn addressed

the audience on the general theme "Applied Christianity." Dr. Kelley referred more particularly to the phases of his crusade against vice and crime; Mr. Daniels gave his thought to the necessity of a militant Methodism to combat the immoral forces of the present day.

Fourth Day—Saturday

After a devotional service conducted by J. M. Sheridan, the Conference was called to order at 9:30 o'clock. The Minutes were read and adopted. Upon motion the Conference omitted the calling of the Roll.

W. R. Graham submitted a resolution that A. S. Beane be requested to furnish his sermon for publication in the Journal—carried. (Resolution 5).

The Secretary read the report of the special committee on Quantico Church, recommending a Committee be appointed to sell the property—carried. The President reappointed the Special Committee to carry out this recommendation. (Report X).

The Secretary read the report of the special committee to Edit and Publish the Manual to the effect that the Committee was awaiting the incorporation, or papers of incorporation of Our Church Home at Westminster, in order that its charter might be incorporated in the Manual. After discussion by F. T. Tagg, F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, and E. C. Makosky this report was adopted by motion. (Report Y). F. T. Little read a supposedly correct charter of Our Church Home, which he had secured through T. H. Lewis. Upon motion of J. W. Kirk, F. T. Little was appointed a committee to verify this charter and if found correct to publish the same in the Manual. F. T. Tagg hereupon submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Governors of the Home. Upon motion the resignation was laid upon the table.

At this point the Conference Treasurer asked for instruction as to handling the money due J. E. Maloy at his death. Upon motion of J. W. Kirk the Treasurer was authorized to pay this money to the administratrix of J. E. Maloy.

A partial report of the Faculty of Instruction was here submitted, adopted seriatum, and then as a whole. The President of the Conference appointed J. W. Balderston vice J. E. Maloy deceased to the Faculty of Instruction as Instructor in 2nd Year, "Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform." (Report F).

The special committee on Nominations for Conference Trustees reported the names of A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C. A. Benjamin. These men were thereupon duly elected Trustees of the Conference. (Report Z).

At this point A. B. Wilson, District Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the Conference upon the work of the League and made the request that the Conference elect or appoint a Trustee of the Anti-Saloon League for the District of Columbia. W. A. Melvin was appointed such a Trustee by the President.

Rev. Dr. Dunbar, Minister of St. Marks English Lutheran Church of Baltimore City was presented to the Conference at this time and extended the courtesies of this body.

J. M. Holmes presented a resolution to the effect that no minister of our Conference concur or assist in building a Church or Parsonage on a lot not unconditionally deeded to a duly incorporated body of Trustees—carried. Upon motion of F. T. Little this resolution was made a Standing Rule and incorporated in the Manual under "Duties of Pastors." (Resolution 6).

L. B. Smith presented a resolution to the effect that we request the Sunday Schools of the Conference to take a collection some time during each year for the benefit of the High Point Orphanage. Action on the resolution was postponed. (Resolution 7).

The President hereupon declared a recess for the purpose of permitting the Mutual Relief Association to hold its annual meeting. After meeting of this Society, the Conference President being absent, the Secretary called the Conference to order and upon motion F. T. Little took the chair.

The delegate from Leeds asked to be excused from the Conference after today.

Louis Randall offered the motion that the names of Dr. Howard A. Kelley and Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy be inserted in the Resolutions of Appreciation passed yesterday—carried. (Resolution 4).

Rev. Dr. F. J. Prettyman, Chaplain of the Senate, was here presented and extended the courtesies of the Conference.

The Pastor from Elizabeth was granted a leave of absence for Monday morning.

The Pastor from South Baltimore was granted a leave of absence until Monday morning.

The report of G. W. Lewis, Collector for Sexton, showing \$40.30 received, was read by the Secretary. Upon motion of F. C. Klein the collector was instructed to place this fund in the hands of the Pastor of the entertaining Church for the Sexton.

At this point Edward T. Kirkley, W. P. Jump, I. S. Owens, were received into the Conference by the President.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Benediction by J. A. Weigand.

Fifth Day—Sunday

J. M. Sheridan preached the sermon in the Conference Church Sunday morning. He was assisted in this service by President Bowers, A. W. Mather, F. H. Mullineaux and Louis Randall, pastor of the church.

The subject of the Sermon was "The Ministry of Service," the text being Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

There were no candidates for ordination.

Sixth Day—Monday

After Devotional Services conducted by T. O. Crouse, the President, J. S. Bowers called the Conference to order at 9:40 A. M. The delegate from Kennedyville asked to be excused from the remainder of the Conference session. Permission granted. The Roll of absentees was called.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was read and adopted. (Report K). This report deals with the temperance question, passes favorably upon the resolution commending work of Governor Brumbaugh, embodies the resolution affecting J. Bibb Mills, and notes other matters of vital interest.

At this time the Conference considered the resolution previously offered by L. B. Smith relative to an offering for the High Point Orphanage. After discussion L. B. Smith offered an amendment to the resolution to strike out the word "Christmas," and that the name of Mr. Rankin, Treasurer of the Orphanage, be added to the list of Treasurers in the Official Minutes. Amendment adopted. Resolution as amended adopted. (Resolution 7).

The Pastor of North Baltimore asked that R. N. Stevens, alternate from his charge, be given Conference privileges in the absence of Daniel Baker. Request granted. The same courtesy was extended the alternate from Newark under similar conditions. W. S. Hanks was here excused from attendance upon the afternoon session.

The order of the day, the reception of the representatives of the various Ladies Auxiliaries, was observed. Mrs. H. Hupfield, President of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. W. C. Perkins, President of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; Mrs. W. E. Kindley, Vice-President of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; Mrs. S. E. Baynes; and the two Deaconesses: Misses Lillian De Moss, and Elma Lewis, were presented to the Conference. F. T. Little was here called to the Chair by the President and the Conference listened to the addresses of the ladies.

A telegram from the Men's Bible Class of the Hampden Church was read and referred to the President.

J. M. Sheridan read the report of the Committee on Superannuates. Action postponed for twenty-four hours according to rule. (Report H).

Conference here recessed to give place to the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society. At the close of the meeting of this Society the Conference resumed its business session.

The Secretary read the report of the Special Committee to Fix the Bond of the Treasurer stating it had done its work and recommending the Secretary of the Conference be directed to renew the Bond annually.— Adopted and so ordered. (Report AA). (See Report Q).

A resolution was presented to the effect that Frederica Charge be stricken from the List of Appointments. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 8).

A letter of thanks from Rev. Charles E. Fultz of the United Brethren Church was read for the work of R. T. Tyson in preaching for him Sunday.

The Minister from Laurel Circuit reported George R. McCready ill and moved that the Secretary of the Conference write him extending our sympathy. Carried and so ordered.

N. T. Meginnis was here presented to the Conference and briefly addressed those present. Upon motion of F. T. Tagg the Conference recessed until 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon

J. M. Holmes addressed the Conference requesting Superannuated relation with the annual allowance of a man who has served fifty years in the itinerancy. The President of the Conference hereupon requested authority to appoint J. M. Holmes Conference Evangelist and Church Extension Agent if the Committee on Superannuates recommended that the relation be granted. President's request granted. Upon motion of F. T. Little the request of J. M. Holmes was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies. It was decided to act upon this report seriatum. Item 1. Requiring every Pastor to preach one sermon a year in the interest of our Deaconess Movement, was adopted. Item 2. To the effect that the day for such sermon be the second Sunday in May. The following substitute for this item offered by G. W. Haddaway was adopted: That such Sunday be selected by each Pastor and each local church as best suited them. Item as amended, adopted. Item 3, Expressing our appreciation of the causes represented by Rev. J. M. Stick, the Secretary of the Maryland Tract Society, and L. T. Widerman, Secretary of the Maryland Bible Society, was adopted. Item 4, That G. H. Stocksdale be named a Life Director of the Tract Society, was adopted. The remainder of the report concerning the Deaconess Work, after considerable discussion was at this time upon motion recommitted. (See Report L).

A. N. Ward here spoke in behalf of the Summer Conference at Westminster asking for the heartiest cooperation in the next meeting.

J. M. Sheridan was here called to the Chair, and the Conference listened to the reading of the report of the Committee of Young People's Work by the Secretary. The report dwells upon the various activities of the Conference Union and asks of the Conference the fullest measure of co-operation. The recommendation that the report blanks show the support by the C. E. Societies and the Sunday Schools of the Conference Union missionary was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to combine the Probationer columns to give place. The report was then adopted. (Report J).

The Committee on Benevolent Agencies at this time submitted its report. Item 5. That we recommend the purchase of a Deaconess Home,

and that an assessment of \$1000.00 be laid upon the District for this Home. G. W. Haddaway offered as a substitute that \$1000.00 be assessed, one-half to go toward the Home the other half toward the operating expenses of the Deaconess Board, and that this action shall annul the previous action requesting an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the assessment for the President's salary for the use of the Deaconess Board. Amendment carried. Item adopted. Item 6, That circles be immediately organized throughout the District—adopted. Item 7, That we request F. T. Tagg to visit the charges of the District and solicit funds was adopted. Item 8, That we urge the establishment of our own Deaconess Training School, was adopted. On motion the report as amended was adopted as a whole. The vote being uncertain and a division being called the vote stood 37 in favor and 12 opposed. (Report L).

The Steward's report was submitted at this time and placed upon the table for examination by the pastors. Upon motion Conference adjourned for the day with benediction by G. E. Brown.

Evening

This was Young People's night, F. T. Benson being the presiding officer. The first part of the program was in the nature of a memorial service for C. H. Hubbell, the deceased Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work. Short appreciations were spoken by F. T. Benson, A. N. Ward, E. D. Stone, G. W. Haddaway. Other addresses were made by H. L. Elderdice on "The Relation of a pastor to his young people"; E. A. Sexsmith on the support of the Union missionary; J. F. Bryan on the C. E. efficiency campaign; B. W. Kindley on Teacher Training; L. B. Smith on the Adult Bible Class; G. W. Haddaway on the Hubbell Memorial Fund. During the evening a number of plantation melodies were sung by the Nalle Jubilee Singers.

Seventh Day—Tuesday

After devotional services conducted by H. L. Elderdice, the Conference was called to order with the President in the Chair. The Minutes were read and adopted. Roll call of absentees. At this time all of the ministers of the Conference had responded present, or had been heard

from. The laymen whose names are starred (*) in the roll of delegates had not reported.

C. M. Adams, Collector of Superannuate Dues, reported \$116.00 received and asked disposition of same. W. F. Bauscher, Collector of Church Extension Dues, reported \$116.00 received and requested disposition of same. Upon motion both these reports were accepted; committees instructed to turn money over to the Conference Treasurer; and were discharged with thanks.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by the Secretary and upon motion was adopted as read. (Report N).

The report of the Committee on Our Church Home was read by the Secretary and adopted seriatim. Item 1, That every charge be required to elect at its annual meeting a Lady Visitor to the Church Home and that the pastor be required to report the same. W. N. Sherwood moved to amend by striking out the word "charge" and inserting the word "churches." Amendment lost. F. T. Little moved to amend by adding the following: that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to send the names and addresses of these lady visitors when reported, to the Church Home. Amendment carried. Item as amended, carried. Item 2, recommending an assessment of \$2000.00 for the Church Home be laid upon the District, was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report O).

At this point F. T. Little moved to reconsider the vote upon the report of the Committee on Young People's Work, which was carried, and then moved that the Secretary be allowed to harmonize the item of the report requiring statistical tabulation with the forms in the Minutes. Adopted. T. O. Crouse was called to the Chair by the President. Upon motion the report of the Young People's Work Committee as amended was adopted as a whole. (Report J).

Resolution offered by F. T. Benson instructing the Secretary to express to the Hampden Adult Bible Class the pleasure of the Conference in receiving the telegram it sent, was adopted. (Resolution 9).

J. M. Sheridan offered this additional report of the Superannuate Committee: That J. M. Holmes be granted his request for Superannuation and that his appropriation for the year be \$500.00. Action postponed per rule.

B. H. Darrow, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the Maryland Agricul-

tural College, was presented at this time and spoke in behalf of the Summer Conference to be held at that College.

The Faculty of Instruction offered an additional report that certain men be granted licenses to administer the ordinances; that T. O. Crouse had been relieved from the Faculty as Instructor in Oratory and Elocution and that the subjects had been eliminated from the Course. Report adopted as read. (Report F).

H. L. Elderdice asked for leave of absence from the Conference. The delegate from Clayton Charge and H. O. Keen made similar requests; all requests were granted.

The Conference gave place at this time to the Church Extension Society. After the meeting of this Society the Conference resumed its business session with T. O. Crouse in the chair.

A resolution was offered by F. T. Little to the effect that (1) The Board of Finance be instructed to increase the assessment for Conference expense \$200.00 and that this amount be pro rated among the charges of the District; (2) That the Treasurer of the Conference be instructed to borrow the sum of \$200.00 and pay the same to the Pastor of Rhode Island Ave. Church to meet certain obligations in connection with holding the Conference. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 10).

The time was extended in order that we might hear the report of C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer. Upon motion this report was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee. Upon motion of W. R. Graham, Conference recessed until 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon

The report of the Committee on Official Relations was read by H. S. Johnson. After several alterations made by the Committee, J. H. Straughn moved to amend by striking out the item referring to overpaid salaries and underpaid assessments. Carried. After considerable discussion, the previous question being called, and the call being sustained, the paper as amended was adopted with the exception of the item thanking the Rhode Island Ave. Church for entertainment, the consideration of which was postponed until the evening session. (Report M).

The report of the Committee on Statistics was read by J. A. Dudley, and after the reading of this report the Conference sang in gratitude for

the growth of the Church therein revealed, "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow". The report was adopted. (See Tables).

At this time the President reported that T. W. Donoho had declined to serve as the Agent of the President's Parsonage and that he himself had acted as Agent for the year. F. T. Little hereupon moved that the President of the Conference hereafter be the Agent of the Parsonage. Motion carried.

J. McL. Brown was here excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

A resolution offered by B. W. Kindley suggesting a course in Sunday School organization and management be added by the Faculty of Instruction to its curriculum for the third year, was referred to the Faculty of Instruction with the approval of the Conference.

A resolution was offered by F. T. Little that the Conference make 9 p. m. tonight the hour for its final adjournment if agreeable to the President. Carried. (Resolution 11).

J. R. Wright here read the comparative statement of the Conference Steward. Report was adopted. (See Financial Tables).

F. T. Little read a letter from F. T. Tagg stating that he had found the Charter of Our Church Home; that he believed it was the same as the one read by F. T. Little; that the following men had been elected by the Board to fill vacancies upon the Board of Managers of the Home: J. P. Wantz, T. W. Mather, Milton Zollickoffer and T. A. Murray. Upon motion of F. T. Little (made at the request of F. T. Tagg), the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for these men to fill these vacancies.

Resolution by A. R. Lewis that Regulation 1 Item 6 of the Manual be amended by adding, "and should the pastor receive more than his salary and not secure the whole amount of the assessment he and the delegate shall be required to make satisfactory explanation to the Committee on Official Relations." Upon motion of H. L. Schlincke this resolution was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read by the Secretary. G. W. Haddaway offered a motion to amend by striking out the name of J. M. Holmes from the item of the report where it appeared and that J. M. Holmes have an active relation. After discussion by J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, A. S. Beane, J. A. Dudley, J. L. Nichols,

T. O. Crouse, F. T. Little, J. H. Straughn and others the motion prevailed. The paper as amended was adopted as a whole. (Report H).

Resolution of J. H. Straughn that J. M. Holmes be appointed Church Extension Superintendent was adopted, and the duties and relations of the Church Extension Superintendent to the Church Extension Society were referred to the Board of Managers of that Society with power to act. (Resolution 12).

Upon motion the Conference adjourned until 8 p. m. and the benediction was pronounced by W. R. Graham.

Evening

The Conference was called to order at 7:45 P. M. with the President, J. S. Bowers, in the Chair.

The report of the Auditing Committee passing on the Secretary's financial report, was read by the Secretary and upon motion adopted. (Report Q).

The report of the Church Extension Committee was read by the Secretary. Upon motion of F. T. Little part 1 affecting boundaries was adopted. Part 2 of this report, (embracing the appropriations) then being read by the Secretary on motion of S. B. Tredway was adopted. The two following suggestions were accepted by the Committee: viz., that the condition attached to Georgetown be decreased from \$500.00 to \$400.00; and that the condition upon Delmar be increased from \$400.00 to \$500.00. The report was hereupon adopted as a whole. (Report G).

H. S. Johnson here moved that the Standing District Committee be empowered to provide the entertainment for the next Session of the Conference, and that the same powers granted the Committee last year be extended for the coming year. Carried. (Resolution 13).

A supplemental report of the Faculty of Instruction adopting the resolution to embody course in Sunday School study was read and adopted. The President hereupon appointed B. W. Kindley as Instructor in the Faculty as recommended in this supplemental report. (Report F).

F. T. Little reported that J. W. Chapman and T. A. Murray were appointed to consider the legal questions involved in combining the Maryland Educational Endowment Society and the Maryland Conference Trustees, and that this committee of two reports it inadvisable to make such combination in view of the legal status involved. Report adopted.

The President being supported in his recommendation to appoint a special committee to consider the status of the West Wilmington Church appointed J. M. Sheridan, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray.

F. T. Little, upon suggestion of the President, moved that the Secretary publish in the Methodist Protestant as soon after the rise of Conference as possible a list of the Special Days ordered observed this year. Carried.

The special committee on Wilmington Church reports it did nothing as nothing could be done and requests its own discharge. Committee discharged by common consent.

The President at this time appointed special committees to consider matters at Lawsonia, Talbot Circuit, Middleway, Committee on Church Efficiency and the Committee of Visitation of the Maryland General Hospital.

The item of the report of the Committee on Official Relations relative to expressing the appreciation of the Conference to the Rhode Island Avenue Church and all others concerned in entertaining this session, which item had been postponed for consideration until this evening, was reread by the Secretary and after remarks by several members of the Conference was adopted by rising vote. (Report M).

The Minutes of the day were read and after correction adopted.

Hereupon the President read his list of appointments and the Conference sang, at his suggestion, the Doxology. The Conference then adjourned with the benediction being pronounced by A. W. Mather.

Approved:

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,

Secretary.

JOHN S. BOWERS,

President.

REPORTS

Report A

THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

Dear Brethren:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

The rapidly rolling wheels of time have brought us to this, the opening of the eighty-seventh session of our great and well-beloved Conference. To many of you the days have come and gone and left no trace of sorrow, save as it may be for work that might have been done better, or for victories that you have not won. But to others the passing days have left us agonies, great soul wrenching unspeakable anxieties, unable to be borne save as the grace of God availed us. And yet, we who have mourned join our hearts with yours who have rejoiced, in thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father who loves us with an everlasting love, whose kind providence permits us to greet one another, and to rejoice in the privileges of our great fraternity.

Some will not answer roll call today. The boatman who ever plies his oar upon the silent river has borne them hence. Their earthly toils are over. Their heavenly rest begun. We thank God for them, and in that blessed land toward which we move, we hope to join them in adoration of Him who hath washed us from our sins in His most precious blood. We will reverently mention our

Translated Friends.

Rev. James Earle Maloy, old but not wellworn; for he was remarkably well preserved, closed his earthly life in peace amidst the tender ministrations of his only child in Wilmington, Delaware, Aug. 20, 1914. He was among the few pioneers of distant days who remained to tell us the story. His long life associated him with the fathers of the Church and gave him a fund of information which was voluminous and valuable. Perhaps no man among us was as widely known in the homes of our people. He was a Chesterfield in the graciousness of his manner, and this made him a welcome guest. He was deeply pious, and this made him impressive. As a preacher he was fluent and poetical. As a pastor he was sympathetic and thoughtful; as a citizen he was interested in all that pertained to the State and the Nation. He was a popular man. He lived on the sunny side of life. He was cheerful and he spread good cheer around him. He builded a conservatory in which he grew flowers for his friends. He gave them while they lived. He came to his death as doth a shock of corn in its

season, matured, ready for the garner of God. He was received into this Conference in 1859. Although sustaining a superannuated relation, he continued his ministerial activities within a few days of his death. A long service, a remarkable career, a useful life, a triumphant death.

Rev. Charles Walter Sanderson, young, energetic, and consecrated, after a brief illness closed his short career in the home he loved so dearly at Cannon, Del., Sept. 3, 1914. I admired this young man greatly. He had a good mind, was well-educated, of refined manner, industrious, and intelligent in the management of his work and gave great promise of a useful life. He was ruthlessly taken from the young wife of his early manhood, from the activities of his chosen calling and from the parish he loved to the deathless land of light. He was received "on trial" by this Conference in 1911. He gave more than four years of efficient service to our cause.

During the year three of our faithful women have passed into the life beyond.

Mrs. Roberta E. A. Straughn, beloved and faithful wife of Rev. J. L. Straughn. No one thought she would precede her husband to the Better Land, yet weary from her load of care, she fell asleep in full hope of eternal glory. A loving, faithful and self-sacrificing wife, a careful, helpful, devoted mother and a consistent Christian closed her eyes to the things of earth Sept. 24, 1914.

Mrs. Ella Rebecca McCullough, after long weeks of distress and mental agony, gave up the struggle Jan. 14, 1915. For her to die was gain. Frail in body, timid in spirit, she seemed too weak for the rugged path of life. Now clothed upon with perpetual youth, she sweetly rests among the glorified.

Mrs. Hannah M. Wilson, widow of Rev. Peter Light Wilson, of sacred memory, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank L. Stoner, in Frederick City, Md., April 23, 1914. After a long life of ninety-four years she died in the full triumph of faith, and left behind a memory that will live long in the hearts of many.

These are not all who from our sight have gone. From the ranks of our laity there is a constant procession crossing the silent river. Among those whose usefulness merits our mention are Albert Ritchie, gentleman, wise counsellor, devoted churchman; Chas. J. Stoll, leader of men, liberal, loyal; George A. Price, spiritually minded, abundant in good works, faithful Christian; Estella Gilligan, of strong mentality, a leader of women, a conscientious worker; Sarah A. Dodd, octogenarian, loved in life, in death remembered; Mrs. Leonard Fleckenstein, noble Christian.

O, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We'll lay our trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

Charges Left to be Supplied.

There were seven such charges at the close of our last Conference.

PAYSON ST., BALTIMORE. Rev. D. W. Anstine was appointed to this charge immediately. He has served with his usual ability and consecration throughout the entire year.

CAMPBELL, VA. The small salary and difficult work seemed no inducement to the men whose services I endeavored to secure. Hence, I have not been able to supply it as a circuit. Rev. C. M. Compher has taken good care of Tyreanna and Penuel has been cared for by local supply.

LAWSONIA. I have used much strength and patience in dealing with this difficult proposition. I requested Rev. F. T. Benson to supervise this work. He has done so as his time would permit. In May I appointed Rev. Harley Crawford, an unstationed minister of Crisfield Station, pastor of this charge. He remained until September. I tried again to supply it, but my efforts were fruitless. In view of the fact that our property is jeopardized by debt, I respectfully call your attention to the importance of the appointment of a Committee to look after our financial interests.

FREDERICA, DELAWARE. We do not own anything at this point. It has not been supplied. The Committee appointed at the last session of this Conference will doubtless give you its conclusions.

GROVE CIRCUIT. This was left unsupplied because of the scarcity of ministerial supply. The circuit immediately secured the services of Rev. Howard Mullinix. His toils have not been without results.

INDIAN RIVER. Rev. J. E. Maloy consented to take further charge of this work and ministered to it until his death. Rev. Schlincke has preached for this people since that time.

MIDDLEWAY, W. VA. This charge for some years was served by the pastor of Harper's Ferry. Last year the Conference put it in the care of said pastor with the understanding that he should give it such attention as he could. Upon my visit to this charge, I found an indisposition to assume the responsibilities for a resident pastor, although I made them a very liberal proposition. The charge has been without a supply. The committee appointed on this case will doubtless report.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS. Rev. J. E. Medling was appointed to this charge. His health failed. In October he resigned. Since that time the charge has been in the care of Rev. C. M. Compher.

Sale of Church Property.

Early in the year the members of Bethel Church on Campbell Circuit petitioned me to allow them to withdraw from the membership of said Circuit and the denomination and to be permitted to take the property with them. I placed the matter in the hands of Rev. C. M. Compher, who

by the assistance of Mr. Whittaker—a lawyer—made satisfactory agreements with the parties concerned. The sum of \$75.00 was paid, and the Bethel congregation relinquished all claim to the parsonage property near Tyreanna Church. I directed Brother Compher to use some of this money in placing additional insurance upon the Fairview Heights property. The balance he will account for to the Church Extension Committee. This is the culmination of repeated efforts on the part of this church to do what has been done—reaching even further back than the last presidential term.

TALBOT CIRCUIT. I have thought and grieved much about this once promising charge. There seems to be little interest manifest in the affairs of the charge by those who managed it in other days. Our property interests here are too valuable to be neglected. I call your attention to it. If we cannot continue services, the property should be sold, and its value used in church extension work elsewhere. I suggest the appointment of a special committee to consider the matters involved, which will report during the sessions of this Conference.

Changes Among Pastors.

Immediately after the adjournment of Conference, by the consent of all parties concerned, Rev. J. L. Ward was appointed to Cambridge and Rev. John A. Wright to Stewartstown. Rev. H. L. Murphy was appointed to Oak Grove and Prince George upon the resignation of Rev. C. S. Larrimore. Early in June Rev. G. F. Farring was released from the pastorate of West Wilmington and Rev. Robert Downing was appointed to fill the vacancy. Rev. G. F. Farring was appointed to the pastorate of Cannon, Del. Oct. 1st. Rev. Howard Zepp informally withdrew from the pastorate of Kent Island Charge Sept. 1st, and on Sept. 12th Rev. Z. Adams was released from the pastorate of Bedford Circuit and on the same date was appointed to Kent Island. This left Bedford without a supply. I have made several propositions to the charge, but have been notified that the circuit would do without a supply until this Conference. I recommend that the name of Howard Zepp be stricken from our roll.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society.

I call the name of this Society in order that it may not drop out of your recollection. A committee was appointed to consider its holdings and to arrange for its future. This committee will doubtless make its report.

Summer Conference.

Whether or not this gathering of our brethren on College Hill in mid-summer is to be continued depends, of course, upon the amount of encouragement and the size of the enrollment. Last year I was delighted to meet

the few who came during my short stay. But I am frank to say that the congregation did not measure up to the size of the ideas involved. It is earnestly desired to perpetuate this institution among us. I bespeak for those who represent it a most careful hearing when its interests are presented.

The President's Parsonage Guild.

This splendid organization of women is so thoughtful and kind to the occupants of the parsonage that it deserves our unstinted praise. I call the attention of all pastors and laymen to the perpetual request of this Conference in regard to the annual remittances from the Ladies Aid Societies of our charges to assist in the prosecution of its very necessary and commendable work.

Benevolent Agencies.

To the noble men of our Conference, to the St. John's Board of Beneficence and to the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, I hereby express my thanks and commendation for the favors, so graciously granted, which have helped me to be of service to those whose exigencies have been presented to me.

Our Mutual Relief Association.

Last year I called your attention to this organization as firmly but tenderly as possible. I mention the subject again. The Secretary informs me that the families of those who die nearest the adjournment of Conference always receive the larger remittances. This means that there are a great many lapses. This should not be so. I know that this is not an Insurance Company, but, my brethren, the claims of love are just as strong as the claims of law. This is just a simple, easy way for love to lighten sorrow, and to emphasize the significance of our splendid fraternity. Let the lapses cease, and the membership grow.

Bequests.

I am glad to make mention of the fact that Mr. E. R. Rutledge of Harford County, Md., bequeathed the sum of twelve hundred dollars to the Providence Church of Belair charge. There may have been other bequests, but I have not heard of them.

I mentioned in my report of last year a bequest made forty-two years ago to several institutions of our church by Mr. Luther J. Cox. This bequest was a parcel of ground not far from where our Hampden Church building stands. During the year investigation has been made and it has been discovered that shortly prior to these investigations a part of the said lot was sold for taxes, and that the day of redemption is passed. Our attorneys are endeavoring to sell our rights in the remainder.

INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

Western Maryland College.

This is the forty-seventh time the name of this splendid Institution has been mentioned to this Conference. At first it was weak and struggling, earnestly seeking our assistance, then with six professors and seventy-three students. Now a great school with a faculty one-third as large as its first student body, an enrollment three times as large as its first, a physical equipment unsurpassed in the State, and an alumni enrollment of nearly one thousand. Its graduates are in every section of our country. Many of them are in the churches of this Conference. I know of no one thing that has done more to widen the vision, to insure the effectiveness and efficiency of our constituency than this great school. I think the interests of this College should constantly be before our people, and the benefits it offers more largely availed of. It now seems to have every needed building. The addition of Thomas Hamilton Lewis Hall seems to bring to completeness the magnificent panorama of buildings which crowns the historic hill. May no calamity befall it—may a larger patronage be given it, and may it long live to bless and help our greater church in years to come.

Westminster Theological Seminary.

This noble institution is so closely related to our general church that its interests deserve the greatest consideration. My visits to it have been pleasant and profitable to me. I am convinced of the profound interest of the faculty in the student body and its great earnestness in making the most of the material in hand. And yet I have turned away from its halls with a measure of sadness in my heart. I cannot refrain from speaking to you about the cause of my sorrow and alarm. Our statistical report of last year shows that we have nine thousand young people in our Endeavor Societies and forty-five thousand in our Sunday Schools, and yet there are only six young men from our great Conference territory enrolled as students there. In my travels I have called the attention of our churches to the importance of interest and prayers in regard to the matter. I have met some young men who have admitted that God has been striving with them. In every instance I have commended and encouraged. But the brevity of my stay has prevented results. The matter about which I am speaking is one of the most important to which I may call your attention. The plan of appointments of last year will reveal that I am using more than twenty unstationed ministers and preachers among the charges. These are good, useful and earnest men. Some of them have responded to my call at some sacrifice. They make no boasts concerning either their preparation or efficiency. They have offered themselves just as they are to the Conference in its great emergency. Their number constitutes about

one-sixth of the number of our active membership. When we consider the rapidity with which our ranks are lessening by superannuation and translation and the few who are coming from this Institution, what may we expect the personnel of this Conference to be? Some years ago we set apart a certain Sabbath when our meditations and prayers would be given to this subject. How many observed it I cannot tell. But my brethren, I tell you it is a matter to be carefully thought about and earnestly prayed for. Our Seminary cannot do more than it is doing. Its work is to equip the men who are sent or who come by the persuasion of those of its faculty who may solicit students. I think as pastors we must give greater diligence to this subject. But I have other thoughts. I think the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education by direction of said Board should tour this Conference in the interest of both this institution and this Conference. I had hoped that this would have been done this past Conference year. No charge would have prevented him. I do not mean that he should have gone in quest of money, but men. Men who wait for the encouraging voice and the helping hand.

Then again, I have come to the conclusion that our Board of Ministerial Education must revise or amend its offers to its applicants. It is a wellknown fact that generally the sons of the rich do not seek the ministry as a life work. The promise of a generous loan is good if it is all we can do. Can we not do better? A good education is worth a great deal more than it costs either in toil or money; but the worst handicap that can befall an ambitious soul is the handicap of debt with poor prospects to reduce it. There are men in this Conference whose strenuous efforts to pay this debt have caused them sleepless nights and many sacrifices. I favor such a vigorous presentation of this subject to our people and such liberal terms of settlement with those who are indebted to this Board, that will enable it to say to the interested youth "If God has called you to preach, He has called us to furnish you the means and the agency for your equipment."

The Book Concern.

Perhaps there never was a time in the history of the Church when the situation for religious papers was more depressing and embarrassing than now. There is not a religious paper published that does not face a decreasing subscription list. There is not a denominational paper that will not have an increased deficit. Many of them have increased the price, many others have decreased the size, and others have gone out of business.

The Methodist Protestant is conducted on a more economical basis than any paper of its size and character in the United States. Yet it faces a falling off of subscriptions, and an increased deficit, although the character and quality of the paper have been maintained. If ever the church paper needed the support of its friends, that time is now.

The business of the Book Concern is in a healthy condition. The

agent is conscientious, alert and industrious. He is wise and discreet in his purchases, and seeks to make every transaction profitable to the concern and of giving full satisfaction to his patrons. In each department the business is steadily increasing, and the sphere of patronage is widening.

The Book Concern itself is becoming increasingly known as Methodist Protestant headquarters in the city, but patrons from other denominations are increasing, while the general public is coming to know the Book Store on Charles Street as a good place in which to find things that it wants.

Surely the church should take pride in giving it support and encouragement by sending orders to it for everything that the churches and pastors need in that line. The propriety not to speak of the wisdom of patronizing and supporting our own should appeal to us as an axiomatic fact that cannot be strengthened by argument.

Our Church Home.

The Home of the Aged in Westminster is in a more satisfactory condition than it has ever been. The recommendations of this Conference with regard to the readjustment of the Board of Lady Managers has resulted in a marked improvement in the spirit, the conduct and the management of the Home. Too much praise cannot be given these ladies for their painstaking, efficient and untiring work. There are at this time nineteen inmates in the Home, three of them being men. These are, more than ever before, satisfied, contented, and happy. Some of them are very frail and infirm, and will soon pass away, but others are coming in to take their place, and the average is gradually increasing. Presently the limits in the capacity of the Home will be reached.

The financial question is embarrassing. During the year, only about three hundred dollars has been received from the Conference, necessitating temporary loans to meet the accruing bills. These loans were taken from the permanent fund, to be returned when the collections from the various charges are paid in for the year. The total of these will be about \$2000, and we must all admit that in these times of financial pressure and the cost of living, it requires more than ordinary economy to take care of nineteen inmates and those who care for them on \$2000 a year. Justice and honesty require that we do not make necessary a permanent encroachment on the permanent funds.

The Home is a popular charity that has within recent periods been kindly remembered by persons of benevolence and charity, and we are already assured that others have written encouraging sums in their wills for the Home. But encroachments in the permanent fund will weaken the faith of the Church in its permanence, and therefore it is absolutely necessary that our annual income shall be quite equal to our annual expenses. The Board of Managers are making two or three recommendations which I trust the Conference will carefully consider.

Deaconess Work.

This interesting and promising branch of Christian activity was inaugurated in the Maryland District at our Conference session in 1909. At that time a Board of Managers of Deaconess Work, in accordance with the provisions of General Conference law was elected. Since that time the work has been prosecuted with as much vigor as the resources of the Board made possible. But candor compels me to say that the results of the work and its present status are not satisfactory or commensurate with the expectations of the friends of the movement nor with the time, thought and money invested in it. This is not the fault of the Board, and nothing that I may say should be interpreted as a reflection upon the wisdom, zeal and devotion of the men and women who have had the work in charge, or upon the young women who have consecrated themselves to this beautiful service.

But the time has come when we should face the problems of this work with frankness and courage. Does the Church need and desire the order of Deaconess at this time? Is there such a demand for this form of Christian activity and ministration as justifies the continuance of the work, and the request upon all our congregations for financial aid in support and development of it? Is it possible to continue the deaconess work without a training school and home and more complete equipment than we now have? It is the judgment of those most intimately acquainted with the work and most deeply interested in it, that something more definite and practical must be done for this work or it will have to be abandoned. In this judgment I heartily concur. We cannot expect the Board to make bricks without straw. We know that other denominations of the Protestant Church have been and are using this form of Christian ministration with great efficiency and blessed results; trained and consecrated women in these churches are doing charitable and philanthropic work in our cities and larger centers of population and are proving valuable aids to pastors in many lines of service. Shall we confess that we do not need or desire what others have found so efficient, or needing it, we are either unable or unwilling to give it the support it demands? I cannot believe that this Conference or the churches we represent will desire to take any backward steps. I therefore strongly recommend and urge that serious thought be given to the Deaconess work at this session of our Conference and some time be set apart for a thorough discussion of its present status and needs.

Pastoral Support.

My visits to the charges have given me opportunity to bring this matter to the attention of our people very seriously. The demand for educated, well-equipped ministers is greater than the supply in every denomination. My efforts to increase the salaries of our ministers have been in-

spired by two considerations. First, my love for you, my brethren, has caused me to use every honorable means to get for you a support commensurate with your needs. Not merely a sum of money which could enable you to pay your debts and feed and clothe your families, but to leave you a margin which conserved may furnish you a home for your old age, and means for the education of your children.

Second, in this matter I have tried to keep in mind the personnel of this Conference. No denomination needs the services of the best men more than ours and none deserves them more. Many years ago one of our venerable men as he reviewed his life said—"If I had my life to go over again, I would join the Methodist Protestant Church. Her principles are worth all it costs to maintain them." This dear father in Israel was made of stuff woven in the twenties. But times have changed. We used to spell disloyalty out of the departure of a brother whose only reason for going was to find a more fertile field. But the perpetual insistence upon denominational fraternity and the eloquent exploitation of the points of agreement rather than the points of difference which segregate them, has broadened the field of vision to the prospective preacher. Men are learning a different orthography. They are spelling liberality out of loyalty. So, it is no hurt to conscience to reckon seriously with those matters which concern his human interests when seeking a field of service. Hence the church which can hold out the largest inducements, profits very largely thereby. Our laymen must face this fact, and meet it with a larger liberality. If the venerable brother to whom I referred could read these words he might laugh me to scorn, but he could not sneer these facts out of doors. The fact is, the view-point has changed. It is insisted that we glory no longer in our distinctive principles, but in the things wherein we agree and that we may devoutly pray that at no distant day our oneness may be as the oneness of the Father and His Son. This makes ingress to the larger denominations easy and egress from the smaller blameless. I am not saying these things as my convictions upon the subject before me. I rather incline to the spirit of my venerable brother whose sacred ashes rest beneath the sands of Southern Maryland. I am stating conditions as I find them today. Conditions which must be all the more seriously reasoned with because of their widening influence. To meet these I have lifted up my voice in earnest exhortation not alone in your behalf, my brethren, but in behalf of our constituency, the great church I love, that the ministry of which you may partake may be of the finest of the wheat.

Church Extension.

For the third time I express my profound conviction of the need of the services of a man whose sole business it shall be to travel this district not only in the interests of church extension, strictly speaking, but to inspire our people with modern ideas of church management in the matter of organization and finance. My thought upon this subject has been

politely received but passed over in silence. What we need is more money for the constantly growing demands of our expanding work. The committee having this matter in charge will sit up late at night trying to apportion the comparatively small amount of money to the best advantage among so many applicants. I think a bona fide agent of this interest of the Conference in the pulpits of our charges will solve, to a large extent, the question of money. There would be no more building houses of worship on land not deeded to us in fee simple, there would be given to church architecture greater attention and the methods of church finance more largely systematized. Not only so, but he could be the agent of our publishing interests and faithfully stimulate our people to get in touch with the thousands of their brethren whose task like theirs is to make ours a bigger and better church. I beseech you to think of these things. The new enterprises fostered by the Conference are in the main showing gratifying progress. Taylor Memorial, the largest is coming into its own. Wilton Heights has paid its debt and is planning to build an auditorium. St. Paul's is growing rapidly. Park Road is showing signs of progress. I most respectfully call your attention to the financial condition of the last named organization. By an inadvertence in making the appropriations last year, the Church Extension Committee failed to get the request of the District of Columbia Church Extension Society for the appropriation of \$200 to the salary of the pastor of Park Road Church. In his dilemma the pastor appealed to me. Upon the presumption that this Conference would make the oversight good, and upon a like assurance from the chairman of the committee, I endorsed the pastor's note, had it discounted, and gave him the money. I therefore ask that this amount of money be so appropriated that it can be paid immediately.

When the Taylor Memorial Church made settlement with the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, the church transferred its right in an appropriation of \$1000 made to it by this Conference to the said Board. The uncertainty of the money market compelled our generous creditors to require the payment of the entire \$3000 of which this \$1000 was a part. The Board was unable to find any one to cash this appropriation. Again by securing several of our brethren to join in a note to me, I endorsed and secured the necessary money to pay the original debt. We did this to save the credit and honor of this Conference. I ask that you give such instructions as will protect us who are personally bound for this money.

I presume your Board of Managers will report upon a matter of finance as it concerns Park Road Church.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society has been doing something this year but the interest is not what it should be when we take into consideration the growth of our nation's capital.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society is maintaining its existence, and endeavoring to pay its debt.

Home Missions.

I wish to record here my high appreciation of the leniency with which the Board has dealt with some of our churches and likewise my commendation of Dr. Beck, who has graciously and yet firmly endeavored to do the bidding of his Board among us. I sincerely trust that such of our charges as are indebted to this Board will give great diligence to make prompt settlement. The eyes of the secretary behold fields white to the harvest. He longs to set up the banner of our Methodism. I call upon our ministers and laymen to give diligent attention to the faithful appeals so frequently made to further the interests of our church so that we may have a name from the east to the west, from the north to the south, from the mountains to the valleys.

Our Foreign Missionary Work.

The Board's work in Japan is now well organized and steadily growing. The Empire-wide Evangelistic Campaign has benefitted some of our churches, and greater results are expected as it progresses. The sale of the unoccupied Tokyo lot, at a considerable advance over cost, will largely provide funds for a lot at the Nagoya College, and the erection of a chapel as the Coulbourn Memorial. The sale of other lots, whose value has greatly enhanced, will enable the Mission to relocate the three Yokohama churches and the Night School and greatly improve our equipment, extend our efforts, and conserve other important interests.

Two new preaching places, eight new Sunday Schools, and two new night schools indicate the growth of the work now manned by thirty-six ministers, preachers, evangelists, and consisting of thirty-nine charges, sixty-eight appointments, with 1413 members, 294 probationers, and 511 enquirers—those placed under religious instruction—and sixty-five Sunday Schools with 4082 scholars, and five C. E. Societies.

The educational institutions are succeeding well. The Tokyo Blind School has now government recognition, and could have many more students if a larger building was provided. The Nagoya College turned 117 young men away, as they could not be accommodated. The year's enrollment is 436, the largest attendance was 431. President Van Dyke reports that 700 students could be secured if we had room, and the college would become practically self-supporting.

Enrollment: Tokyo Blind School 70; Yokohama School 264; Hiratsuka 30; Atsuta 54; Kuwana 22; Yokkaichi 45; Nagoya College 436; total 913, besides six theological students. Conversions and enquirers reported at each school.

The fact must be emphasized that this Board is doing in Japan all the kinds of work which our denomination is doing in America through several boards and institutions, and it ought to be more generously supported by our people, that its great work may be enlarged. Since our de-

nomination is operating in twenty-eight states, it was to be expected that the effects of the great war would be felt in some parts of it more than in others, and the treasurer reports that the receipts have fallen off. Our own Conference must not let its contributions shrink in a time like this, and every pastor is urged to see that the Children's Day Service is held, and a large offering secured, and that the assessment is raised in full early in the year, for the church must maintain its financial credit here at home and among the heathen.

I desire to commend the abundant labors of our brother beloved—the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. May he live long to stimulate the church to greater bestowments for the wider spread of the Master's Kingdom.

I congratulate the faithful women of our Women's Foreign Missionary Society and those of the various auxiliaries for the splendid work they are accomplishing, and for the high ideals of Christian service they are giving to the young and older of our charges.

Methods of Church Finances.

My observation of the financial affairs of this Conference has shown me a woeful lack in the conduct of the business side of the church in very many places. I do not think our financial results are as large as they should be in any department of our work. This failure I attribute to the lack of method in the management. Many charges—just how many I am unable to say—continue in the old methods of years ago or gather the moneys of the church in such undependable ways that the pastors are forced either to borrow or to go in debt for their living expenses. This is not as it should be. As faithfully and as strongly as I could I have argued with our people to remedy these unbusinesslike procedures. With some I am glad to say I have met with success. In many places the work of collecting the Conference assessments is put entirely upon the pastors and in some instances the charges regard them with little seriousness. Some pastors prefer to attend to these matters. But, in my judgment, this is not ideal. I think that the laity by the urgency of the Quarterly Conferences of our charges should feel that so far as the financial affairs of the church are concerned it is their business to attend to this and with promptness and regularity. The "Honor Roll" of our Conference is a good thing in a sense, and for a charge to be there enrolled is admirable, but if not being thus enrolled is a reflection upon the pastor's fidelity, I am not in sympathy with it. The fact is, that many men work harder to have their charges thus mentioned and fail, than some others do who succeed. Some men have even paid for the place their charges occupy. When you, my brethren, left your homes you were careful to have your report blanks properly filled, you grieved, some of you, that your answers could not be "in full". You knew when you finished where your charge would belong, and yet, you knew that you had worked hard and long and faithfully to

accomplish your task. I do not wish to be understood as objecting to an examination into the moral or official character of every one of us at the bar of this Conference, but, my brethren, I am in favor of this Conference speaking out so loudly upon this matter that every charge may feel that the laity are expected to assume and to be responsible for the financial management of the churches. I think when our roll is called the pastor should deposit his personal report and the statistics, but the delegate should deposit the financial summary and the full measure of the assessments. We have discussed financial matters within the programs of our Annual Sessions. I think it would be well for the Conference to appoint a suitable committee to draft an official communication to all our charges urging two things:

First: The election of men or women to the office of Steward who will give businesslike attention to the finances.

Second: The use of the duplex envelope in all our charges. This may not remedy the situation entirely, or as speedily as we would like, but I am sure it would widen the vision and emphasize the importance of the relation the laity sustain not only to the charges but to this Conference as well. It will be remembered that these words are spoken in love for the betterment of conditions such as I have found in many places. It will be interesting however, to note that the total amount paid for Pastor's Salaries in 1901 was in round figures \$70,000, and at the close of this Conference year \$108,000, an increase of more than 50 per cent. The total increase in salaries for the year just ended is \$4000.

Our Young People's Work.

Instantly we think of the name of Rev. C. H. Hubbell, D. D. For years he was the dauntless champion of our work among the young. He did not belong to our Conference, but he was one of us, nevertheless. Many times has he enlivened the sessions of this Conference by his genial manner, his brilliant witticisms and his pungent oratory. He filled his place in this department of our general church and he did it well. Among those who are the happiest in the Saviour's presence is he who seemed the happiest here. May the mantle of this good man fall upon him who has been selected to continue the work.

There is no department of the church that is more important or that deserves more painstaking and intelligent services. And, I am glad to report that there is none which shows more gratifying results. I have diligently endeavored to visit the Sunday Schools and Endeavor Societies as my time has permitted. I find better equipment, better organization, and more intelligent management. Our people as never before are realizing the value of the child as an asset in the Kingdom of God, and they are studiously striving to train him for useful service in the future church. In many places the work among the young is seriously retarded by the lack of competent leadership, and in some places the real idea of Chris-

tian Endeavor is lost, but these are not in the majority. I think the men who compose our Conference Board of Young People's Work deserve a great deal of commendation for the splendid helps given to those who are constantly seeking larger information for greater efficiency. With this increase of effort, and the use of better facilities for the religious training of our young people, I am confident that the church of tomorrow will be more intelligent and useful than the church of today.

Moral Reform.

The Church of Jesus Christ is the one institution in the world with which by the aid of the Holy Spirit He proposed to carry on His work. He said to it—"Go, teach, preach my gospel to every creature." Its mission was to be worldwide, it was to be evangelistic, it was to be helpful. The present day church must have these ideals. It must be the friend of man. Whatever it can do to bring man back to God, to widen the vision of his great possibilities, to better human conditions is certainly within the scope of its activities. Whatever may be said about the decadence of religion, the failure of the church, the fact is that there was never a time when the principles of religion or the activities of the aggressive church were more admired. The duty of good citizenship has been emphasized, the ideals of the statesman increased, the importance of a square deal for the poor insisted upon, and the great problems of economic and moral reform more largely investigated. The church must be that wholesome spring from which all these benign influences shall flow. The effect of this is already largely apparent. It matters not how degraded a man may be, if in business he wants an honest man to be his accountant. It matters not how shameful social conditions may be, those who are in them desire to sleep their sleep and dream their sensuous dreams without molestation. There never was a time when greater study was given to the betterment of the condition of the laboring man, nor greater efforts made to enlist the great force he represents in the Church of Jesus Christ, to conserve the interests of the female wage earner, for the sake of posterity, to protect the child from the ravages of commerce and disease, to found asylums and hospitals, to park our cities for popular recreation and to make play grounds for the children that they may touch the heart of nature, to dispense a constantly increasing beneficence and to make the spirit of Jesus seen in the activities of man. The effect of all this is more than gratifying to him who sees the glory of the better day. We hail with delight the splendid efforts of noble men who are trying to preserve the laws of our land in this relation to the Sabbath, to purify politics and their insistence upon the selection of the best man for places of political preferment.

I rejoice with you in the triumphs achieved in breaking the hold of King Alcohol upon our State and National life. For years under the shadow of the one institution of learning to which our constituency should

look for the advanced education of our children, the saloon in unnecessary numerical strength made its appeal. At the election last year, thank God, the good people of Carroll County in the fear of God and for the sake of her people said "The saloon must go", and it will. I congratulate this noble county and I praise the people, many of whom are our own, who made one more white spot on the map of our beloved State. This cause is marching on. Old Virginia is free, and with her sister states, even against the influence of her Governor, can sing a song of victory.

My friends, the vote recently taken in our National Congress upon the question of National Prohibition should fill us with profound delight. It was the greatest victory ever won for this great cause. It has made this issue national and brought into prominence and national repute those who are its advocates. We are greatly indebted to Secretary Daniels and to Mr. Hobson and Gov. Glenn and many more who are its dependable champions in every battle. Already the great newspapers are asking the question—"What about National Prohibition as an issue in the next presidential campaign?" My brethren, if the millions of Christian voters in this country hold the balance of power, let a call from every pulpit in our land, on the mountains and in the valley, by the rivers and by the oceans, in the hamlets and in the cities, ring clear and strong—"Onward, Christian soldiers, marching unto war" that America—our America—may fly a stainless flag over a saloonless nation.

I commend to your continued attention, the Anti-Saloon League, the Lord's Day Alliance, the Societies for the Suppression of Vice, and all other forms of organized effort to hasten the coming of better days and the reign of the Prince of Peace.

State of the Church.

Material Prosperity. I am delighted to be able to tell you that the condition of our houses of worship and our parsonages never was better. During my visits I have especially emphasized the importance of careful attention to the appearance and up-keep of the church property. Our parsonages are, in the majority, nice homes, and the mistresses of these manses keep them in elegant order. This may not have been so great a year for building as has some, but the results are gratifying. The handsome new church at Milford was dedicated during the session of our last Conference. This enterprise must be recorded as the most remarkable in the history of our Church Extension Society activities. Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia, a beautiful stone building including one of the finest parsonages in the district was opened for divine service May 31st. It is a monument to the dauntless heroism of the resourceful pastor and a credit to all those who have contributed to its completion. The chapel at Chesaco Park was completed and opened for worship in the early summer.

The basement of the Park Road Church was completed and opened for service in the early summer. I call your attention to the financial sum-

mary in connection with this young church. The Fannie Lowe Memorial Church on St. Michael's charge was dedicated on Sunday, March 21st. It is a great credit to the people of that section. It cost \$3600. The new building at Bivalve was opened for service Sunday, March 28th. It is the finest church building in that section of Wicomico County. Its cost is \$5600, and the remaining debt is small. I must express my high appreciation of the intelligent and faithful labors of the pastor. This achievement merits unstinted praise. The splendid new church building at Laurel, Del. costing \$26,000 was dedicated Sunday, April 4th. The pastor has been remarkably successful. His optimism and industry have inspired the people, and the great organization can go on to win great victories for God. Handsome parsonages have been built at Cherrydale, Brooklyn, and Hampden. At North Carolina Ave. the congregation has purchased a parsonage. The walls of the handsome auditorium of the new Starr plant are beginning to rise rapidly. When completed it will reflect great credit to the philanthropist whose name it bears, the pastor, and its growing membership. It will be one of the finest and best equipped buildings in our entire territory, located in one of the most populous of Baltimore's suburban sections.

Among the notable expenditures of money are those at Laurel, Bivalve, St. Michaels', Hampden, Brooklyn, North Carolina Ave., Salisbury, Belair, Centreville, South Baltimore, First Church Newark, Seaford, Kent Island, Deer Park, Christ Church, First Church Wilmington, Taylor Memorial, New Church Va., Cambridge, Milford, Dover, Chestertown, New Market, Baltimore Circuit, Accomac, Starr, Powellville, Eutaw, Northumberland, Fawn Grove, Park Road, Georgetown, Del., and Mt. Nebo. These have spent much more than \$500 for church and parsonage improvements and for debt.

Incomplete returns from the charges show that \$50,000 have been raised for church and parsonage improvements, and \$23,000 on debt. This good showing is an exhibit of the fidelity and industry of the pastors and people.

Spiritual Results. We have cause for great rejoicing, my brethren, in the great results which have attended our labors in the ingathering of precious souls. We may build great structures whose towering spires may pierce the clouds, we may embellish them with the finest furnishings and jewel their windows with the finest glass, we may adorn our services with the most magnificent music and send our people forth from the most elaborate sermonizing, and yet if there is no cry of the penitent or shout of the saved, our efforts may spell failure. "We have heard the joyful sound—Jesus saves, Jesus saves!" From the mountains to the sea, from the north to the south, the tidings come—Jesus saves. Such marvelous demonstrations of saving power as have visited the state of Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland and some sections of western Maryland will long be remembered. The mighty arm of our God has been made bare, and great have been His victories. My brethren, I am not a critic of your

sermons. I do not hear you preach, but I am convinced that you have not lost the evangelistic note. Sound it out! Sound it out to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord. The most remarkable visitations of the Holy Spirit were at Crisfield, Milford, Milton, Hampden, Salisbury, Seaford, Trinity, Leipsic, Oxford, Powellville, Buckeystown, Pittsville, Keen Memorial, First Church Newark, Christ Church, Pocomoke City, First Church Washington, Taylor Memorial, Leeds, Deer Park, Georgetown Del. and Mt. Nebo. The good news continues to come as I write. Thank God, brethren, nearly 4000 precious souls have found peace through faith in Jesus Christ. You have told me that 3000 people have joined our churches and that the net gain in the membership is nearly 1000. For all this we are profoundly grateful and we join our adoration with that of the heavenly host "Unto Him who hath washed us from our sins in His most precious blood, be glory and honor and dominion and praise forever."

In Conclusion.

I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God whose gracious help has been granted me in the months which have so rapidly passed. For many weeks I went in and out among you with a heavy heart not knowing what I would find upon my return. Yet I have gone in the strength of Him who like myself then was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. I have missed but one appointment and that was when Death had encamped quite near our home. I am greatly indebted to Dr. Sheridan who kindly did my work. And likewise, do I wish to express to you, my brethren, your families and to the generous hearted laity of this Conference my sincere thanks for your prayers, your beautiful words of Christian condolence, your hearty co-operation with me and your gracious forbearance as I have tried under the stress and the strain of unmentionable anxiety to do my work. I love you more abundantly, and should you today deem it wise to call another to the great responsibilities of this office, I shall pray God's blessing upon him, and without any bitterness of soul, I will go where I am sent and do my work cheerfully and as efficiently as I can.

Praying that the Great Head of the Church may grant unto you, all necessary wisdom to guide you into the wisest conclusions for the glory of His name,

I am yours in the service of the Master,

JOHN S. BOWERS.

Of the Committee on President's Report.

The Report of the President clearly and comprehensively reviews the work of the year, sets forth present conditions and frankly states needs and opportunities.

It brings us cause for sorrow and joy. We weep with those who sit in the shadow of great grief and declare to them that their sorrow is our sorrow. During those weeks when the President went up and down among

us doing his work under the stress of great affliction he had our sympathy. We suffered with him and his and they continue to have our prayers. We rejoice with exceeding great joy at the announcement of 4000 conversions in the district this year and that 1000 above all losses have been added to the membership of the Church. The improvements to Church and parsonage property is cause for congratulation.

We express concern at the dearth of young men applying for place in the gospel ministry and indulge the hope that the secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education might find it possible to visit the churches of the Conference in this interest.

The Summer Conference deserves and is hereby given the cordial indorsement of this Conference. It should be a permanent and popular institution of the church. We recommend that a time be set apart during this session for hearing representatives of the enterprise.

The Mutual Relief Association offers so convenient and so beautiful a means for expressing our brotherhood we are slow to believe any would willfully neglect it. As the President says, "Let the lapses cease and the membership grow."

Appropriate standing committees will report on other phases of the work covered by the President's report.

We believe that the employment of an efficiency expert, who shall also be the Church Extension agent, is practicable and would be the most profitable kind of church extension investment.

We recommend that a committee of five laymen who have been successful in constructive church work be appointed, to,

1st. Address such a communication to the official boards as the President suggests;

2nd. Respond to invitations from churches to visit and give the benefit of their knowledge by inspiring and advising;

3rd. To work out the details of the plan for employing the Church Extension agent and with the President proceed to employ such a man if the right man can be found and a plan devised for his support.

We commend the Deaconess Work to the serious consideration of the Conference.

We recommend the appointment of a committee to look after the property interests at Lawsonia, and another committee, of which the President shall be chairman, to consider the Talbot Circuit situation. If it should be found inadvisable for this latter committee to report at this Conference we recommend that it be given full powers and directed to proceed at once on the adjournment of Conference to adjust conditions on this work.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. LITSINGER
G. R. HODGE,
G. A. OGG,

SAMUEL BURGESS,
R. W. SUTCLIFFE,
E. T. PARSONS,

Committee.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va.	C. M. Zepp	2	Lawsonia	To be supplied	
Alexandria, Va. ...	Edward Kirkley	1	Mariners	A. H. Green	2
Amelia, Va.	W. C. Mumford	3	Crumpton. J. E. Medling (Sup.)		1
Baltimore:—			Cumberland:—		
Alnutt Memorial... F. T. Little		4	First Church	J. L. Ward	1
Bethany	C. E. McCullough	2	Melvin Chapel... W. M. Snyder		3
Broadway	J. M. Sheridan	4	Mapleside & Fairview,		
Brooklyn	S. W. Coe	2	To be supplied		
Calvary	H. S. Johnson	3	Deer Creek	C. M. Adams	3
Chesaco Park			Deer Park.. W. A. Sites (Supply)		1
Christ Church	L. B. Smith	8	Delmar	G. A. Morris	2
East Baltimore. D. L. Greenfield		2	Delta, Pa.	G. A. Ogg	3
Eutaw	J. L. Nichols	2	Denton	T. O. Crouse	1
Evergreen	W. S. Hanks	2	Dorchester	V. A. Miller	2
Hampden	E. D. Stone	3	Dover & Leipsic, Del. J. T. Bailey		3
Keen Memorial... A. S. Beane		8	Easton	B. F. Ruley	1
Lauraville	C. C. Day	4	Elizabeth, N. J. ... G. Q. Bacchus		1
North Balto... W. H. Litsinger		1	Fairfax, Va.	J. N. Link	3
Payson Street.. D. W. Anstine		1	Fawn Grove, Pa. ... T. R. Woodford		3
South Baltimore. J. F. Bryan		6	Federalburg	Dorsey Blake	1
Starr	G. W. Haddaway	14	Felton, Del.	W. P. Jump	3
St. John's	J. W. Kirk	8	Finksburg	Carroll Maddox	3
St. Paul's	J. A. Dudley	4	First Church, Newark, N. J.,		
Violettville .. F. H. Mullineaux		3	E. C. Makosky		3
Waverly	F. D. Reynolds	1	Franklin City, Va. J. L. Elderdice		2
W. Baltimore. G. I. Humphreys		3	Frederick	G. J. Hooker	1
Wilton Heights. Ronalds Taylor		5	Georgetown, Del. H. L. Schlincke		3
Baltimore Circuit. ... S. F. Cassen		3	Georgetown Circuit, Del.,		
Bedford, Pa.	W. F. Bauscher	1	To be supplied		
Belair	B. W. Kindley	1	Greensboro	Allan Haldeman	1
Bivalve	I. S. Owens	3	Greenwood, Del.	P. L. Rice	3
Buckeystown	R. L. Shipley	1	Grove	To be supplied	
Cambridge	G. E. Brown	1	Harbeson, Del. ... F. J. Phillips		3
Campbell			Harper's Ferry & Middleway, W.		
Cannon, Del.	G. F. Farring	1	Va.	R. Y. Nicholson	5
Caroline. C. J. Burdette (Supply)		1	Harrington, Del. ... George Hines		1
Cecil	F. M. Clift	2	Howard	N. C. Clough	4
Centreville	G. J. Hill	2	Hurlock	A. B. Dupuy	1
Chesapeake... H. W. D. Johnson		2	Indian River, Del.,		
Chestertown	W. R. Graham	4	H. L. Schlincke (Supt.)		1
Chincoteague, Va. M. E. Hungerford		1	Kempton	H. O. Keen	7
Clayton, Del.	E. H. Jones	5	Kennedyville	F. S. Cain	3
Concord, Pa. H. E. Norris (Sup.)		3	Kent Island	Ziba Adams	1
Conquest, Va.	A. W. Ewell	2	Laurel, Del.	J. H. Straughn	4
Crisfield:—			G. R. McCready, Supernumerary		1
Crisfield	F. T. Benson	3	Laurel Circuit, Del. C. M. Cullum		1

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Leeds	T. C. Jones	2	Trinity	E. L. Bunce	2
Lewes, Del.	W. S. Simms (Sup.)	2	Tyreanna & Fairview. To be sup'd		
Lewistown. Stephen Zemm (Sup.)		2	Union	G. H. Stocksdale	3
Liberty	J. W. Parris	5	Union Bridge. H. F. Schwarzkopf		3
Lisbon	C. R. Strausburg	1	Wallace Memorial.	J. E. Massey	1
Lynchburg, Va.	C. M. Compher	6	Warwick.	H. H. Carroll (Sup.)	1
J. C. Poston, Supernumerary		3	Washington:—		
Mardela	G. R. Donaldson	4	Cherrydale	J. F. Wooden	1
Marley.	Clayborne Phillips	2	First Church	W. A. Melvin	6
Milford, Del.	L. A. Bennett	5	Georgetown	J. W. Balderston	3
Milton, Del.	F. A. Holland	6	Mt. Tabor	J. R. Wright	1
Mt. Nebo	W. F. Wright	3	N. Car. Ave.	E. A. Sexsmith	3
New Church, Va.	E. W. Simms	3	Park Road	G. M. Clayton	4
New Market	B. A. Bryan	1	R. Is. Avenue.	Louis Randall	3
Nichols Memorial,			Westminster	E. T. Read	2
A. R. Middleton (Supply)		3	Wilmington, Del.,		
Northumberland, Va.,			G. A. Robinson (Supply)		2
W. W. Johnson		1	West Wilmington. To be supplied		
Oak Grove & Prince George, Va.,			Whaleyville	G. R. Hodge	1
H. L. Murphy (Supply)		1	Williamsport,		
Oxford	J. McL. Brown	3	C. N. Alexander (Supply)		2
Parkley, Va.	E. L. Beauchamp	1	Wye	A. A. Harryman	1
Patapsco.	Clyde Haven (Sup.)	1	Special Appointments		
Philadelphia, Pa.:—			Pres. W. M. College.	T. H. Lewis	30
St. Luke's	J. W. Trout	12	V.-P. W. M. College.	A. N. Ward	3
Taylor Memorial.	R. T. Tyson	7	Prof. W. M. College. E. A. Warfield		9
Pipe Creek	T. H. Wright	5	Pres. W. Theo. Sem. H. L. Elderdice		19
Pittsville	W. P. Roberts	2	Editor Meth. Prot.	F. T. Tagg	24
Pocomoke Circuit. To be supplied			Sec. Treas. Bd. For. M. F. C. Klein		7
Pocomoke City.	N. O. Gibson	3	Ch. Extension Supt.	J. M. Holmes	1
Potomac, Va.	W. L. Hoffman	7	Loaned		
Powellville. W. D. Short (Supply)		2	Bd. Home Missions.	J. M. Gill	6
Quantico. W. H. Beckwith (Sup.)		2	Bd. For. Missions. E. H. Van Dyke		26
Queen Anne. J. P. George (Sup.)		1	Superannuates		
Reliance	P. W. Crosby	4	J. A. Weiland		27
Rowlandville	E. O. Ewing	2	J. G. Sullivan		16
Salem	P. M. R. Schauer (Sup.)	1	W. D. Litsinger		12
Salisbury	L. F. Warner	4	W. M. Strayer		10
Seaford, Del.	C. E. Dryden	2	J. L. Straughn		7
Selbyville, Del.	W. N. Sherwood	1	J. W. Gray		4
Sharptown	Avery Donovan	1	J. L. Mills		2
Snow Hill	C. K. McCaslin	1	F. L. Stevens		2
Stewartstown, Pa.	J. A. Wright	2	R. K. Lewis		1
St. James	H. P. Jester	3	A. W. Mather		1
St. Michaels	C. P. Nowlin	1	J. W. Norris		1
Susquehanna.	S. B. Tredway	6	Left Without Appointment at His Own Request		
Talbot	To be supplied		W. B. Judefund		2
Texas Mission.	To be supplied				

Report B

THE SECRETARY.

The Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

At our last session of Conference, Milford, Del., the Secretary was instructed to secure a list of the incorporated churches of the Conference. The list is complete with the exception of the following charges: Alexandria, Caroline, Cumberland Circuit, Lewistown, Union, Warwick and West Wilmington. A large number of the churches are not incorporated.

As Committee on Credentials I report that all charges have reported delegates elected except: Campbell, Lawsonia, Frederica, Talbot and West Wilmington. All of these credentials are correct and the delegates placed on the roll. Frank P. Wilson is seated from Payson St., although from necessity the election was not within the time limit.

Your Secretary has prepared stationery for the various committees and it is important that the committees shall conform to the suggestions accompanying the paper.

The financial statement of the publication of the Minutes and the incidental expense of the Conference is herewith attached:

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Balance on hand Conference 1914	\$103.86	
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas., 1913-1914	385.00	
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas., advanced assessments	63.00	
May 21, 1915, Gen. Conf. assessment, St. James.....	6.00	
Sale of Minutes during year	7.65	
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Total receipts	\$565.51	\$565.51

Disbursements.

Publication of Minutes, J. W. Stowell acct.:		
Contract price, 150 pages, 2000 copies	\$189.00	
40 extra pages at \$1.25 per page	50.00	
100 extra copies	7.50	
Distribution of Minutes	22.08	
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Total cost of Minutes distributed	\$268.58	
Apr. 7, 1914, T. R. Woodford, Committee expense	3.00	
Apr. 8, 1914, Miss Carey, Stenographer	4.50	
Apr. 11, 1914, W. G. Baker, Jr., Treas. Gen. Con. Fund.	21.26	

Apr. 20, 1914, J. M. Sheridan, Exp. Treas. Bond.....	12.50	
May 4, 1914, Incidental Conference expense; telegrams, stationery, trunk, etc.	10.16	
May 20, 1914, Secretary's compensation	25.00	
May 23, 1914, Quarterly report blanks	2.50	
June 8, 1914, Additional distrib. mins, postage	5.65	
June 23, 1914, E. A. Sexsmith, Audit. Com. expense....	5.85	
Dec. 4, 1914, E. M. Fowler, 150 printed postals	2.25	
Feb. 12, 1915, J. P. Cooper, Audit. Com. expense	5.00	
Feb. 27, 1915, M. P. Book Concern, Bibles, credentials, etc.	21.08	
Mch. 13, 1915, J. W. Stowell, printing ballots, report blanks, programs	10.10	
March, 1915, E. M. Fowler, 140 postal cards with return	4.00	
Secretary's incidental expense for the year, program com. meeting, stationery, postage, etc.	13.87	
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Total miscellaneous expense	\$415.30	\$415.30
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Balance on hand		\$150.21

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report C

THE TREASURER.

President's Salary.

1915

April 9, Amount from District	\$3069.00	
April 12, To Vouchers and Cash		\$3069.00
Conference Expenses.		
April 9, Amount from District	\$ 458.00	
April 12, To J. H. Straughn, Secretary		\$ 458.00
Ministerial Education.		
April 9, Amount from District	\$ 589.00	
April 12, To Rev. G. R. Brown, D. D., Sec.-Treas.....		\$ 589.00
Seminary.		
April 9, Amount from District	\$1758.00	
April 12, To Rev. H. L. Elderdice, Pres.		\$1758.00
College Endowment.		
April 9, Amount from District	\$1522.00	
April 12, To Rev. T. H. Lewis, Pres.		\$1522.00

General Home Missions.

April 9, Amount from District	\$2338.00	
April 12, To Rev. C. H. Beck, Sec.-Treas.		\$2338.00

Foreign Missions.

April 9, Amount from District	\$2727.00	
April 12, To Rev. F. C. Klein, Sec.-Treas.		\$2727.00

Church Home.

April 9, Amount from District	\$1840.00	
April 12, To Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treas.		\$1840.00

Specials for Foreign Missions.

April 9, Amount from District	\$7625.00	
April 12, To Vouchers from various Treasurers.....		\$7625.00

Miscellaneous General Interests.

April 9, Amount reported from District	\$6819.00	
April 12, To Vouchers		\$6819.00

Church Extension.

Receipts.

April 9, Amount from District	\$5437.00	
April 9, Annual Dues	116.00	
April 9, Note to cover deficiency	462.37	

Total receipts		\$6015.37
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Disbursements.

April 12, To Alexandria, \$150.00; Balto. City Church Extension Society, \$700.00; Baltimore Circuit, \$250.00; Calvary, \$160.00; Cambridge, \$200.00; Cannon, \$50.00; Centreville, \$100.00; Cherrydale, \$100.00; Church Extension Society, Md. Conf., \$300.00; Crumpton, \$50.00; Deer Creek, \$50.00; Delmar, \$150.00; Dover, \$100.00; Eutaw, \$150.00; Evergreen, \$100.00; Fairfax, \$50.00; Fairview Heights, \$200.00; Federalsburg, \$100.00; Georgetown, \$150.00; Greensboro, \$200.00; Harper's Ferry, \$50.00; Lauraville, \$100.00; Laurel, \$125.00; Milford, \$500.00; Nichols Memorial, \$100.00; Park Road Church on Interest, \$200.00; Payson Street, \$100.00; Quantico, \$200.00; St. Michaels, \$50.00; Taylor Memorial, \$450.00; Violettsville, \$100.00; Wilton Heights, \$125.00; Note of 1914 and Interest, \$405.37; Park Road on salary, \$200.00....		\$6015.37
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Superannuated Fund.

Receipts.

1914

April 30, To Contingent Fund	\$ 329.82
July 30, To Check from Thomas A. Murray, Treas...	1500.00
Nov. 2, To Check from Thomas A. Murray, Treas....	1700.00

1915

Jan. 22, To Check from Thomas A. Murray, Treas...	1400.00
April 8, To Check from Thomas A. Murray, Treas...	1755.36
April 9, To Amount from District	4071.00
April 12, To Annual Dues	116.00

 \$10872.18

Disbursements.

1914

July 29, By 1st Distribution to Claimants	\$1353.00
Nov. 2, By 2nd Distribution to Claimants	1455.00

1915

Jan. 22, By 3rd Distribution to Claimants	1186.00
April 13, By 4th Distribution to Claimants	6106.50
April 13, By 10% of Amount from District to Invest- ed Fund	407.10
April 13, By Expenses of Cor. Secretary	3.53
Apr. 13, By Annual Dues to Invested Fund	116.00
April 13, By Balance	245.05

 \$10872.18

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treas.

Washington, D. C., Apr. 13th, 1915.

 Report D

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully report—first, the following are now members of the board, viz., J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray, whose terms expire April, 1917; F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts, F. K. Herr, whose terms expire April, 1916; A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho, C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire, April, 1915, and whose successors are to be elected at this Conference.

Second, the Mrs. A. S. Eversole legacy of \$1000.00 has been continued as a temporary investment and the interest used for church extension pur-

poses. It will be the aim of the board to find a more permanent investment for the said fund during the ensuing year.

Third, we submit herewith the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the board 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.

Fourth, we report that the books and accounts have been audited and found correct by the standing committee of audit as required by the By-laws of our board.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for Year April 1914-April 1915.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference.

General Fund.

To Balance per last report		\$ 319.13	
To amt. from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer, appropriation for St. Paul's Church, and credited on Loan to said Church			650.00
To amt. received account Rent of property covered by McQueen Mortgage held by Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and credited on Loan from General Fund to settle Tax Title claim against said property	\$78.56		
To amt. from Corpus Drinkhouse Trust Estate credited on said Loan	72.72		151.28
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To Trustee's Commissions on Income from Trust Estate			52.30
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			\$1172.71

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By Rent Safe Deposit Box	\$ 5.00		
By expenses of management, including expenses of Trustees in attending meetings of Board		33.20	
By amt. loaned and advanced to Drinkhouse Trust Estate to settle Tax Title claim against property covered by McQueen Mortgage as above		720.66	758.86
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By Balance on deposit			413.85
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			\$1172.71

Drinkhouse Trust Estate.

	Corpus.	Income
To Balance as per last report	\$ 72.72	\$1591.84
To amt. Income received		1046.00
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	\$ 72.72	\$2637.84
CR.		
By amt. from Corpus paid General Fund on account of amt. advanced to settle Tax Claim against prop- erty covered by McQueen Mortgage	\$ 72.72	
By amt. paid in accordance with terms of Trust to Maryland Educational Endowment Society for Ministerial Education		500.00
By amt. paid to Baltimore Book Directory, appropri- ation from Income made by Board in accordance with terms of Trust for improvement of "The Methodist Protestant"		700.00
By Trustee's Commissions on Income collected above.		52.30
By Balance on deposit		1385.54
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	\$ 72.72	\$2637.84

N. B. The McQueen Mortgage above referred to represents an Investment of \$3200.00 made by Dr. Drinkhouse in his lifetime as a Loan upon property in the District of Columbia. The interest thereon was regularly paid up to and including interest due June 5th, 1913; subsequently a claim was asserted against this property under an old Tax Title, and the matter having been placed in the hands of Counsel at Washington, D. C., upon his advice a settlement was effected by the payment of the sum of \$720.66 as above, and the Trust Estate not having uninvested funds available for this purpose, the Board loaned this sum to the Trust Estate from its General Fund pending foreclosure of the Mortgage. Our Washington Counsel having advised that foreclosure of the Mortgage should be deferred until a more advantageous sale could be effected, pending foreclosure the net rents from the property are to be applied towards re-payment of amount advanced to settle said claim.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correct as per above report, and income from Investments properly accounted for; also Securities held by this Corporation deposited in its Safe Deposit Box.

ROWLAND WATTS,

T. W. DONOHO,

Auditing Committee.

April 6, 1915.

Report E

BOARD OF FINANCE.

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

First, We have examined the Reports of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society, and the Treasurer of the District of Columbia Church Extension Society, and find them correct with vouchers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

Report F

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

The Faculty of Instruction desires to report as follows:

First, That C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, Jr., and W. F. Wright, having completed the required studies, were passed through the course.

Second, That J. N. Link and Allan Haldeman were passed to the second year, except that Allan Haldeman was continued in Thesis. J. N. Link received 100 in Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," 100 in Drinkhouse's "Methodist Reform," and 100 in Nicholl's "Help to the Study of the Bible."

Third, That Wilbur M. Snyder was passed to the third year.

We recommend:

First, That W. D. Short, J. P. George, Harry L. Murphy, Charles N. Alexander, George A. Robinson, and Peter M. R. Schauer, be placed in the hands of the President.

Second, That Edward T. Kirkley, William P. Jump, and I. S. Owens, be received into the Conference on trial.

We report that the Rev. Dr. W. F. Tillett's book on "Personal Salvation," was adopted as the work on theology to be studied in the second year.

We further report that there is a vacancy in the Faculty caused by the death of J. E. Maloy, who was the examiner of the second year in Drinkhouse's "History of Methodist Reform." We ask that the President of the Conference be requested to fill the vacancy.

We recommend that H. E. Norris, J. N. Link, Allan Haldeman, John P. George, Charles N. Alexander, George A. Robinson, William P. Jump, Peter M. R. Schauer, I. S. Owens, A. R. Middleton, W. H. Beckwith, H. H. Carroll, Edward T. Kirkley, and J. E. Medling, be granted license to administer the ordinances.

We report that T. O. Crouse has been relieved from the teaching of Elocution and Oratory as outlined in the First Year's Class, and that all the appertains to this instruction has been eliminated from the Course of Study.

We report:

First, That a course of study on Sunday School organization and management has been added to the third year's course of Conference studies.

Second, That Curtis' theology has been substituted for Miley's theology in the 2nd and 3rd year.

We recommend that the President of the Conference be requested to appoint the Instructor in Sunday School organization and management.

J. L. MILLS, President.

Report G .

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Of the Committee.

Your Committee on Church Extension makes the following report:

We have carefully read the report of the Baltimore City, the District of Columbia, and the Conference Church Extension Societies, and rejoice in the successful work accomplished by these respective organizations.

We have received \$50.00 from the sale of Bethel Church on Campbell charge, and \$19.00 from the sale of certain articles of furniture in Quantico Church, and the same has been turned over to the Treasurer of the Conference Church Extension Society.

We are gratified that such a large number of churches and parsonages in our Conference District are incorporated and trust that the pastors of churches not now incorporated use their best endeavors to have said churches and parsonages incorporated during this Conference year.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend:

First, That Cumberland Circuit be divided, and Maple Side and Fairview churches constitute a separate charge to be known as Maple Side and Fairview. Melvin Chapel to be made a separate charge to be known as Melvin Chapel.

Second, That Tyreanna and Fair View Heights churches constitute a separate charge to be known as Tyreanna and Fair View Heights.

Third, That Texas appointment on Baltimore Circuit be detached from said Circuit and be made a separate charge to be known as Texas Mission.

Fourth, That the name of Waltersville Charge be changed to Bivalve.

REPORT BLANKS.

We recommend that only one Report Blank per year be sent to each charge receiving or seeking aid from this Conference; and that said blank be sent out in the month of March.

ASSESSMENT.

We recommend that the same Assessment as last year, of \$5500.00 be assessed on the District for Church Extension.

LOAN.

We further recommend that the Conference Treasurer be authorized to borrow \$500.00 with which to meet the deficiency of this year.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore City Church Extension Society for St. Paul's on salary \$100 and last installment on \$1000 already appropriated, \$250; and for Waverly on salary if supplied with a married man \$150. Total	\$500.00
Bethany on salary	100.00
Bivalve on debt provided they raise \$200 on debt	100.00
Calvary on salary	150.00
Cambridge 4th of 5 installments already appropriated	200.00
Cannon on salary	50.00
Centreville on salary	100.00
Cherrydale provided they raise \$200.00 on debt	100.00
Crumpton on salary	50.00
D. C. Church Extension Soc. on Pastor's Salary of Park Road Church	200.00
Deer Creek on salary	50.00
Delmar on interest provided they raise \$500.00 on debt	150.00
Dover, provided they raise \$200.00 on debt or improvements	150.00
Eutaw on debt	100.00
Evergreen on salary if supplied with married man	100.00
Fairfax on salary if supplied with married man	50.00
Federalsburg, on debt, provided they raise \$200.00	50.00
Georgetown, Del., provided they raise \$400.00 on debt	150.00
Greensboro on salary if supplied with married man	200.00
Harpers Ferry on salary if supplied with married man	50.00
Lauraville provided they make contemplated improvements this year	100.00
Milford third installment on \$1000 already appropriated	250.00
Nichols Memorial for Linthicum Heights Church on debt provided they raise \$200.00 on debt	100.00
Park Road Church fifth installment on \$1000 to be paid to Treas. of Md. Conference Church Exten. Soc. and said amount be devoted to payment of interest on note in Chestertown Bank	200.00

Parksley for Hunting Creek Church provided they raise \$200.00 on debt	100.00
Payson Street on salary -----	200.00
Quantico on salary -----	150.00
Selbyville provided they become incorporated this Con. Yr. -----	125.00
St. Michaels for debt on Fannie Lowe Mem. Church -----	150.00
Taylor Memorial last installment of \$800.00 appropriated in 1911; and second installment on \$1000 appropriated last Conference -----	450.00
Texas Mission -----	50.00
Tyreanna and Fairview Hghts. if supplied with pastor -----	100.00
Violetville on pastor's salary -----	100.00
Wilton Heights third installment on \$500.00 appropriation and \$500 in two annual installments provided they build auditorium this year	375.00
Deficiency for this year -----	500.00
For the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society to meet obligations already incurred. -----	200.00

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

E. C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

The Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers of the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society respectfully submits the following report.

We have paid the interest on the note in the Kent County Savings Bank for Three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3800), and with the appropriation made at the last session of this Conference have reduced the principle to Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500). This loan was made in the interest of the Park Road Church, Washington, D. C. It will be necessary to appropriate sufficient funds to pay the interest on this note, and also a sufficient sum to make a substantial reduction of the principle each year. It is the opinion of this Board that this Conference should be fully informed as to the financial condition of Park Road Church and therefore submit the following:

In addition to the loan negotiated at the Kent County Savings Bank, the Conference has executed a mortgage for six thousand dollars (\$6000) on the Park Road property made necessary in the erection of the present building. At the completion of the building last June there was a floating debt of One thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1750). The congregation being unable to meet this indebtedness it was necessary to secure a loan from a bank in Washington. In order to secure this loan Mr. Julian P. Dodge and others signed a note with the understanding that the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of this Conference guarantee Mr. Dodge that he should sustain no loss in coming to the relief of the church at this time. This note has been reduced Two hundred dollars (\$200), and with the amount secured at the church on Sunday afternoon last it will soon be reduced still further. You will see by this statement that the present obligations of this Con-

ference in the Park Road enterprise aggregate about Ten thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$10,850).

The guarantee given by this Board to Mr. Dodge, while unusual, was done to meet an emergency and we trust will be approved by this Conference.

The Board has been carrying a note in the National Bank of Baltimore made in the erection of the Linthicum Heights Church, and has had other small obligations, so that Three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) is needed to meet present indebtedness. We therefore request that the Conference appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty (\$350) to meet our present needs.

We recommend that an appropriation of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) be granted to meet interest in Park Road Church mortgage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

W. W. SMITH, Secretary.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

The Baltimore City 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 entrusted to its care. The Society has been privileged to reduce its total debt to the sum of \$680.00 with plans well in hand for clearing this amount in the near future. We note with pleasure the excellent progress being made at St. Paul's Church since the erection of its new church edifice. Eighty-eight members being received in sixteen months the time they have occupied this new building; a Sunday School enrollment of 225 with an average attendance of nearly 200; two Christian Endeavor Societies with a total membership of 65 are things of which this Society is proud.

We recommend that the Conference make an appropriation of \$100.00 toward the salary of the Pastor at St. Paul's for the ensuing year. We further recommend that the Conference again supply Waverly charge with a man under the supervision of this Society, and that \$100 be appropriated toward this man's salary the coming year provided he be a married man.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALDS TAYLOR, Secretary.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society.

The attractive basement of our Park Road Church of which Rev. G. M. Clayton is Pastor, was opened for Divine Worship Sunday June 14, 1914, with appropriate services participated in by Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., Louis Randall, E. A. Sexsmith, E. L. Beauchamp and W. A. Melvin, also the Hon. Franklin Brockson, Congressman of Delaware.

Since that time the Church has made commendable progress. Twenty-

one persons have united with the Church during this year, which means much for the present and future of the church. We have here a flourishing Sunday School of considerably over 100 scholars, and new ones joining at almost every session. A Junior Society of 65 members. Pastor has at least 150 families on his visiting list. The Pastor's salary is paid in full. A total of \$2,745.00 has been raised for all purposes during the year. The assessments are paid in full.

The Methodist Protestant Churches of the District are in hearty sympathy with the work and have co-operated with Park Road as far as their own local work would permit.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society held Friday, April 2nd, 1915, the Maryland Conference was requested to appropriate \$200.00 on Pastor's salary for the ensuing year. The Church unanimously requests the return of the present Pastor.

W. A. MELVIN, President.

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

Receipts.

Balance on hand April 1st, 1914 -----	\$ 10.91
Received Rent 1021 Park Road, (8 mos.) -----	164.00
Received from Dues -----	50.00
Received from Subscriptions -----	369.00
Received from Sale of Portable Church -----	60.00
Received from Miscellaneous sources -----	79.60

Disbursements.

Paid interest on Park Road Mortgage -----	226.04
Paid on account Park Road Debt -----	200.00
Paid Repairs on 1021 Park Road -----	31.76
Paid Water Rent 1021 Park Road -----	5.34
Paid Insurance on Portable Church -----	6.00
Paid Rev. W. A. Melvin, on account portable church -----	60.00
Paid Rev. G. M. Clayton on Salary -----	200.00
Balance on hand April 7th, 1915 -----	4.37

\$733.51 \$733.51

WM. T. BALLARD, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct with vouchers. Louis Randall, Chairman
Board of Finance.

Report H.

SUPERANNUATES.

Your Committee respectfully reports:

First, We recommend that \$4500 be assessed on the District.

Second, We report that Rev. J. E. Maloy and Mrs. P. L. Wilson deceased during the year.

Third, We recommend that A. W. Mather, R. K. Lewis and Mrs. J. M. Yingling be granted Superannuated relations:

We also report that we have received a communication from Mrs. C. W. Sanderson requesting to be placed upon the fund, but in view of the law governing such cases we regret that we cannot recommend her name.

Fourth, We recommend that the name of D. W. Anstine be transferred to the active list.

We report that the Fund has paid 100% for the year.

We recommend the following appropriations:

	Invested Fund	Collections	Amount Allowed
J. W. Gray	\$480	\$20	\$500
R. K. Lewis	240	260	500
W. D. Litsinger	410	90	500
A. W. Mather	490	10	500
J. L. Mills	510	—	510
J. W. Norris	300	60	360
F. L. Stevens	190	160	350
W. M. Strayer	480	20	500
J. L. Straughn	390	110	500
J. G. Sullivan	290	—	290
J. A. Weigand	150	150	300
Mrs. D. Dowers	60	35	95
Mrs. J. W. Charlton	155	30	185
Mrs. C. T. Cochell	95	—	95
Mrs. H. C. Cushing	65	60	125
Mrs. W. T. Dumm	75	150	225
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice	45	180	225
Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell	95	105	200
Mrs. W. J. Floyd	160	—	160
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson	100	50	150
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert	15	110	125
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell	210	40	250
Mrs. J. B. Jones	115	35	150
Mrs. J. L. Kilgour	90	10	100
Mrs. R. L. Lewis	115	135	250
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger	35	215	250
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas	55	195	250
Mrs. A. D. Melvin	145	105	250
Mrs. C. B. Middleton	35	140	175
Mrs. H. E. Miskimmon	60	65	125
Mrs. W. J. Neeper	155	—	155

	Invested Fund	Collections	Amount Allowed
Mrs. W. S. Phillips	115	285	400
Mrs. R. S. Rowe	205	45	250
Mrs. D. A. Shermer	10	65	75
Mrs. G. J. Smith	105	45	150
Mrs. S. J. Smith	10	90	100
Mrs. B. P. Truitt	100	200	300
Mrs. S. J. Valiant	15	85	100
Mrs. A. J. Walter	75	125	200
Mrs. R. S. Williamson	35	115	150
Mrs. H. F. Wright	65	185	250
Mrs. J. M. Yingling	15	35	50
Totals	\$6460	\$3915	\$10375

Signed by the Committee,

J. M. SHERIDAN

A. A. HARRYMAN

S. W. COE

L. S. FLECKENSTEIN

JOHN BAYLEY JONES.

Report I

LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

Of the Committee.

I. LITERATURE.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the Baltimore Book Directory shows a net gain from the Book Department of \$2274.03, and from the Sunday School Department a net profit of \$1913.37. While we regret to learn that there is a deficit from the Methodist Protestant of \$1470.67, yet it is encouraging to find that after deducting this his loss from the profits of the other two departments there is still a net gain of \$2,733.73. The agent of our Book Concern and the Editor of the Methodist Protestant are to be congratulated on this splendid showing. We earnestly entreat all our people to do what they can to increase the circulation of our Church paper as well as their patronage to the Book Concern.

II. WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

We are gratified to learn that the condition of Western Maryland College as regards the enrollment of students, educational work and financial outcome, is fully up to the average.

The College is to be congratulated on the completion of its new building, so splendidly equipped with modern appliances, and with every facility for

the best educational work, as well as A. N. Ward on his success in securing subscriptions to the amount of \$6500.00.

We express our profound thankfulness and great delight for the souls saved as the result of the College revival, and for the increased interest in the Sunday evening services in Baker chapel.

We call special attention to the fact that in two years the College will have reached the semi-centennial of its existence. It is not too soon for this Conference to take steps to memorialize, in suitable and signal way, commensurate with its importance, this memorable event in the history of our Church.

We express our appreciation of the honor conferred upon President Lewis by the recent call to assume the Provostship of the proposed University to consist of the consolidation of several Maryland Colleges, and we also express our deeper delight at his refusal to sever his relation from the Western Maryland College.

III. WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We congratulate the Westminster Theological Seminary upon the enrollment of twenty-six students from twelve Conferences, the graduation this year of nine students, the election of T. W. Mather to fill the vacancy in the Board of Governors occasioned by the death of Dr. J. W. Hering, upon the erection of the West Virginia Cottage and also upon the fact that about thirty young men of our District are now seriously considering the ministry as their life work.

We recommend that the usual assessment be laid; that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year, and that the second Sunday in May be observed as a day of special prayer and plea for more men for the Ministry.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

J. L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

Of the Baltimore Book Directory.

Dear Brethren:—

Following the usual custom we hand you herewith statements showing the financial condition of the Baltimore Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church for the fiscal year, ending Feb. 28th, 1915.

Yours respectfully,

J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

N. T. MEGINNISS, President.

Financial Statement of the Baltimore Book Concern.

Assets.

Cash on hand and in bank -----	\$ 1775.11
Suspense account Methodist Protestant -----	153.80
Accrued Advertising Methodist Protestant -----	200.97

Advance Orders, S. S. Periodicals -----	1472.50	
Trustees Maryland Annual Conference -----	198.38	
Accounts Receivable -----	4505.07	
Baltimore Post Office -----	27.00	
Baker, Watts & Co. -----	2440.00	
Furniture and Fixtures -----	583.84	
Methodist Protestant Paper -----	46.88	
Stock Inventory, S. S. Periodicals -----	84.79	
Merchandise:		
Hymnal Plates -----	\$ 200.00	
617 sets Drinkhouse History -----	154.25	
		354.25
Other stock -----	14929.65	15283.90
Merchandise Expense Inventory -----	108.37	
General Expense, Office Supplies -----	199.14	
Property Improvement and Expenses -----	618.93	
		27698.68

Liabilities.

Capital -----	20000.00	
Advance Subscription, Meth. Prot. -----	\$ 648.75	
Advance Subscriptions, S. S. Periodicals -----	586.18	1234.93
Accounts Payable -----	3513.70	
General Conference -----	297.26	
Reserve -----	158.89	
Emergency Fund -----	2493.90	
		27698.68

CHAS. REINER, Jr., Agent.

General Income and Expense Statement for Year Ending Feb. 27, 1915.

Receipts.

Methodist Protestant:		
Sales -----	\$ 4286.74	
Advertising -----	506.18	
Profit and Loss Suspense account -----	101.60	
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy -----	700.00	5594.52

Sunday School Periodicals:		
Sales -----	12768.08	
Profit and Loss -----	1.50	12769.58
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Merchandise:		
Sales -----	23049.40	
Commission and Discounts -----	183.19	23232.59
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General:		
Interest -----		76.97
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		41673.66
Disbursements.		
Methodist Protestant:		
Commissions and Discounts -----	\$ 91.89	
Paper -----	1093.96	
Postage -----	271.25	
Expense -----	198.50	
Printing -----	3000.81	
Salary -----	2142.55	
General Expense -----	266.23	7065.19
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Sunday School Periodicals:		
Purchases -----	8558.42	
Postage, Express and Freight -----	451.95	
Expense -----	189.14	
Salary -----	1390.47	
General Expense -----	266.23	10856.21
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Merchandise:		
Purchases -----	17128.43	
Salary -----	2317.45	
Expense -----	1246.45	
General Expense -----	266.23	20958.56
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General:		
Furniture and Fixtures -----	600.00	
Profit and Loss, Expense on Property -----	707.39	1307.39
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General Conference, 20% Net Profit -----		297.26
3% Accounts Receivable to Reserve -----		135.15
Balance Net Profits to Emergency Fund -----		1053.90
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		41673.66

CHAS REINER, Jr., Agent.

Of the President of Western Maryland College.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

I have the honor to submit my twenty-ninth annual report to this Conference as the President of Western Maryland College.

I am glad to report a successful year. In respect of students the attendance, while not as large as last year, is yet fully up to the average, being 230. Our forty-fifth graduating class numbers 39. The financial outcome is about as usual, enabling us to meet all our obligations for the current year. The educational work is quite up to the standard of former years, and in some particulars shows progress. And looking over the whole field it may be said that the College is in a prosperous condition, never more vigorous, never better equipped, and never giving more promise of continued good work.

The new building of which mention was made at the last Conference was begun in May and completed December 1st, when it was occupied for the first time. The entire cost of this building we were able to keep down to less than \$50,000, and for completeness and beauty it leaves nothing to be desired. All our requirements for many years are here provided for in the most modern way. There are three great laboratories and seventeen recitation rooms splendidly equipped with every facility for the best educational work. It is confidently believed that no College in the State has a better educational building. I am glad to report that the efforts of Vice President Ward to secure contributions for the furnishing of this building have been very successful. Subscriptions to the amount of \$6500 have been received, and additional promises to the amount of \$1500. While he has not done all he hoped to do his success has I think surprised everyone but himself. The debt remaining on this building is \$17,000.

Our Endowment fund is growing slowly by the accretion of its income, and we have hope that before many years it may at least reach the minimum required of such funds, \$200,000. We are far away enough from this now but hope urges us on and enables us to wait and work for this consummation.

Among the many blessings for which we are thankful, I report a revival of religion among the students resulting in thirty-two conversions. The Sunday evening services in Baker Chapel have been greatly increased in interest by the visit of six preachers and six laymen who have spoken to the students during the Sunday evenings of the second term. Our thanks to them all for their service are here extended.

We are also thankful for the good health of all at the College during the year. No serious illness has occurred, and very little interruption to work on account of sickness. This is not unusual, but it is a blessing we ought never to forget. The trustees at a special meeting in December formally decided to go into the alliance with other colleges of the State in the Maryland State University. This alliance is not to make any change in our administration or ownership. The charter of the University expressly forbids this, and the idea is simply to form a working alliance for the promotion of better and

more uniform educational standards. Each College will retain all its charter rights and privileges.

In two more years the College will have completed fifty years of continuous operation. This ought to be an occasion of special and wide interest. With all that has been done in those years and all that has been escaped we should be inspired, it seems to me, to memorialize it in a signal way. I do not know what may be suggested but I trust suitable recognition may be given to an event which, among other great relations, bears signal meaning to the advancement of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

Of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary respectfully submits the following Annual Report.

We have enrolled this year twenty six students, representing twelve Conferences: viz:—Maryland 7, Indiana 4, North Carolina 2, Muskingum 2, North Missouri 2, Michigan 2, West Virginia 1, Pittsburgh 1, Eastern 1, North Illinois 1, and Georgia 1. The educational standard is higher than usual, 50% of the students having received College or University degrees before matriculating in the Seminary. In these commercial days when so many of the sons of our ministers are entering secular pursuits it is worthy of note that there are still a few who follow in the footsteps of their fathers, notably this year. Rev. W. F. Kennett of North Carolina, Rev. Josiah Payne of West Virginia, and Rev. Dr. George W. Haddaway of Maryland rejoice in having sons in The Westminster Theological Seminary preparing to preach the Gospel.

It is with keen appreciation that we report that fifty three of the pastors in the Maryland Conference observed the second Sunday in May, in harmony with Conference Resolution, in the interest of more men for the ministry. As immediate results the President of the Seminary has been notified of twenty six young men in the District who are giving serious consideration to the claims of the ministry.

At its last Annual Meeting the Board of Governors elected T. W. Mather of Westminster, Maryland, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. J. W. Hering.

The Graduating Class numbers nine; Georgia 1, Ohio 1, Michigan 1, North Carolina 1, Maryland 2, Indiana 3. One of the most pressing needs is the enlargement and permanency of our Free Scholarship Fund. Many of our students during their College career borrowed from the Board of Ministerial Education and entered the Seminary deep in debt. To require them to borrow more money and thus get so deep in debt that many years may be required to cancel it with their small salaries, seems an unwarranted hardship; and therefore special efforts are being constantly made to aid such students by Free

Scholarships during their three years in Seminary. So generous has been the response to this line of solicitation that so far no student has been compelled to leave on account of lack of funds. The church should be constantly reminded that other denominations with their large endowments are perpetually offering large sums of money to our young men in order to secure their attendance in their institutions, and those who go seldom return to our fold. We must provide for the proper theological training of our own or else others will do so and then they will no longer be our own. As a matter of pride we point to the erection, last summer, of the West Virginia Cottage on our Campus. This is occupied by one of our Professors—Rev. Warren Hampton Hodges of the West Virginia Conference. In addition to the ample and well-equipped Seminary building, we now have a Home for the President, built by the legacy of a Maryland layman, the North Carolina Cottage occupied by Dr. C. E. Forlines, of the North Carolina Conference, and the West Virginia Cottage, occupied as above specified. The buildings have recently been connected by cement walks and the grounds are becoming more attractive and convenient every year, so that we may be pardoned for describing The Westminster Theological Seminary as "beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole" Methodist Protestant world.

We recommend the usual assessment and the assignment of H. L. Elderdice as President for the ensuing year.

J. L. MILLS, President Board of Governors.

Report J

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your Committee was glad to note the encouraging reference to the young people's work, in the report of the President of this Conference; and we heartily concur in his statement that, "there is no department of the Church that is more important or that deserves more painstaking and intelligent services."

Your Committee believes that special effort, and the use of better facilities for the religious training of our young people are necessary, that the Church of tomorrow may be more intelligent and useful than the church of today.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

These statistics for the Sunday School follow: Number of Sunday Schools 274; officers and teachers 3,923; scholars, 33,672; and new scholars, 4,727, making the total membership of our Sunday Schools 37,595. Increase of more than 1,000 members. Home Department, 29 with 755 members. Organized Adult Bible Classes, 116, with 3,870 members. Teacher-training classes, 23, with 250 members. Brotherhoods 16, with 572 members. This is the most important of our work among the young people, and should have special atten-

tion at this time, when churches of other denominations, in the same territory of our church, are building up-to-date Sunday School houses, fully equipped for modern Sunday School work, and at the same time, training their teachers for more efficient service.

We urge all our schools to organize Teacher-training and Adult Bible Classes.

We recommend, that all Adult Bible Classes apply to our Board of Young People's work for their charters; and, that our teacher-training classes secure their diplomas from the same source. In this way, we can know, to a certainty, the extent of our success in these two very important branches of our Young People's work. We heartily recommend that this Conference give special attention to the necessity of introducing the graded lessons into all our Sunday Schools, beginning with the Beginners and the Primary grades, should it seem unadvisable to grade the entire school, at once.

We also, once more, 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 building especially adapted to the needs of the modern Sunday School. The Board of Young People's Work can give needed information to churches concerning modern Church Architecture. We commend the book of Marion Lawrance entitled "Housing the Modern Sunday School."

We recommend, that the organizations connected with this Conference Union contribute, at least, \$2.00 each, this year, for the support of the work, which is the same as last year.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Number of Societies 141; membership 6,020; contributed for Missions \$1,158.00. This shows a decrease of one Society and an increase of 228 members over last year. Junior Societies 61 with 2572 members. This indicates that special attention should be given by the Pastors and officials of our churches, to the Christian Endeavor work, as many of the societies are societies in name only.

The Young People's Union has a Superintendent of Increase and Efficiency, who is earnestly endeavoring to encourage the Societies to do a larger and a better work. This cannot be done without the loyal and enthusiastic support of all persons concerned.

We once more introduce here the Standards of Efficiency:

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 the Board of Young People's Work	10%
7. Contribution to Conference Missionary	10%
8. Business Meetings, one a month	10%
9. New Subscriptions to the Methodist Protestant	10%

Those who try will find how easily these simple standards may be reached. We urge a campaign of Efficiency in every Society of this Conference during this Conference year.

We again, recommend that the Conference seriously consider the wisdom of selecting an efficient man as Field Secretary, for a few years at least, whose duty it shall be to visit the various churches of the Conference and organize new Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, Junior Societies, and Brotherhoods, and to direct and assist in the better organization and effectiveness of the organization already in existence, that the Young People's Work of the Conference may measure up to the opportunity and responsibility of the present.

We call attention to the National Convention of our Union of Young People's Work, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, beginning on Tuesday, May the 18th, 1915, and urge that all our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies be represented. Let the slogan of the Maryland Annual Conference Young People be "On to Columbus."

We urge that all money raised for the Conference Missionary be sent to E. A. Sexsmith, 19-9th Street Southeast, Washington, D. C., who is the Christian Endeavor Missionary Superintendent of the Maryland Conference Union, and is the only proper one to receive it.

We, with deep sadness, call the attention to the great loss sustained in our young people's work of this Conference, as well as of the entire denomination in the loss by death, of Reverend C. H. Hubbell, D. D. He was one of us and his presence at our Conference sessions, and also, at the Conference Union Conventions will be greatly missed. He was peculiarly fitted for the work which lay so close to his great heart. We hope and pray that the right man may be found to take up the work which he laid down when he was promoted to the Church of the First Born in Heaven.

The Convention of the Maryland Conference Union will be held next fall at Alnutt Memorial Church, Baltimore. We urge that every Sunday School, Christian Endeavor Society, and Brotherhood be well represented.

BROTHERHOODS.

This is a young but growing work in our Church; but new organizations are constantly being effected. This is a very important work. We again urge, that all our Brotherhoods be organized in conformity to the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by our last General Conference; and that the Adult Classes among the men shall be brought into fellowship with the Brotherhood.

We call attention to the Young People's Work Page of the Methodist Protestant, edited by L. B. Smith of Baltimore, and urge that interesting news items be sent to him for publication.

We recommend that room be made on the financial blank for Special for Foreign Missions by the Christian Endeavor Societies, under the head of Y. P. S. C. E. of the statistical tables.

Your Committee believes that with but little extra effort, the \$1,000.00 a year for our Christian Endeavor Missionary can easily be raised; and we sincerely urge that this be done during this Conference Year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK T. BENSON, Chairman.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

Report K

MORAL REFORM.

We are sincerely grateful to Almighty God for the great victories the Church is gaining in its nation-wide war with the liquor traffic; for the rapid growth of prohibition sentiment in nearly every State; and for the encouraging vote recently given in support of the Hobson prohibition amendment by the Congress of the United States. And we urge our people everywhere to support only such candidates for Congress as are declaredly in favor of national prohibition.

While the recent marked success in Charles and Garrett Counties, Maryland, are most gratifying, the great dry victory in Caroll Country last Fall is particularly pleasing to every true lover of Western Maryland College. And congratulating ourselves that there are now in the Republic eighteen "dry" States, and in Maryland thirteen dry counties, we confidently press forward in the present campaign for state-wide, and nation wide prohibition.

We are deeply interested in the situation in the State of Delaware. We rejoice that the temperance power of the last legislature held its own but regret that no advance was made in Temperance legislation. And we earnestly call upon our large constituency in that commonwealth to make it known that the vote of every man in our church will be against any man for any office of any party who will not aid in securing more effective temperance legislation for the protection of its people from the evils of the liquor traffic.

We especially commend the papers of Washington for their editorial utterances on the temperance question, which have doubtless had no small part in the advancement of prohibition in the Nation's Capital.

We rejoice in the victory for Prohibition in the State of Virginia, and we are glad to know that the men of our own Conference had no small part in that great triumph. And we call upon Maryland, Delaware, and the neighboring States to help this great State to realize true self-government by preventing the flood of liquors now being shipped into the State to defeat the plainly declared will of a large majority.

We heartily commend and congratulate the Hon. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, for his heroic fight on behalf of the

rights of the people of that great commonwealth, relative to a "Local Option Bill." And we felicitate the citizens of Pennsylvania upon having as their chief Magistrate a man of such sterling Christian qualities, assuring our Methodist Protestant brethren of that State that we shall earnestly pray for the Divine guidance of Governor Brumbaugh and all co-operating with him in the great work of moral reform to which they are committed.

We heartily endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League, and we pledge to the leaders of that great organization our undivided support and co-operation, and urge our pastors to open their pulpits once a year to some representative of the League. We also congratulate the women of the W. C. T. U. on the great temperance work they are accomplishing, and assure them and all other temperance organizations of our fullest sympathy.

We gladly embody in our report the following resolution submitted by T. H. Lewis and Jas. H. Straughn:

RESOLVED, That, expressing our regret that illness in his family has prevented Superintendent T. M. Hare of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland from visiting this Conference, we yet desire to record our pleasure and pride in the visit of Mr. J. Bibb Mills, Legislative Superintendent of the League, as his substitute; and whose work and repute we feel especial joy in noting.

We recommend that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to send a communication to Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania commending him for his efforts for moral reform in his state, and to Supt. T. M. Hare of the Anti-Saloon League expressing our regret that he was compelled to be absent from our sessions and our sympathy with him in his trouble.

We note with pleasure the recent declaration of our Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, regarding the political situation in Iowa. "Were I a citizen of Iowa," he says, "I would exercise whatever influence I might have in favor of the selection of officials who would not be controlled by or be under obligation to the liquor interests, but would be positively opposed to the saloon." And we respectfully commend his action in this regard as worthy of imitation by every voter in the Maryland Conference.

We commend the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States to defend and preserve the Christian Sabbath as a weekly rest day. And we recommend that each of our pastors preach a sermon at some convenient time during the year on Better Sabbath Observance; and that they request their charges to make a yearly contribution to the work of the Alliance and send it to the Treasurer, George M. Thompson, 203 Broadway, New York City.

We believe that the Methodist Protestant Church should speak with strong and certain word for the Christianizing of the Social problems for the ministry and laity of our church. We believe that laws against all social and commercial unrighteousness should be placed on our Statue books, and that ordinances should be passed to conserve the health and happiness and equal

opportunity of all people. We desire to go on record as favoring the proper regulation of child labor and the working hours for women, for the promotion of equity and sympathy between capital and labor, for better housing and living conditions for the poor, and all social reform that shall minister to the common good.

We note with pleasure the great interest manifested by the attempt to correct the social evil and its kindred vices on the part of such great men as Dr. Howard Kelly of Baltimore, and pray that God will lay this matter on the heart of more of our public men and make all Christians more willing to give them their hearty support.

With our brethren of other Churches, we rejoice that when so many of the nations are warring with each other, ours is at peace. This, under God, to whom be all praise, we attribute largely to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, and the consecrated Christian men associated with him in the administration of the affairs of Government. And we hereby express our heartiest approval of the course President Wilson has been and still is pursuing in his dealings with foreign Governments in these dreadful days of national fear and perplexity; praying that he and his cabinet may ever continue to seek that wisdom that cometh from above and is given freely to them that ask.

W. S. HANKS.
R. L. SHIPLEY.
C. E. DRYDEN.

DANIEL BAKER.
M. A. ZOLLIKOFFER.
J. T. BEANE.

Report L

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Of the Committee.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:—

We have carefully examined the papers presented to us embodying the report of the Secretary of the Board, and noting the conditions pro and con view with regret that the facts contained therein are not as encouraging as it was hoped they would be. Lack of funds has caused the board much embarrassment. It is the judgment of your committee that the time is ripe for action if this very worthy agency of the church is to be perpetuated, and must have some tangible and permanent foundation upon which it shall depend for its financial strength. The imperative need is a home for without this any plans now made are merely tentative and we sincerely hope the Conference will place itself on record in favor of the same. It is to be deplored that not many of our pulpits have been open for the introduction of this noble work and that the recommendation of the committee to the Conference of last year has not succeeded in eliciting a general response from its members. We commend the faithful work of the Treasurer of the Board of the Deaconess movement who reports having received \$341.21 for this Conference year while \$624.62 is credited as

disbursements. We find that but eleven churches this year have made contributions and in the two years past there have been less than one third of our churches who have in any way assisted.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We therefore recommend:

First, That each pastor preach a sermon during the year on the Deaconess movement.

Second, Such Sunday as best suits the pastor and local church be selected.

Third, We commend the work of Rev. J. M. Stick, of the Maryland Tract Society, and Rev. Dr. Weiderman of the Maryland Bible Society.

Fourth, We recommend G. H. Stocksdale be named as a life director of the tract society.

Fifth, We furthermore recommend the purchase of a Deaconess Home, and that an assessment of \$1000.00 be laid on the Conference District, one half to be used for current expense and one half towards the purchase of a home.

Sixth, We urge the immediate organization of Deaconess circles in the churches in the Conference and suggest that the Deaconess Board furnish the literature to aid them in their work and whenever possible to send one of the Deaconesses to assist in the organization of such circles.

Seventh, We request F. T. Tagg to visit the charges of this Conference and to present the needs of the Deaconess Board; that the offering from each charge shall go to the assessment for the Deaconess Home provided that when the offering shall exceed the amount assessed on the charge the balance shall go as a special offering to the work.

Eighth, We urge the establishment of our own Deaconess training school.

C. M. CULLUM.

W. T. VANE.

G. H. STOCKSDALE.

L. H. LECATES.

B. F. RULEY.

E. A. LANKFORD.

Of the Deaconess Board.

It is probably true of every useful enterprise that it must have its embarrassing and disappointing incidents, along with those that are beneficent, encouraging and satisfactory. It is more apparent to the Deaconess Board than perhaps it can be to the Conference that the work under its supervision has not progressed as satisfactorily as we desired and prayed that it should. Miss Evelyn Jefferson, who is a good Christian woman, and gave promise of a successful deaconess, became obsessed with the impression that she should take a course of training in an outside organization in New York; she finally concluded that this was for her a providentially directed duty. The Board felt that it could do nothing but let her go.

Miss Perrin made an enviable record so long as she was able to engage in the work, and the Board has much information from the pastors whom she assisted and the communities in which she served that her work was beneficial and effective in many ways. But the failure of her health, with the indication

that she would probably never be able to resume her work, made it our duty to accept her resignation which came to us last January.

We have two deaconesses, Miss Lillian DeMoss and Miss Alma Lewis, now in the employ of the Board. These young women took their training in nursing in the Maryland General Hospital, and have since cheerfully responded to every call that has been made for their services, and we are glad to say that their work has been entirely acceptable and beneficial.

The embarrassment of your Board has been three-fold; it has not been able so to dispose of the deaconesses services as to prove this movement of such value to the church as it has been in other denominations. What has been done has added members to our churches and Sunday Schools, has afforded aid and comfort to needy families and has cared for a few sick and infirm people. It is but justice to the young women to say, and we record the fact with great pleasure, that where they have had the opportunity to do beneficent and charitable work they have more than met the expectations of those to whom they gave their tender and godly ministry.

In the second place the Board has been seriously hampered by lack of funds. The churches and pastors, with some exceptions, have not seemed to be much in sympathy with the work, and some have expressed doubt as to its necessity and expediency. We have realized, at times with heavy hearts, that a church enterprise must make slow headway if it can succeed at all without the cordial sympathy and co-operation of all those who are naturally expected to be interested in it. Your Board has keenly felt the absence of this sympathetic interest and for the work's sake must deplore it.

And thirdly, the embarrassment of having no permanent home has overshadowed every plan the Board has contemplated and every move it has attempted. Without a deaconess home it is impossible to have satisfactory deaconess work. Our deaconesses have made no complaints; they have patiently and cheerfully accepted such conditions and conveniences as the Board could provide, but the Board itself has never been satisfied with these tentative arrangements.

Now if the Conference does not want a deaconess organization or feels that it is not able to maintain one, there is no better time to say so than the present. If, however, it does want this agency that has proved so efficient in other denominations, then it is manifest that some definite action must be taken to put it on a more adequate and satisfactory basis. If the Conference believes that a new Board can do better than the present one has done, we will cheerfully yield our places to any other persons the Conference may select; and we will at the same time pledge ourselves to aid them to the fullest extent of our ability to realize the expectations of the church.

The treasurer of the Board, who is a member of this Conference, will make his annual report to you, as he has already done to the Board. It will be apparent we think that the Board has conducted the affairs of the deaconess work with strictest economy in its expenditures; but even then the funds have been too limited to meet the actual needs.

Finally we beg to say that we believe the Conference, as a whole, is not awake to the importance and advantages of this work; that its proper support and its enthusiastic encouragement would soon prove it to be one of the most beneficent, fruitful and successful agencies of Christian work.

Report of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Board.

Receipts.

1914		
March 28	To Balance	\$ 128.28
March 28	Lauraville M. P. Church .....	.400
March 28	Deaconess Cooperative Bd.	122.00
April 2	To Buckeystown M. P. Chr.	20.00
April 2	To Cumberland M. P. Chr.	30.00
April 2	To Salisbury M. P. Chr.	5.00
April 2	To Broadway M. P. Chr.	8.00
April 3	To Christ M. P. Church	6.00
April 3	To Union Bridge M. P. Church	1.50
April 3	To Kemptown, Marie Lewis .....	.50
April 3	To St. Johns M. P. Church	10.35
April 8	To North Carolina Ave. M. P. Church	9.00
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Disbursements.

1914		
April 8	Miss Alma Lewis	\$ 8.33
April 8	Miss Lillian Demoss	8.33
April 8	Miss Nettie Perrin12.00
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April 8	To Balance	315.97
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		344.63

1914		
April 8	To Balance	\$ 315.97
April 8	to April 8 1915 Cash received	341.21
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		\$657.18

	Disbursements.	
From April 8 1914 to April 8, 1915	cash paid out.....	624.62
To Balance		32.56
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		\$657.18

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. MULLER, Treasurer.

Report M

OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee has completed its arduous labors. Reports show that much confusion still exists in the minds of some Pastors as to what is desired by the Conference in personal reports.

LADY VISITORS.

Twenty-five charges reported last year as having no lady visitors to the Church Home. The following charges report no lady visitors this year. Payson Street, Cecil, Conquest, Cumberland Circuit, Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, Felton, Franklin City, Greenwood, Grove, Lewistown, Lisbon, Mardela, Nichols Memorial, Northumberland, Patapsco, Powellsville, Prince George, St. James, Williamsport.

The Stewards and Pastors of the following charges failed to co-operate to furnish disciplines, Amelia, Calvary, Payson Street, Waverly, West Baltimore, Belair, Buckeystown, Conquest, Crisfield, Mariners, Deer Creek, Delta, Denton, Elizabeth, Federalsburg, Felton, Georgetown Circuit, Greenwood, Grove, Harbeson, Harrington, Howard, Kent Island, Lewes, Lewistown, Fairview, Oxford, Patapsco, Pocomoke Circuit, Prince George, Reliance, Salem, Union, Mount Tabor.

INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

The following charges are reported as not incorporated at all; or only in part: Deer Creek, Howard, Lewistown, Taylor Memorial, Prince George, Selbyville. The following charges are reported this year as not incorporated that were reported last year as incorporate: Amelia St. Pauls, Cecil, Caroline, Chincoteague, Elizabeth, Georgetown Circuit, Harbeson, Hurlock, Indian River, Kent Island, Nichols Memorial, Northumberland, Oak Grove, Salem, Union, Union Bridge, Warwick, Park Road, Whaleyville, Cumberland Circuit. This will indicate that former reports were incorrect or that the Pastors did not take time to learn the facts when making their reports.

Ninety-three charges report no new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant.

The following charges report assessments paid in full and are entitled to place on the Honor Roll: Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, Alnutt Memorial, Broadway, Brooklyn, Calvary, Christ Church, Eutaw, Evergreen, Keen Memorial, Lauraville, North Baltimore, Payson Street, South Baltimore, Starr, St. Johns, St. Pauls, Violetville, West Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Baltimore Circuit, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Cecil, Centerville, Chestertown,

Conquest, Crisfield, Cumberland, Deer Creek, Delmar, Delta, Denton, Dover, Easton, Fairfax, Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church, Newark, Frederick, (Georgetown, Delaware), Greenwood, Harbeson, Harrington, Howard, Indian River, Kennedyville, Laurel, Leeds, Leipsic, Lewes, Lisbon, Lynchburg, Milford, Milton, Mt. Nebo, New Church, New Market, Nichols Memorial, Parksley, Patapsco, St. Lukes, Pittsville, Potomac, Prince George, Reliance, Salem, Salisbury, Seaford, Sharptown, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Michaels, Susquehanna, Trinity, Union Bridge, Wallace Memorial, Warwick, Cherrydale, First Church, Washington, Georgetown, D. C., Park Road, North Carolina Ave., Rhode Island Ave., Westminster, Wilmington, Williamsport, Whaleyville.

The following failed to pay assessments in full: Bethany, East Baltimore, Hampden, Waverly, Bedford, Belair, Campbell, Caroline, Chesapeake, Chincoteague, Clayton, Concord, Lawsonia, Mariners, Crumpton, Cumberland Circuit, Deer Park, Dorchester, Elizabeth, Felton, Franklin City, Georgetown Circuit, Greensboro, Grove, Harpers Ferry, Hurlock, Kempton, Kent Island, Laurel Circuit, Lewistown, Liberty, Fairview, Mardela, Marley, Middleway, Northumberland, Oak Grove, Oxford, Pipe Creek, Pocomoke City, Pocomoke Circuit, Powellsville, Quantico, Queen Anne, Rowlandsville, Selbyville, Snow Hill, Talbot, Union, Waltersville, Mount Tabor, Wye, West Wilmington.

We are pleased to note the earnest desire of the Beneficiaries of the Board of Ministerial Education to liquidate their indebtedness.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First, we recommend that J. M. Gill be loaned to the Board of Home Missions for the Pastorate of First Church, Seattle;

Second, that E. H. VanDyke be loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Third, that W. B. Judefind be left without appointment for one year, at his own request, and that G. R. McCready be granted a supernumerary relation.

Fourth, we recommend that the Committee on Publication of Manual be requested to add explicit directions as to the necessary procedure to incorporate and perpetuate the incorporation of Churches in the States of Delaware and Virginia.

THANKS.

We hereby express the thanks of the Conference to the Wellington, Hammond, and Oliver Typewriter Companies, the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, for courtesies shown to us in the loan of their machines for our convenience.

It is very gratifying to the Conference to have had James M. Hoblitzell, as the representative of the Baltimore American to report our proceedings, we also extend thanks to the Baltimore Sun, and the papers of Washington City for their reports of the Conference Session.

It is a matter of profound delight to express our appreciation of the honor shown us in the visit of the President of the United States, Honorable Woodrow Wilson, to our Body. We also record our like appreciation of the visits and addresses of our distinguished citizens, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, the Honorable Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore, Md. The inspiration of the presence of these distinguished visitors and their words of wisdom to us will ever be gratefully remembered and cherished.

We cheerfully extend our thanks to the Nalle Jubilee Singers for their interesting and enjoyable entertainment of Plantation Melodies.

To the Pastor and members of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant church we extend our heartiest acknowledgment for their generous invitation to hold the 87th session of our Conference in their commodious and comfortable building.

To the citizens of the District of Columbia who have so hospitably entertained us, and made our stay in the Nation's Capital so enjoyable and pleasant, we unfeignedly say out of the fullness of our hearts THANK YOU.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.
H. S. JOHNSON, Secretary.
H. L. SCHLINCKE.
E. B. FENBY.
J. H. ROBERTS.
A. R. LEWIS.

Report N

MISSIONS.

Of the Committee.

The trumpet has not yet sounded retreat in the enterprise of Missions. The labors that have been employed have created occasion for greater toils, and the moneys expended made larger resources necessary. What progress is being made in Japan? How far has our effort to evangelize the world at home and abroad availed? It is enough to answer, Beyond the measure of the means we have had at command: So far as to require greatly increased outlay. The money called for is not to indemnify for losses and failures, but to acquire lands, erect necessary buildings, and employ missionaries to grasp the widening and urgent opportunity of the hour.

It may well appal us to reflect what may be the impression detrimental to the Christian religion made upon the pagan mind by the terrible strife of the nations foremost in Christian civilization, the nations foremost in their claim

to be the exponents of Christianity and its evangelists to the heathen world. It behooves this land, that side by side with the vast sums it is expending to bear relief to the impoverished, wounded and plague-stricken in Europe, it should redouble its zeal to send a Gospel of peace and love, and tidings of eternal life through Christ to the world that lies in darkness, in testimony that the spirit and power of the cross is not a fond fable vainly invented.

We would felicitate Dr. E. H. VanDyke and his wife upon the completion of their twenty-fifth year of successful service, and express our appreciation of the work of all the men and women who are so faithfully enduring the sacrifices of the Missionary fields.

We suggest the organization of Home Missionary Societies in all our churches, not alone for the financial advantage to accrue from them, but for the educational benefit that would arise.

The Young People's Union appears to have contributed more largely to the support of their Missionary, Reverend Mr. Layman, during the past year, but it still falls short and new exertions are urged.

The report of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is appended, and we commend the appeal of the President, Mrs. Hupfield, that Pastors will open the way to representatives of the Branch, not to collect funds, but to organize Auxiliaries in every congregation.

Your Committee is not encouraged to believe the Conference will increase the assessments for missions, but it would give emphasis to the appeal of the Secretaries, that the ministers, in all our pulpits keep the matter of Missions to the front, and if possible, stir enthusiasm to a blaze; that the collections be made early in the year and promptly forwarded; that extraordinary efforts be used to make the Children's Day offerings unusual; and that Mission Study Classes be instituted in all our Churches.

D. L. GREENFIELD, Chairman.

C. MORGAN COMPHER, Secretary

Of the Maryland Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church extends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference assembled in annual session in Washington, D. C.

We beg leave to submit our report of the year's work. There have been no Auxiliaries organized during the year, but several have discontinued for one reason or another. This we regret. We would earnestly request the Conference to aid us in the organization of our work. It does not seem to be asking too much, that we have an Auxiliary on every charge. Brethren rally to our support. Never was the need greater.

We support one missionary on the field Miss Dawson, and several scholarships, and are supporting all the various items of work.

Total amount of money raised from April 1914 to April 1915, \$1555.88.

Report O

OUR CHURCH HOME.

Of the Committee.

Your Committee on Our Church Home begs leave to offer the following report.

The report from the Board of Lady Visitors shows a gratifying condition in the Home. A number of improvements and repairs have been made during the past year, including additions to the lighting and heating systems, the installation of a new automatic pump in the cellar for drainage, and refitting the large reception room. The responses of the churches in sending donations to the Home has been generous, and we commend to our churches this splendid opportunity of sending help and cheer to the Home. There have been no deaths during the year, one admission makes the number of inmates at present nineteen. Three applications have been lately received. The constitution and by-laws have been revised, and printed copies were mailed by the corresponding secretary to all pastors.

The report from the Treasurer of the Board of Governors shows receipts amounting to \$2954 and disbursements of \$2920. The invested fund to date is \$4817.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

One, There has been difficulty in securing the names of the lady visitors from each charge. Letters were written to all the pastors requesting the name of the lady visitor on their charge and less than half replied. The request is made by the Board of Managers which we offer as a recommendation "that each charge in the Conference be required to elect a lady visitor to the Home at the regular election held by the members of each charge and that these elections be held annually, and require that the name of the lady elected be reported to the Conference by the pastor in his annual personal report blank and that the secretary forward the information to the Home.

Two, We recommend that the same assessment, \$2000 be laid on the District.

Respectfully,

EDGAR T. READ, Chairman.

G. E. BROWN, Secretary.

Of the Board of Lady Managers.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Home for the Aged, Westminster, submits the following report to the Conference:

The Ladies Board met the second Wednesday of each month during the

year, and at other times when a special meeting was deemed necessary to attend to extra business.

We have to report the following necessary improvements to the Home:— Matting for 4 bedrooms and hall; also oilcloth; Radiators in 3 bedrooms on the third floor; hot and cold water piped to second and third floors with sinks, for the convenience of all Inmates on these floors; Bathroom on third floor fitted up for use, walls finished and window cut in, other bathrooms renovated; one extra Lighting Fixture in alcove on second floor; Weaver Room, painted and papered, donated by Mrs. Phil Hall; Library painted and papered, donated by Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Schureman; Halls papered part of work donated by Mr. Matthews paperhanger; Automatic Pump installed in cellar; also blind ditching and drainage to prevent water in cellar; New water mains laid, old ones rusted out.

As to the housekeeping, we have bought lard by the can; flour by the barrel; 200 herring for salting down; 30 dozen eggs, put down in water glasses; 2 hogs, which were put up at the Home, with extra hams and sides.

Two probationers, Miss Crogan and Miss Yingling, having come up to requirements, were accepted as Inmates in August. One new Inmate, Mrs. Frank Beaver, entered the Home on Probation in September. We have three applications for entrance to the Home, two from Georgetown, one from Centerville.

We have to report bonds signed by all Inmates and filed in the proper manner with Mr. Wantz.

The Board has printed 1000 copies of By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and sent one copy to each preacher in the Conference, requesting the name of the Lady Visitor in each charge. We have received seventy replies. We also had printed 100 copies of List of Articles required of them entering Home, also 100 for Ladies.

The Corresponding Secretary has sent reports of donations for publication in County papers and in the Protestant several times during the year.

The matron asked for increase of \$1.00 monthly in salary, which was granted. Miss Amanda requested that she be relieved of attending furnace, and we have secured the services of a boy at \$5.00 per month.

The Christmas season was made bright and joyous for the Inmates by many donations and gifts from The Ladies Board and others interested in The Home. A special Christmas donation of \$5.50 was sent by the Ladies of Union Chapel, Bel Air charge, with the request that it be used for the happiness of the Inmates at this season; also, \$15.00 from Old St. John's to provide a holiday dinner or to be used as the Ladies Board deemed best.

All the Inmates seem happy and contented, having had very little sickness during the year. At present they are interested in making articles for a Festival to be held in June at the Home.

We are happy to report numerous donations of jarred fruit, vegetables, fruit, meat, kindling wood, quilts, wearing apparel, money, etc., from the many individuals interested in The Home and from the following Churches:—

Wilton Heights, Pittsville, Pipe Creek Church, Finksburg, Uniontown, Whaleyville, Old St. John's Warwick, Md., Park Road Church, Union Chapel, Bel Air, Harrington Del., Georgetown, Sandyville, Marchanville, Silver Spring, Adult Bible Class of Westminster M. P. Church; Y. M. C. A. of Western Maryland College; Young Ladies Missionary Circle of Salisbury M. P. Church.

Respectfully,

April 6th, 1915.

THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS.

Of the Treasurer of Our Church Home.

I herewith submit my annual report of receipts and disbursements for the Home for the Aged of Baltimore City at Westminster showing receipts amounting to \$2954.05 and disbursements \$2920.37 leaving a balance on hand of \$33.68. I also show an account of the investment fund on interest with a balance of \$4817.44.

I beg to also report that the newly appointed Board of Lady Managers have taken a great interest in the management of the Home and have left nothing undone to make the Home comfortable for the inmates, and at the same time have strained every point to run it just as economical as possible, and I think you will agree with me, that it is remarkable to run a home of twenty one people for the amount expended this year, and I think there is great credit due these ladies.

It was necessary to make a number of improvements this year and the amount received from the Conference would not allow this expenditure, and it was necessary to use \$662.11 of the amount which had been set aside as a special fund, and it is the object of the Board to repay this, just as soon as the assessments are received for this year, and in that way keep this fund intact.

The Board of Managers recommend to the Conference that each charge in the Conference be required to elect a lady visitor to the Home, at the regular elections held by the members of each charge, and that these elections be held annually, and require that they be reported to the Conference by the Pastor in his annual report. This we consider a very important move, as it will tend to create an interest in the Home by every charge in the Conference, and we earnestly recommend it for your consideration.

The itemized statement follows.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

Receipts.

March 30, 1914, Balance as shown by report to Conference..\$	149.59
April 7, 1914, Special donation from a "Friend"	15.00
April 8, 1914, C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	1033.00
April 22, 1914, C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	6.00

May 6, 1914, St. Lukes Church, Philadelphia, Pa -----	5.00
May 6, 1914, Lodging and breakfast from visitor -----	50
May 8, 1914, Refund from estate Mrs. E. O. Grimes -----	86.51
May 8, 1914, Refund from estate Mrs. E. O. Grimes Linen Fund -----	35.42
May 14, 1914, Cash Reliance Sunday School -----	3.14
June 1, 1914, Cash for Dinner and Supper from visitor --	1.00
June 5, 1914, Cash for Telephone call -----	.20
June 5, 1914, Cash Donation from Matron & Asst. -----	1.00
June 6, 1914, Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	20.00
June 15, 1914, Cash Donation Mrs. Cook -----	1.00
July 1, 1914, Cash C. A. Schureman, Newark, N. J. -----	10.00
July 2, 1914, Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	18.00
August 1, 1914, Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	17.00
Sept. 16, 1914, Cash Laurel Circuit -----	6.00
Oct. 2, 1914 Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	21.00
Nov. 2, 1914, Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	65.00
Nov. 2, 1914, Cash Meth. Prot. Minister's Son -----	100.00
Nov. 4, 1914, Cash Rev. W. R. Graham -----	40.00
Nov. 4, 1914, Cash Telephone call -----	.30
Nov. 11, 1914, Cash Loan from investment fund -----	300.00
Nov. 11, 1914, Cash Balance in Building Account -----	65.44
Nov. 20, 1914 Cash Donation from Uniontown, Maryland --	1.00
Nov. 25, 1914, Cash Rev. S. F. Cassen Towson, Maryland	13.00
Dec. 1, 1914, Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	7.00
Dec. 4, 1914, Cash Loan from investment fund -----	200.00
Dec. 5, 1914, Cash Park Road Ch. Wash. D. C. Mrs. B. F. Fuller -----	5.00
Dec. 23, 1914, Cash C. A. Schureman -----	8.00
Dec. 28, 1914, Cash Western Maryland College Sunday School -----	2.00
Dec. 31, 1914, Cash W. Baltimore Sunday School -----	11.27
Jan. 2, 1915, Cash C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer -----	54.00
Jan. 7, 1915, Cash Donation from Christ Church, Balto. Md.	5.00
Jan. 7, 1915, Cash Loan from investment fund -----	200.00
Jan. 13, 1915, Cash Rev. G. J. Hill, Centerville, Md. -----	10.00
Jan. 16, 1915, Cash Mary W. Hall for Repair to Furniture	9.57
Jan. 18, 1915, Cash St. Johns Ch. Balto A/C of Michael McCann -----	125.00
Jan. 19, 1915, Cash Interest on Mortgage of A. E. Beaver --	9.00
Feb. 5, 1915, Cash from West Balto M. P. S. S. -----	1.00
March 2, 1915, Interest to March 1st on special deposit at 4% -----	121.11
March 5, 1915, Loan from Interest account -----	50.00
March 6, 1915, Loan from Interest account -----	100.00

March 10, 1915, Cash from St. James Church Chestertown	10.00
March 11, 1915, T. H. Wright from Pipe Creek Church ---	11.00
March 15, 1915, J. P. Dodge, Rhode Island Church Wash- ington, D. C. -----	10.00
Total amount of receipts for year ending March 16, 1915--	\$2954.05

Disbursements.

Total disbursements, itemized and examined by the Com- mittees on Our Church Home, and not here set forth due to minute details -----	2920.37
Balance on hand -----	\$ 33.68

Statement of investment fund on interest in Union National Bank of Westminster Maryland at four per cent. per annum.

1914

July 16, Received from Cunningham Estate -----	\$ 4350.68
July 16, Received from Brubaker Estate -----	95.00
July 16, Received from Eliza Sendorff, Estate -----	100.00
Nov. 10, Received from Annia R. Beaver Estate -----	1121.76
1915	
March 2, Interest on deposit to March 1st -----	112.11
Total amount received -----	\$5779.55

1914

Nov. 11, Loan to the General Fund for expenses -----	\$ 300.00
Dec. 4, Loan to the General Fund for expenses -----	200.00
1915	
Jan. 7, Loan to the General Fund for expenses -----	200.00
Mar. 2, Interest to the General Fund -----	121.11
Mar. 5, Loan to the General Fund for expenses -----	50.00
Mar. 6, Loan to the General Fund for expenses -----	100.00
Balance on hand at close of Conference year -----	4817.44
	\$5779.55

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

This report of its treasurer has been audited and found correct as supported by the proper vouchers.

EDGAR T. READ.

E. O. GRIMES.

T. W. MATHER.

Report P

PROGRAM.

Your Committee held its meeting in Baltimore and reports its conclusions in the printed program circulated among you. As far as possible it covers all the activities of our churches and conference with set times for the presentation of reports and the hearing of messengers from the various boards. It is hoped that all concerned will adhere strictly to the order presented. It will be noted that no provision is made for a Young People's night. This is due to the uncertainty of the presence of the Secretary of State until too late to make adequate arrangements for a program. Monday night to be devoted to Interests of The Young People's Work, Rev. F. T. Benson, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report Q

AUDIT.

Of the Committee.

Your Committee have carefully examined the Financial Statement in the Report of the Secretary of the Conference and find it correct. We have gone over the Cash and Disbursement accounts in the Conference Treasurers' Report and same appear to be correct. As soon as the Treasurer closes up his accounts a complete audit will be immediately made and report submitted to the next session of the Conference.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

Of the Special Committee of Audit for 1914 Conference.

Baltimore, Md., May 18th, 1914.

To Whom it may Concern:—

This is to certify that the undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church to audit the books and accounts of Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer of the aforesaid Conference have audited the books and accounts of the said Treasurer, and report as follows:

1. The books and accounts of Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer, are correct.
2. That on May 1st, 1914, the Balance in hand in The First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Md., was \$815.33, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$526.00, leaving a balance of \$289.33 with checks in hand, not yet deposited, to the amount of \$39.74 making a balance of \$329.07 to the credit of the Conference Treasurer.
3. That all monies handled by the Conference Treasurer are disbursed through him by the authorities of the Conference.

E. A. SEXSMITH.
G. I. HUMPHREYS.
J. C. COOPER.

Committee.

Report R

THE HISTORICAL RECORD.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

I am somewhat embarrassed in reporting that the new edition of the Historical Record has not been published.

In 1913 the Conference by resolution requested me "to continue the compilation of the record to 1913 in time for publication in the minutes of 1914." But no provision was made to pay for the publication, and of course I could not do it. Again, the last Conference repeated the resolution of the year before, but still without making financial provision for the expense. And I must again report that nothing has been done. I understood, however, that the action of the last Conference intended to have the publication made separate from the minutes.

Referring to the minutes of 1904 it will be seen that the cost of publishing 1000 copies of the record at that time was \$191.93. It would probably cost \$250 to publish the enlarged book to the same number of copies. Accordingly I respectfully submit to the Conference, that while I have not asked for this to be done, seeing I have no sort of financial interest in the publication, yet I desire to do what the conference would like to have done in this matter. And if it is thought desirable to expend \$250 I will cheerfully undertake the work and bring out the book as soon as possible after Conference, provided the Conference will provide the money and indicate what disposition is to be made of the books when published.

Respectfully submitted,

April 7, 1915.

T. H. LEWIS.

Report S

COLLECTING PRESIDENT'S SALARY IN ADVANCE.

Dear Brethren:—

We your Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the Collection of the President's salary immediately after Conference, and the forwarding of the amount to the Conference Treasurer, beg leave to report that after a careful consideration of the whole matter, we believe it would be inadvisable to interfere with or change the present system of collecting the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MILLS.
W. S. HANKS.
W. W. SMITH.

Report T

THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

The Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City, respectfully reports for the year ending with the 31st of March, 1915, that there has been no change in the relation of the society to Western Maryland College.

The interest due on the Henrietta Gibson Fund has been promptly collected by the treasurer of the society and paid over to the treasurer of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary for the education of young men for our ministry.

The sum of five hundred dollars made available to our society from the Trustees of the Maryland Conference, as the Trustee of the Drinkhouse estate, has likewise been expended in the education of young men for our ministry in the same Seminary according to the specified terms of the said trust.

Vacancies in our Board of Directors, occasioned by the death of Dr. J. W. Hering and Mr. Jarret N. Gilbert, were filled by the President of the Conference, under the provisions of the society's charter, by the appointment of Dr. H. L. Elderdice and Mr. T. W. Mather to serve until their successors are elected at this session of the Conference.

The Board as now constituted is as follows. F. T. Benson, J. W. Chapman, F. T. Little, H. L. Elderdice, T. W. Mather. The last two named to serve as above indicated.

F. T. Little was elected President, J. W. Chapman, Secretary, and T. W. Mather, Treasurer, of the Society.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., April 1, 1915.

Report U

ON FREDERICA CHURCH.

We your committee appointed to look after our financial interest in the Frederica church property beg leave to submit the following:

After carefully examining the deed and all things pertaining to the property we found that we had only a moral claim, no legal claim whatever, and no possible chance of establishing one. A proposal was made to us by a committee of the O'Kelleyite Christian church (better known in Dover as the Lightburn church) that we exchange with them, all the claim we might have in the Frederica property for all the claim which they had in a church near Felton. After carefully considering the proposition; and the President of the

Conference concurring, we consulted the pastor and some of the leading members of Felton circuit in regard to the matter who heartily favored the movement. Therefore we the committee have transferred whatever claim we might have had in the Frederica church property for what ever claim the above named denomination might have had in a church near Felton incorporated under the name of The Ebenezer Christian church formerly known as Willis' chapel, now known as Willis' Methodist Protestant church. This church has been recognized as a Methodist Protestant church by the Felton Quarterly Conference, and has been regularly supplied during the year, and a part of the preceding year by the pastor of Felton circuit.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BENNETT, Chairman.

J. T. BAILEY, Secretary.

Report V

INSPECTING METHODIST HOSPITAL.

Your Committee on "Methodist Hospital Association" respectfully submits the following report. We were directed by the action of the Conference at its last session to do three things, viz.: 1. "to visit and inspect the hospitals conducted by the association": 2, to "inquire into the terms and conditions upon which the property has been acquired": 3, "to report the results of their (our) findings to the Conference at its session of April, 1915, including such recommendations as the joint commission may deem wise concerning the relation said hospitals should bear to the Conference" (see Con. Min. 1914, p. 116).

Regarding the first of these duties we report two visits were made by the committee, the chairman made many other visits as representing the committee, because the laymen as busy business men could not so often spare the time. Every courtesy was shown and every facility afforded us, both as a committee and as individuals, in all of these visits by those in authority on the premises. Our inquiries were promptly and fully answered and information given without hesitation or any manner of reserve.

We found both the Maryland General and the Lying-In hospitals clean, well kept and reasonably well furnished; the corps of nurses sufficient, efficient and kind; the medical and surgical staff, composed of capable and skillful men, who are attentative and conscientious in the work of their respective departments; and we were delighted with the large amount and excellent character of the work being done by the institutions.

Many improvements have been made to the interior of the main hospital especially, by way of refittings, refurnishings, repairs and alterations which add very much to the comfort and convenience of both the paid and free patients.

We mention especially the new surgery now completed and ready for equipment and use. This will give to the hospital a thoroughly modern surgery, equipped-to-date, and to say the least, equal to the very best in the city of Baltimore.

Concerning the second of these duties we report that a number of gentlemen, members of the three Methodisms represented in Baltimore City, came together, formed themselves into an organization under the name of "The Methodist Hospital Association, Incorporate," and became duly incorporated under the said name and title April 27, 1911. Sixteen days after the adjournment of the Maryland Conference of that year, held in Federalsburg, Md.

The association is composed "of at least thirty managers, of whom seven shall always be laymen and two ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church: seven shall always be laymen and two ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church: seven shall always be laymen and two ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the remaining three shall always be members of the Faculty of the Baltimore Medical College." In the event that the Board of Managers is ever increased or diminished in number the ratable proportion above shall be preserved. Provision is also made in the By-Laws for the annual election of managers in the month of May, and for the prompt filling of vacancies occasioned by death. The managers elect their own successors, and the association is a self-formed and a self-perpetuating body.

For good and valuable considerations this corporation received by deed from the Baltimore Medical College of Baltimore City, bearing date of April 27, 1911, certain lots or parcels of land on the East side of Linden Avenue, the North side of Madison street and the west side of Howard Street, in Baltimore City, Md., with all the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, together with all the furniture, appliances and equipments therein located. All of which is fully set forth in the inventory referred to in the deed. The property is fee simple, except certain lots of leasehold subject to annual groundrents aggregating the sum of \$200.

There is also an agreement, carefully prepared in legal phraseology, setting forth in detail—most clearly and comprehensively—the covenants, agreements and stipulations entered into between the Methodist Hospital Association, as the party of the first part and the Baltimore Medical College of Baltimore City, as the party of second part. This paper is duly signed by the parties in interest.

The paper shows that the deed given by the Medical College to the Hospital Association is subject to two mortgage deeds of trust executed by the said Medical College—the first to the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, Trustee, to secure an issue of First Mortgage Bonds aggregating the sum of \$125,000.00—the second to the Fidelity Trust Company, of Baltimore, Trustee, to secure an issue of Second Mortgage Bonds aggregating the sum of \$60,000.00. By the agreement of course the Methodist Hospital Association assumes all responsibility for these respective deeds of trust, both principal and interest.

To provide for meeting the bonded indebtedness at maturity the Medical College created a sinking fund, which fund has been legally passed over to the Hospital Association. The amount now in this fund is, in round figures \$30,000.00. It is on deposit in the Mercantile Trust Company, drawing five per cent interest, the same rate of the bonds. Deducting the amount of the sinking fund now in hand from the aggregate of the bonded indebtedness leaves the latter now to be \$155,000.00. The bonded scheme is arranged to run forty years from 1901. The sinking fund is planned to parallel that period. It is apparent now, however, that at the present rate of annual deposits to the credit of the sinking fund all the bonds can be paid in thirty years from 1901.

Your committee has carefully examined all these papers. We are not lawyers, therefore cannot speak from the view point of the legal profession. But to our lay minds and understandings the papers are clean, clear, comprehensive and satisfactory. All the agreements and stipulations seem most reasonable, fair and just, while the interests of both parties thereto are safely and properly guarded.

With reference to the third of these duties, viz.: the relation said hospitals should bear to the conference, we recommend the adoption of the following preambles and resolutions, agreed upon by the joint commission, as a part of our report.

WHEREAS: Certain members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church are interested in, and as individuals, are aiding morally and financially a corporation in the city of Baltimore known as the Methodist Hospital Association Incorporated, said Methodist Hospital Association owning and operating what is known as the Maryland General Hospital, in Baltimore City, and,

WHEREAS: The work of the said Methodist Hospital Association is wholly benevolent, and

WHEREAS: The said Methodist Hospital Association seeks a close identification with the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. Therefore:

RESOLVED: That, we, the joint commission, composed of the members of the several committees appointed by our several annual conferences hereby recommend that our respective annual conferences sympathetically co-operate with the Methodist Hospital Association in its benevolent work, in every way possible, but without in any way incurring any financial obligation thereby, or becoming responsible for its management in any sense that would bind our annual conferences legally, financially or morally.

RESOLVED:—Second, that, we recommend that our respective annual conferences commend the Methodist Hospital to our people for their patronage, and that in the discretion of our pastors, representatives of the Methodist Hospital Association be permitted to present the claims of the institution from our pulpits and to take contributions in our congregations for its support.

We recommend further that each pastoral charge at the discretion of the pastor observe one Sabbath in the year to be known as Hospital Sunday, and the sacramental collection of that day be given to the Methodist Hospital Association.

We recommend that each of our Conferences appoint a committee of visitation to the hospital.

F. T. LITTLE.
ALLEN W. BEAM.
GEORGE E. REPP.

Report W

STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The Standing District Committee, to which was committed by the Conference certain special duties bearing upon the place of meeting of this session of the Conference, respectively reports that a very cordial invitation was received from our church in Delta, Pa., bearing date of May 4, 1914, and signed by the pastor and a committee of three brethren of the church, asking that the Conference session of 1915 be held in that town. The communication stated that arrangements had been made for the use of Firemen's Hall in the town to overcome the inadequate accommodations of the church edifice for Conference purposes. There was also a request to be notified of the time and place of the meeting of the Standing District Committee that they might be represented before that committee.

A prompt acknowledgment of the receipt of the invitation was made by the chairman of our committee, with expressions of cordial appreciation for the same, and the further statement, that, as the committee was given until the first of October before a decision was positively to be made, it, the committee, would, probably, not meet before that date, but that whenever a meeting was called ample notice of the time and place of such meeting would be given the brethren at Delta.

The meeting was held on Monday, October 5th, 1914, in the Drinkhouse Memorial Room, 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, after due notice had been given. On that day, after the adjournment of the Baltimore Preacher's Meeting and before the meeting of the committee, the pastor of Delta verbally withdrew the invitation, through the chairman of our committee, because of changed conditions in the community since the said invitation was extended. The invitation and the withdrawal were laid before the committee at its meeting, and while we fully appreciated the kindly spirit of our people in Delta, as manifested in the cordial communication and invitation, and sympathized with them in the conditions which brought about the withdrawal thereof, we felt that there was no action for our committee to take in the matter.

After considering other communications laid before us by the chairman, the committee appointed F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan and T. A. Murray, as a special committee to confer with representatives of the Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., regarding the meeting of Conference in that church in its next session. The pastor of the said church, together with brothers J. P. Dodge, R. F. Wolfe and H. T. Meeks, members of the official board of the church, met this committee on October 7th. The conference revealed that a preliminary canvass of our churches in the District of Columbia showed a number not provided with free entertainment sufficient to require the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400,) to secure board for same during the Conference session, and that Rhode Island Avenue Church did not feel that it could at that time, in view of other obligations, incur the additional expense. The special committee reported its information with recommendations, and the full committee unanimously adopted the following:—

The pastor and committee of Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., having extended an invitation to the Maryland Annual Conference to hold its session of April, 1915, in that church, and having agreed, in conjunction with the other churches in the District of Columbia, to provide entertainment for the members of the Conference, provided Rhode Island Avenue Church should not be subjected to any financial obligation thereby, and having stated that in their opinion such obligation would not exceed the sum of \$400.00:Therefore:—

RESOLVED:—That the Standing District Committee, acting for the Maryland Annual Conference, hereby accepts the invitation to hold the next session of the Conference in the said church on the first Wednesday in April, 1915.

RESOLVED:—Second, that, in accordance with the authority conferred by the action of the Conference at its last session, the Standing District Committee, acting for the Conference, hereby agrees to indemnify Rhode Island Avenue Church against any expense necessitated in providing entertainment for the members of the Conference not exceeding the sum of \$400.00:—the pastor and committee from said church assuring us that every effort would be made by their church, in conjunction with our other churches in the District of Columbia, to provide entertainment for the Conference membership without any expense whatsoever to the Conference.

Your committee is not able at this time to state just what amount of the indemnity thus assumed the Conference will be called upon to provide for—probably one half, or more or less than one half—we cannot be definite. However the real situation will be revealed in due time, and all the facts communicated to the Conference.

This being the fair, honest, straightforward way of meeting and settling the question your committee was given to handle, we submit our action to the Conference in the confident belief that it will receive your hearty endorsement.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

T. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

Report X

ON QUANTICO CHURCH.

Your Committee appointed to look into the status of Quantico Church on Quantico Charge would report that there have been no services in the church for more than a year. There are 8 members enrolled, but it seems impossible to get any one to attend. The property is in need of repairs. The church holds a deed, but there is only one trustee. There are no claims against the property. The church is abandoned, because there is no organization to keep it up and there is no field for future development. It seems the only thing that can be done is to sell the property and we recommend the appointment of a committee to effect this sale.

More than a year ago some pews, a stove and a chandelier, belonging to the church, were sold for \$19. This money is now in the hands of the Committee and we recommend that it be turned over to the Church Extension Fund of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

G. H. STOCKSDALE.

W. E. SHEPPARD.

Report Y

PUBLISHING MANUAL.

Your committee to edit and publish Manual reports that the manuscript of the little book is ready and has been for well nigh twelve months, and the book would have been on sale long e'er this, but for one thing.

The Conference at its last session adopted the following recommendation of the Committee On Our Church Home, "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 the Conference."

Your Committee was unable to discover the character of the charter of the Home until recently, when a copy of the charter reached the Committee showing its conformity to the Conference requirement and your Committee is ready to print.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

Report Z

NOMINATING CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Your Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the Conference respectfully present the following:

We nominate as members of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Conference, for the terms beginning 1915, A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C. A. Benjamin.

J. W. BALDERSTON, Chairman.

Report AA

BONDING TREASURER.

Report of Special Committee to Fix Bond of Treasurer.

The special committee appointed a year ago to secure a bond for the Treasurer of the Conference begs leave to report that a bond for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) was secured from the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Baltimore, at a cost of Twelve and 50/100 Dollars (\$12.50) per year.

Because of legal requirements the bond was made to the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, and is deposited in the safe-deposit box of said Board of Trustees.

We recommend that the Secretary of this Conference be directed to renew the bond each year.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Increasing Minimum Salary.

RESOLVED, That Rule II, item 14, under duties of the President, be amended by striking out \$600.00, as the minimum salary of a married minister, and inserting \$800.00.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN.
LEONARD B. SMITH.

Resolution 2

Commending President Wilson's Peace Efforts.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has exerted himself so marvelously in the interests of World-wide Peace; and that

WHEREAS, We believe that it is through his wise and Christian administration that this Nation has been saved from being entangled in the present awful European conflict; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Annual Conference in session in Washington, expresses its approval and appreciation of his efforts and pledges him our sympathy and support, and that a copy be sent President Wilson.

E. C. MAKOSKY.
J. M. GILL.
G. W. HADDAWAY.

Resolution 3

The Delaware Legislature and Temperance.

RESOLVED, That this Conference express their condemnation of the attitude of the General Assembly of Delaware, and deplore the fact that there was not enough Christian manhood therein to pass any advance temperance legislation; and we call upon our members throughout the State of Delaware to support for office only those men who stood by the temperance cause at the last session; and who will at the next session obligate themselves to vote for state-wide prohibition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the two daily papers of Wilmington, Delaware, known as "Wilmington Every Evening" and "The Evening Journal," and also to the local papers of Dover, Delaware, for publication.

J. T. BAILEY.
J. M. HOLMES.

E. H. JONES.
J. H. STRAUGHIN.

Resolution 4

In Appreciation of Distinguished Visitors.

WHEREAS, We have heard with great pleasure the most excellent addresses of the President of the United States, the Honorable Woodrow Wilson, the Secretary of State, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Dr. Howard A. Kelley of Baltimore and the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels; be it

RESOLVED, That notes expressing the appreciation of this Conference, and signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference be addressed to the President, the Secretary of State, Dr. Kelly, and the Secretary of the Navy.

LOUIS RANDALL.

H. K. MULLER.

Resolution 5

Publishing Conference Sermon.

RESOLVED, That A. S. Beane be requested to furnish a copy of his Conference sermon to the Secretary for publication in the Conference Minutes.

W. R. GRAHAM.

GEO. HINES.

Resolution 6

Requiring Deeds for Property.

RESOLVED, That Regulation I Duties of Pastor be extended to include the following:

That no minister of this Conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a Church or Parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of Methodist Protestant Trustees.

J. M. HOLMES.

Resolution 7

Offerings to Methodist Protestant Orphanage.

RESOLVED, That we request the Sunday Schools of this Conference to make at least one regular Sunday offering, or a special Thanksgiving offering, during the year to the Methodist Protestant Children's Home at High Point, N. C., and the name of the Treasurer, A. M. Rankin, be added to the list of treasurers.

L. B. SMITH.

J. M. HOLMES.

S. B. TREDWAY.

F. T. TAGG.

Resolution 8

Striking Frederica from Appointments.

RESOLVED That Frederica be stricken from the list of appointments.

J. L. NICHOLS.
J. H. STRAUGHN.

Resolution 9

Felicitating Men's Bible Class Hampden.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference express the pleasure we have received from the telegram of greeting sent to us by the Emmanuel Bible Class of Hampden Methodist Protestant Church.

FRANK T. BENSON.
G. W. HADDAWAY.

Resolution 10

Paying \$200 on Conference Entertainment.

WHEREAS, The Standing District Committee, acting for this Conference in the matter of its entertainment at the present session, did, in accordance with the authority conferred upon the said Committee by the Conference at its last session, agree to indemnify the Rhode Island Avenue Church in a certain sum not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars in providing entertainment for the membership of the Conference, and

WHEREAS, The Committee of the said church has notified the Standing District Committee that the sum of \$200 is needed to meet such indemnity in full; therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Finance be, and is hereby instructed to increase the Assessment for Conference Incidental Expenses Two Hundred Dollars and assess the same pro rata upon the charges,

RESOLVED, Second, that the Conference Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to borrow the sum of \$200 as soon as possible and forward his check for said amount to the pastor of Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., in settlement of said indemnity.

F. T. LITTLE.
W. R. GRAHAM.
J. M. SHERIDAN.
T. P. FISHER.

Resolution 11

Affecting Adjournment.

RESOLVED, That Conference make final adjournment at 9.00 P. M. this evening, provided the President can be prepared for such adjournment at that hour.

F. T. LITTLE.
G. W. HADDAWAY.

Resolution 12

Affecting the Church Extension Superintendent.

RESOLVED 1, That J. M. Holmes be appointed Church Extension Superintendent.

RESOLVED 2, That the definition of the Superintendent's duties, salary, and details of office be referred to the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.

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

Resolution 13

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, 1915, 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.

H. S. JOHNSON.
S. B. TREDWAY.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society

The meeting was called to order by first Vice-President J. I. Mills.

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.

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.

Treasurer's Report for Year 1914-1915.

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

1914

April 1, To Balance as per last Report -----		\$ 3993.79
April 18, To amt. received from C. P. Nowlin, Conf. Treas		
Annual Dues -----	\$ 93.35	
10% District Collections -----	413.75	507.10
May 15, To amt. for Thos. A. Murray, Executor of Isabella E. Cunningham, deceased, in full of share as Le- gatee of one-half Residuary Estate of said De- cedent -----		
	4350.68	
June 6, To amt. account re-payment Conf. Parsonage Loan		500.00
July 17, To amt. Legacy from Elizabeth Sendorff -----		500.00
Aug. 28, To amt. in redemption \$4000. Norf. & West Equipt Bonds -----	4000.00	9857.78
		\$13851.57
Aug. 28, To amt. loaned and advanced by Thos. A. Murray account purchase money for Ground-Rents below		
		810.94
		\$14,662.51

Cr.

By amts. invested per Order of Board in purchase as investment of following Ground-rents:

May 8, 3 Ground-Rents of \$30 each on Nos. 312, 314-316 S. Gilmor Street, and Ground-Rent of \$70 on No. 1121 N. Carey St., (aggregating \$160 per annum) ----	3024.21	
May 8, 2 Ground-Rents of \$100 each on 1307-9 N. Fremont Street -----		
May 8, 2 Ground-Rents of \$60 each on 1122-1126 N. Gilmor Street -----		
May 8, 5 Ground-Rents of \$50 each on Nos. 1132-1134 1136-38-40 N. Gilmor Street -----		
May 8, 1 Ground-Rent of \$60 on 1113 W. Lexington St. (aggregating \$630 per annum) -----	11638.30	\$14662.51

Memo:—Amount of Permanent Fund in hand for investment being \$810.94 short of amount required for purchase as investment of Ground-Rents, above, with concurrence of Board the Treasurer personally advanced the amount, to be repaid to him with interest from future receipts account of said Fund.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

To amt. Income received from Investments -----	\$ 6505.08	
To amt. Interest on Deposits -----	91.98	\$ 6597.06

Cr.

By amt. accrued GroundRents paid in settlement of purchase of Ground Rents as above, and chargeable to Income Account -----	102.35	
By amt. Rent Safe Deposit Box -----	5.00	
By amt. 1915 Taxes on Securities paid -----	59.35	
By amt. Expenses of Collections, etc. -----	75.00	
	241.70	
By amt. paid C. P. Nowlin, Conf. Treas for distribution,		
July 28, 1914, Check No. 211, -----	\$ 1500.00	
Oct. 31, 1914, Check No. 218 -----	1700.00	
Jan. 21, 1915, Check No. 219 -----	1400.00	
Check herewith for -----	1755.36	6355.36
		\$ 6597.06

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

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

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 Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimants 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

April 13, 1915.

The Church Extension Society convened on Tuesday at 10.30 a. m. with the President, J. L. Mills in the chair.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected: President, J. L. Mills; 1st Vice-President, E. C. Makosky; 2nd Vice-President, G. A. Morris; 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, S. F. Cassen, G. I. Humphreys.

Laymen: W. W. Smith, T. A. Myers, J. Bibb Mills, J. H. Robers.

J. M. Holmes, addressed the Society in reference to the work.

Report of the Board of Managers was read and adopted and recommendations of the report were referred to the committee on Church Extension.

Adjournment.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

Board of Managers Maryland Conference Church Extension Society.

Receipts.

1914.

Mar. 31, Balance	\$	1.11
June 1, Conf. Appropriation, Order on Treas. on Kent County Savings Bank, loan	\$	300.00
June 1, Conf. Appro. order on Treas., account on Kent Co. Savings Bank, loan		200.00
		500.00
June 1, 11 Months Disc. (5½%)		27.50
		472.50
June 5, Taylor Memorial Church for interest and loan....		2201.00
June 8, Baker, Watts & Co, loan	\$	1000.00
June 8, 60 days disc. on loan		10.00
		990.00
June 30, Interest on deposit		3.75
Aug. 12, First Nat. Bank, New Freedom, Penna., loan ..		1000.00
Aug. 12, M. A. Zollickoffer, Administrator estate of Lydia E. Bruebaker of Unlontown, Carroll Co., Md.		95.00
Dec. 31, Interest on Deposits		2.25
		\$4765.61

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman Board of Finance.

1915

SOCIETIES

Disbursements.

1914

April 13, Nat. Bank of Balto., Int. on Note	-----	\$	
June 1, Telephone charge to Chestertown, Md.	-----		
June 1, Kent County Savings Bank, interest on loan	-----		
June 1, Kent County Savings Bank on loan	-----		
June 8, Baker, Watts & Co., loan	-----		
June 8, Baker, Watts & Co., interest on loan	-----		
Aug. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto., on loan	-----		
Aug. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto., interest on loan	-----		
Aug. 12, Baker, Watts & Co., note	-----		
Aug. 12, Baker, Watts & Co., interest on note	-----		
Oct. 23, Expenses of Committee to Park Road Church	---		
Nov. 11, Expenses Dr. J. M. Sheridan to Frederick, Md., account Harmony Grove church lot	-----		
Nov. 30, Kent Co. Savings Bank, interest on note	-----		
Nov. 30, Kent Co. Savings Bank Revenue stamp note	---		
Dec. 4, Postage & Postal Cards	-----		
Dec. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto., on note	-----	\$	50.00
Dec. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto., interest on note	---		5.33
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Dec. 11, Nat. Bank of Balto, Revenue stamps	-----		

Balance -----

WALTER W. SMITH

Examined and found correct with vouchers.

CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS.

1. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension hands of the Conference Treasurer by the end of the second Conference year.

2. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain of fund may be regarded as available for church extension during year.

3. The Church Extension Society of this Conference Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new as long as the mission relation is continued. But whenever become a circuit or station, the "qualified members" at a called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Socie

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 mission 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 charges are hereby notified in accordance with the above prescribed duties of the committee.

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

When appropriations are made conditionally and the conditions are not complied with, it shall be the duty of the committee to so notify the Conference Treasurer, 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 Saturday morning April the 10th, 1915, with George A. Ogg, First Vice-President, in the Chair, and J. A. Weiland, Secretary. Upon motion of F. C. Klein an Auditing Committee was appointed. The following men were appointed Auditors, G. Q. Bacchus and E. O. Ewing. The Report of the Secretary-Treasurer was read and referred to the

Auditing Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer presented, as instructed, a proposed form of application for membership in this Society. Upon motion of J. F. Bryan all reference to health was stricken from the form of application for membership as presented.

The following Officers were elected, G. A. Ogg, First Vice-President; J. F. Bryan, Second Vice-President; C. E. Dryden, Third Vice-President; and J. A. Weigand, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee reported it had examined the report of the Secretary-Treasurer and found it correct. This Committee's report was adopted.

It was moved that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to publish the Minutes of this Society and the List of its Membership in the Conference Minutes. Adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec.-Treas.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

For the year ending April 7th, 1915.

Amount in hand from 44th Advance Case -----	\$	165.00
Amount in hand from 45th Advance Case -----		151.00
Amount in hand from 46th Advance Case -----		145.00
Amount in hand from 47th Advance Case -----		147.00
Total -----		\$608.00
Expense of collecting 44th case -----	\$	4.00
Expense of collecting 45th case -----		4.00
Expense of collecting 46th case -----		4.00
Expense of collecting 47th case -----		4.00
Total -----		16.00
Paid Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas -----	\$	161.00
Paid Mrs. Emma E. M. Cockran -----		147.00
Paid Mrs. S. W. Sanderson -----		141.00
Paid Rev. J. L. Straughn -----		143.00
Total -----		\$592.00
Deceased during year -----		4
Lapsed during year -----		12

Proposed form of Application for Membership in the M. R. A.

I hereby make application for membership in The Mutual Relief Association of The Maryland Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec.-Treas.

Members of Mutual Relief Association.

Bacchus, Rev. G. Q.
 Bennett, Rev. L. A.
 Bennett, Mrs. L. A.
 Benson, Rev. F. T.
 Benson, Mrs. F. T.
 Bowers, Rev. J. S.
 Bowers, Mrs. J. S.
 Brown, Rev. J. M.
 Brown, Mrs. J. M.
 Bauscher, Rev. W. F.
 Bryan, Rev. J. F.
 Bryan, Mrs. J. F.
 Cassen, Rev. S. F.
 Cassen, Mrs. S. F.
 Coë, Rev. S. W.
 Coe, Mrs. S. W.
 Crouse, Rev. T. O.
 Crouse, Mrs. T. O.
 Clough, Rev. N. C.
 Clough, Mrs. N. C.
 Charlton, Mrs. M. F.
 Cochel, Mrs. E. A.
 Cullum, Rev. C. M.
 Cullum, Mrs. C. M.
 Cushing, Mrs. H. C.
 Day, Rev. C. C.
 Donovan, Rev. A.
 Dryden, Rev. C. E.
 Dryden, Mrs. C. E.
 Dudley, Rev. J. A.
 Dupuy, Rev. A. B.
 Elderdice, Rev. J. L.
 Elderdice, Mrs. J. L.
 Elderdice, Rev. H. L.
 Ewell, Rev. A. W.
 Ewell, Mrs. A. W.
 Ewing, Rev. E. O.
 Ewing, Mrs. E. O.
 Farring, Rev. G. F.
 Floyd, Mrs. W. J.
 Gill, Rev. J. M.
 Graham, Rev. W. R.

Gray, Rev. J. W.
 Greenfield, Rev. D. L.
 Greenfield, Mrs. D. L.
 Green, Rev. A. H.
 Green, Mrs. A. H.
 Haldeman, Rev. A.
 Hammond, Mrs. W. S.
 Hanks, Rev. W. S.
 Hanks, Mrs. W. S.
 Harryman, Rev. A. A.
 Harryman, Mrs. A. A.
 Hill, Rev. G. J.
 Hines, Rev. G.
 Hines, Mrs. G.
 Hoblitzell, Mrs. S. A.
 Hodge, Rev. G. A.
 Hodge, Mrs. G. A.
 Holmes, Rev. J. M.
 Hungerford, Rev. M. E.
 Hungerford, Mrs. M. E.
 Jester, Rev. H. B.
 Jester, Mrs. H. B.
 Johnson, Rev. W. W.
 Johnson, Mrs. W. W.
 Johnson, Rev. H. W. D.
 Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D.
 Jones, Rev. T. C.
 Judefind, Rev. W. B.
 Judefind, Mrs. W. B.
 Jump, Rev. Wm. P.
 Kindley, Rev. B. W.
 Kindley, Mrs. B. W.
 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.
 Link, Rev. J. N.
 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.
Mather, Rev. A. W.
Mather, Mrs. A. W.
Miller, Rev. V. A.
Massey, Rev. J. E.
McCaslin, Rev. C. K.
McCaslin, Mrs. C. K.
McCready, Rev. G. R.
McCready, Mrs. G. R.
Melvin, Rev. W. A.
Melvin, Mrs. W. A.
Mills, Rev. J. L.
Neepler, 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.
Owens, Rev. I. S.
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.
Roberts, Rev. W. P.
Roberts, Mrs. W. P.
Sanderson, Mrs. C. W.
Schlincke, Rev. H. L.
Schlinchke, 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.
Strayer, Rev. W. M.
Strausburg, Rev. C. R.
Taylor, Rev. Ronalds.
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.

THE MEMORIAL 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	.....	1829	1833
John James Hanson	1812	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	1844
William H. Boardley	.....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood	1820	1829	1847
Isaac Webster	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright	1823	1849	1859
Neville 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 Robers	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	1877
John Edgar Read	1846	1885	1878
Thomas M. Bryan	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Ashby 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
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

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Christopher Burns Middleton	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny 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	1869	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols	1815	1838	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.	1834	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 Slim 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 Neepler	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
James Earle Maloy	1834	1859	1914
Charles Walter Sanderson	1879	1911	1914

OBITUARIES.

Rev. William James Dillen Lucas.

Rev. William James Dillen Lucas. As there is an instinctive and gracious desire to live in the thoughts and affections of those we love, so also there is a corresponding desire on the part of survivors to embalm the virtues of departed friends.

Brother Lucas was born in Centreville, Queen Anne's County, Md., on December 16, 1849, and passed to his heavenly home from Denton, Caroline County, Md., on March 26, 1914.

He was educated in the public schools of Queen Anne's County, Md., and graduated from Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

After his conversion, feeling called of God to the Christian ministry, he entered the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, March, 1873.

He was married on March 19, 1879, to Miss Rachel Ann Fluharty.

During his active ministry of sixteen years he served the following charges: Bedford, Frederick, Baltimore, Quantico, Preston, Clayton, and Caroline. In all of these charges he was very useful and the people he served loved him dearly. His natural gifts were of a high order, and these had been improved by liberal education. If his physical strength had been equal to the intellectual, he would have been a man of great power in the church.

Having worked and suffered for sixteen years, and when nature could endure the strain no longer, in 1891 he was compelled to ask for a superannuate relation. It was a great cross for him to give up his God-given work, a work in which he delighted.

Brother Lucas had very positive convictions on most of the subjects that came before him, and while he never obtruded them, he was always ready to support and defend them. He was actuated and influenced in all things by high moral principles and while nothing could swerve him from what he believed to be the right of any question, his heart was full of that charity that, "thinketh no evil but rejoiceth in the truth," and leads to the exhibition of that brotherly kindness which is an essential element of true nobility. The tender affections of his nature often found expression in tears of sympathy and rejoicing.

Brother Lucas had many friends, both among the ministers and laymen. By some of them he was better known than by others; all respected him, but those who knew him best loved him with a strong affection. He was a fine specimen of noble manliness sanctified by divine grace and manifesting itself in thought, in speech and action; a consistent example of purity of character and uprightness of life; a wonderful intelligent witness of the Divine Spirit's operation upon the human intellect and will, a consecrated minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, a devoted servant of God and His church.

Rev. Dr. F. T. Benson gives the following beautiful testimony to the Christian character of this good man:

"Brother Lucas was a man of most felicitous grace in the use of language, sometimes rising to true eloquence. He had a rare insight into the real spiritual meaning of the Scriptures which made a deep and lasting impression upon his hearers. Withal his emotions were easily aroused, and the trembling fervency of his utterance often melted his audience to tears. He was a friendly man, and loved his fellowmen. He was ever ready to lend himself to anyone who might need him. He had therefore many friends, and was greatly loved in every community where he had residence.

"It was a great affliction to him and a great loss to the church that bodily infirmities called him so early out of the active work of the ministry. To him death came as a friend to release from a life-time of pain. The 'rest' of heaven had a meaning to him that very few could understand, for few suffered as he suffered. Into that rest he has entered."

Brother T. P. Fisher who knew him long and well, bears this testimony:

"I have known Brother Lucas for many years but most of the time he was sick and nervous and could not do himself justice. He loved his church, was intimately acquainted with his Bible, stong in argument, a thoughtful and forceful writer and a man of a splendid mind. He loved the Gospel ministry and his inability to be in the work was always a sore grievance to him."

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, March 29, 1914, and were in charge of the Rev. J. R. Gaar, who was assisted by Rev. Gant, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Westerfield, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He leaves a widow and four children. May the God of all grace be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.

J. W. GRAY,

F. T. BENSON.

J. R. GAAR.

M. BATES STEPHENS.

O. W. GENT,

T. P. FISHER.

Rev. James Earle Maloy.

After preaching the glorious gospel of the Son of God for fifty-five years, Rev. James Earle Maloy, on August 20, 1914, after an illness of two weeks joined the ranks of our sainted dead. He was born on a farm in Spaniard's Neck, Queen Anne's County, Md., August 14, 1834, youngest son of William and Anne Maria Maloy, and was educated at Madison College, Uniontown, Pa.

He was converted at Ruthsburg, after leaving college, and engaged in teaching school in the neighborhood of Brother John B. Thomas, for several years very successfully, during which time he exercised his gifts in leading class, exhortation and preaching.

In March, 1859, he was appointed by the Maryland Conference to Deer Creek as assistant pastor to Rev. T. D. Vallant, and then followed appointments to Kent, Frederick City, Harmony, Talbot, Kent Island, Chesapeake, Newtown,

St. Michael's, Jefferson, Preston, Talbot, Milton, Union Bridge, Susquehanna, Rowlandsville and Indian River. This last appointment, which he had for ten years, was more of an occasional and supervisory service, but was greatly appreciated by these Indians in Delaware, and among them he was greatly honored and revered as their spiritual guide.

Such was the sweetness of his disposition, the consecration of his service, the pleasantness and pathos of his delivery, the correctness of his diction, the soundness of the gospel he proclaimed, that he could not be other than a useful minister, and such his love for and special adaption to the work, he was considered everywhere a superior pastor.

His efficiency and success were greatly increased by the helpfulness of his capable and devoted wife, Mary Ellen, the daughter of Joseph Graham, of Easton, to whom he was married February 29, 1864, by Rev. J. W. Everist, assisted by Rev. John Roberts.

God gave them two children to bless their home, and after almost 32 years, the mother was taken, and then two years after the son fell asleep, leaving of the immediate family only Mrs. Dr. Corckran and her children to mourn the departure of their loved ones.

He was the friend and lover of people, and especially of children, and was always alert to find the good in every one and equally anxious to speak of it. His motto in life was, if you can speak any good of me, speak it now, that I may hear it; don't wait to put flowers on my casket, but give them now while I can enjoy their fragrance and behold their beauty.

"A rose for the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths for the dead."

He was very fond of the beautiful hence he stored up in his memory many passages and even whole poems which he could repeat with great accuracy and felicity.

He was a number of times appointed chaplain of the House in the Maryland legislature, and was chaplain to the Senate of Maryland in 1913, and was the personal friend of a number of the political leaders of the state.

By his brethren of his church he was honored by being a trustee of Western Maryland College, and for many years was an honorable member of the faculty of instruction of the Conference, both of which positions he held till his departure.

There are few who had more friends than Brother Maloy, for by the very winsomeness of his life he gathered them to him, and this entire committee feels it has been a privilege and a blessing to be numbered among his friends.

While never robust in appearance, he was wonderfully blessed with almost uninterrupted health for nearly four score years, and after a sickness of two weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Corckran, in Wilmington, he fell asleep.

Rev. G. Q. Bacchus and Rev. W. M. Strayer officiating, committed the sacred dust to the cemetery in Easton, Md., "the last of his line," where, be-

side his beloved wife and son, their bodies await the resurrection trumpet sound, while they have already had a glorious reunion in the presence of the King.

God comfort the bereaved daughter who writes: "I feel a sense of loneliness which is terrible, notwithstanding a happy environment and every thing to live for. I miss my dear old father beyond utterance, and entertain the greatest respect for all he held dear."

Farewell, dear veteran of the cross, none was more loyal to the cross, none was more loyal to the Methodist Protestant Church or more anxious for her success.

We will by God's grace meet thee, "In heaven above, where all is love."

J. L. MILLS.

F. T. LITTLE.

E. H. JONES.

W. R. BARNETT.

C. L. DODD.

E. N. BALDWIN.

Rev. Charles Walter Sanderson.

Rev. Charles Walter Sanderson, the subject of this obituary, was born in England, March 8, 1879, and departed from this life at Cannon, Del., September 3, 1914. When only about four years of age, he came to this country and lived near Boston, Mass., until his eighteenth year, when he accompanied his family to Wilmington, Del. Under the ministry of Rev. F. A. Holland, pastor of the West Wilmington Methodist Protestant Church he was converted in 1898, and immediately began Christian activities. His call to Christ involved a call to the ministry. This decision was not sudden, but the result of long debate and serious prayer. The difficulty was not so much to determine whether he ought to preach, as to find means and methods of proper preparation.

Finally, by hard work and self-denial, he was able to enter the Western Maryland College, from which he graduated in June, 1908. He entered the Westminster Theological Seminary September of the same year, and was graduated in May, 1911. He was received into the Maryland Annual Conference in 1911, and ordained in 1913. But before his reception into the Conference he preached on the Quantico Circuit during the last year of his seminary course. Immediately upon his graduation from the seminary in 1911, he entered fully upon the work of the pastorate on Quantico Charge. He was pastor of the Cumberland Circuit in 1912, and in 1913 was stationed at Cannon, Del., where he served until called from labor to reward.

It is not difficult to analyze his character, for he was a clear combination of simplicity, honesty, industry, and unselfishness. As a preacher he was more concerned to prepare a sermon that would win men than applause. To him conscientiousness in finding and telling the truth was a more desirable asset than brilliancy of speech or ornateness of composition. But it was in the pastorate that his flock learned to respect, admire, and then to love him; for here it was that he revealed that he was a loyal follower of Him, who "went about doing good." Those who knew him best, pay tender tributes to his worth as a student, preacher, pastor, husband, and friend.

A seminary mate bears this witness: "His determination to do something worth while was his ruling passion. He was always reluctant to lay anything down that he had begun. I have seen him sit up until after the midnight hour to finish something that I wanted him to put off until the next day. Though he had to work his way through school, he never was heard to complain about any sacrifice that he had made for the ministry. He worked and denied himself more than any one of the men in the seminary during my day." While his fellows admired him for his pluck and perseverance, they loved him for his humility and his consecration. These virtues are evident in his own words: "I do not expect to fill any of the important charges, but I do feel that there is in the ministry some place for me, where I can do some good." How well he worked the few years of his ministry, will not be fully known until the books of the Recording Angel are opened; but there are many side lights in which we see that he was a busy and a useful man of God. One of the parishioners, living on the last charge he served, gives us a glimpse of him at his daily tasks: "He was a tireless worker in his church and in his home. I have known only a few men who were so devoted to God and their fellows. And I have never seen any man more devoted to and thoughtful of those in his home. I feel that our church and the Maryland Conference have lost one of the best of young men—a good preacher and a faithful pastor."

June 7, 1911, in the Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Rev. J. A. Dudley married him to Miss Mary Annie Croft, an English woman. August 6, 1912, their only offspring—a daughter—died at birth. The widow survives the death of her husband. After an illness of two weeks, with typhoid fever, he passed away. Funeral services were conducted in the Cannon Church by Rev. F. A. Holland, assisted by Rev. C. E. Dryden. His remains were taken to the home of his parents in Wilmington, Del., where the burial ceremony was conducted by Revs. F. A. Holland, R. L. Downing, E. N. Baldwin, G. A. Robinson, and W. H. Mikesell. In the Silverbrook Cemetery, of Wilmington, his body awaits the trumpet call of the angel of the resurrection.

H. L. ELDERDICE.

J. A. DUDLEY.

C. C. DAY

E. H. STURTZ.

C. H. VIOHL.

W. H. WHITNEY.

Mrs. Roberta E. A. Straughn.

Mrs. Roberta E. A. Straughn, youngest daughter of the late Capt. William H. and Mary A. Ackworth, was born September 13, 1854, and was born again September 13, 1874, thus becoming on her twentieth birthday the bride of Christ, twelve days after she had become the wife of Rev. J. L. Straughn, to whom she was married by their mutual friend, Rev. J. L. Mills, September 1, 1874, and with whom she was permitted to live in helpful ministrations of loving companionship for forty years; and then on the 25th day of September, 1914, she sweetly passed to the glory land to await the coming of her husband and be forever with her Lord.

Having finished her education at the Wesleyan Female Academy and consecrated her life to the service of Christ as the wife and helpmeet of an itinerant minister, God not only made her a very useful companion and loving helper to her husband in his abundant labor, scattering the light of her sweet, Christlike character in the homes of their parishioners, but in her own home that brightness was a perpetual benediction.

God gave them five children, four of whom are living as monuments of her consecrated cultured, wise and loving motherhood, and one is not, for just as he was coming into manhood, the all wise and loving Father took him. Those who still remain to mourn the loss of their loved one, with the bereaved and greatly afflicted father, are: Mrs. L. L. Jones, of Delmar; William, the president of the Normal school at Mansfield, Pa.; J. Lee, Jr., an auditor in the Fidelity Trust and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, and Miss Blanche, whose kind and loving service has been an unspeakable blessing to her parents. All of them are members of the church of Christ and are bringing honor to the sainted mother, who so wisely trained them and whom they so dearly loved.

While her health was gradually declining for several months, her sickness only lasted a few weeks. Her affliction was borne without complaint, her faith was strong and constant, her last hours were peaceful and happy, and just before her spirit took its flight she sent this message to her husband in his sick room: "I have tried to make you a good wife." The wonderful power of God's grace was not only manifest in her life and in her departure, but also in comforting and sustaining the grief-stricken one in this hour of affliction, who for seven years has been tortured with an incurable case of rheumatism—his soul mounts upward in the glad anticipation of a speedy reunion in the glory land with the wife of his youth and the mother of his children.

The funeral services were conducted in the home on Gladstone Avenue by Drs. Bowers, Little, Sheridan and Hanks, a number of city pastors and a large number of friends being present. The next morning the remains were taken to Salisbury, Md., to be laid by the side of the sacred dust of her kindred.

Farewell, dear one, 'till we meet again; thy life in its fragrance and beauty shall long live after the flowers shall bloom on thy grave.

J. L. MILLS.

J. M. SHERIDAN.

W. S. HANKS.

HORACE BURGEE.

S. S. BOUIS.

R. T. JEFFERSON.

Mrs. Ella Rebecca McCullough.

Mrs. Ella Rebecca McCullough, eldest daughter of Covington B. and Caroline B. Zepp, was born April 8, 1869, and reared among the hills of Howard County. When but a small girl, she gave her heart to the Master, and her name to the membership of Linden Methodist Protestant Church, on Howard Charge. She lived a consistent Christian to the end. She had many friends among her home and church circles, who remember her with kindest feeling from her childhood days. Those who knew her longest, knew her best, and speak of her still with highest praise. "None knew thee, but to love thee, none name thee

but to praise." Sister McCullough was retiring in manner, yet possessed distinct characteristics which marked her as a woman of inestimable worth. Of these we might mention her simplicity, her naturalness, her genuineness and her sincerity. She made no false pretense, and "despised shams." On November 15, 1899, she was united in wedlock to Rev. C. E. McCullough, of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church (by A. D. Melvin), of precious memory. She was the second wife of Brother McCullough, and her refined spirit, her sweet disposition, her thoughtfulness for her home, her husband's comforts, and the care of his motherless children soon endeared her to all, and made for her a place in the hearts of those whom they served. She was interested in all the work of the church and active in Sunday School and Christian Endeavor of their charge as long as her health permitted. Among the tender sentiments received from the members of the obituary committee we record the following: "She was modest refined and gentle; all who knew her loved her," "She is not dead but sleepeth."

"She never sought to be prominent as a leader, but was always willing to do what she could for the church."

"She preached but one sermon (Love), and never for one moment did she swerve from what she deemed the plain path of duty. Her life can best be compared to the snow drop for purity, and to the violet for fragrance."

So closed the earthly life of this good woman whose "sun went down at noon." She died January 14, 1915, and was buried three days later from the home of her aged father, Clarksville, Md. The services were conducted by N. C. Clough, and all that was mortal was laid to rest in the Linthicum Chapel Cemetery to wait the resurrection morn.

N. C. CLOUGH.

C. E. DRYDEN.

H. L. SCHLINCKE,

M. A. ZOLLICKOFFER.

J. J. McCAULEY.

EDWARD P. COCKEY.

Mrs. Hannah Mary Wilson.

On the twenty-third day of April there entered into rest one of the best women I have known, and it falls to my lot to put into expression the words of tribute that belong to so good a woman. But my words will be poor indeed when they attempt to place an estimate on the worth of such a life.

Hannah Mary Wilson was born March 31, 1822. She was a daughter of William and Mary Galt Jones, of Frederick County, Md., and at the time of her death was the oldest survivor of these well-known families. In early life she was converted and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, and lived in that communion more than seventy years. She was married to Rev. Peter Light Wilson, Nov. 16, 1847, and from that time to the death of her husband, which occurred January 10, 1883, she entered absorbingly into the joys and sorrows of an itinerant's life, and became known to a wide circle of friends throughout the Maryland Conference. These children survive her: Thomas J. Wilson and Mrs. Wm. O. Little, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Francis Lee Stoner, of Frederick, Md. Three children died many years ago. A son, Charles

L. Wilson, died in Tucson, Arizona, about ten years ago. The death of this son was a severe blow to the mother. There survive also several grandchildren: Chas. A. Spilker, of Mt. Washington; Miss Jessie Wilson, of Mercy Hospital, Baltimore; Lieut. Pierre Wilson, U. S. N.; Amah, Ralph, Roger and Robert Little, of Washington, and Winfield A. Wilson, also of Washington. After a long life of more than ninety-two years she fell asleep in Jesus at the home of her daughter in Frederick, and was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Central Chapel. The writer, assisted by Dr. Dixon, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. B. F. Ruley, of our church, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Wilson belonged to the age of gentle, refined womanhood, and by these qualities she drew to herself unconsciously both young and old. She was always young in spirit and kept to the last an interest in young people. Her friends loved her devotedly, and in her home and in the home of her children she was the recipient of affection rarely seen in these days. Always fearing lest she might be a trouble to those about her, she was ever alert to the comfort of others. On the occasion of her last birthday she was the recipient of so many tokens of love from relatives and friends that she was overwhelmed, and remarked, "Oh, I'm living so long, people will tire of remembering these birthdays of mine."

Born of Methodist Protestant parents, she was ever loyal to the church of her father and mother and of her husband. Although during the last three years of her life she was unable to attend church services, she was a constant reader of the Methodist Protestant and kept those about her interested therein. It was always a sacred duty for her to contribute to the support of the church, the missionary cause, and other charitable interests. Her interest in the ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church was always very great. Their visits were precious to her. When she could no longer go to church the family would leave her to her own worship of Scripture and song. The morning she died, after a night of suffering, she grew calm, and looking toward heaven she exclaimed, "I'm so happy; joy, peace, rest, heaven! Good-bye, meet me there!"

Mrs. Wilson came into my life when I was a pastor in Washington. I saw first a little woman sitting in the pews a stranger to me, who followed the service in a most devout manner. She lingered to tell me who she was and to invite me to come to see her. Her husband was a man my mother had told me of when I was a child and she took me into her confidence and made me her friend. Many a stumbling sermon took on new strength when I looked into her face and saw the glory shining there. I loved her for what she was, and I shall never forget her gentle grace and the help she was to me when she came to my church and listened to my preaching, and prayed for herself and for me as I preached as best I could the Gospel she believed with all her mind and heart and lived from day to day and from year to year until "God took her and she was not."

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THE SERMON

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"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you." St. John 15: 16.

The task I have set to myself on this occasion, is to point out some essential elements in Evangelistic preaching. According to the Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the Church at Corinth, the divine plan of saving the world is by the "foolishness of preaching." We are saved by grace through faith, and faith cometh by hearing; but how shall they hear without a preacher?

Matthew announces the inauguration of Christ's work among men in these words: "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say." The same writer tells us, "In those days came John the Baptist preaching and saying." While the clarion note of the great commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach." It may be well to remember that there is a difference between preaching and teaching, and that while the preacher should be a teacher, one may discharge all the functions of a teacher and yet not preach. Christ's method was to preach first and teach afterwards, and I question the existence of a better plan.

The legitimate occupant of the pulpit is a proclaimer. He is not sent with an idea to exploit, a scheme to suggest, a theory to try out, or an ism to propagate. But he has a truth to tell. He goes forth to deliver a message, a message from God to man, the message: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It is his to publish the great and glorious fact that "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved," and to persuade men to avail themselves of this Heaven given privilege.

It is the distinguishing glory of the pulpit that it is not to struggle with heads, but with hearts; not to illuminate, but to stimulate, not to bring the audience something new and startling, but to startle them with something old and neglected; not to debate, but to preach. If these other conditions enter into the sermon, they should do so, not from choice but because they inhere in the case, or are necessary to the spiritual elucidation.

tion of the text. The minister should ever keep before his eyes this one fact, I am an ambassador for God and I get my inspiration and authority from Heaven. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you."

Men may aspire to the position of ambassadors to the courts of foreign countries because of social, political, financial, or other emoluments. Politicians may bring influence to bear to secure the appointment of their friends, and Congress may withhold its approval of the appointee; but the fundamental idea underlying such an office is that the occupant represents the administrative side of the government, and as such, is the connecting link between the President and the foreign court, to which he is accredited, and therefore, ought to be the choice of the President without interference from any source. So the preacher is, in a proper sense, the connecting link between God and man, and should be the choice of Christ alone.

The thirteenth and fourteenth verses of the third chapter of Mark read thus: "And He goeth up into a mountain and calleth unto Him whom He would, and they come unto Him. And He ordained twelve that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach." Men may aspire to the ministry for reasons I need not mention, but from the very nature of the case, from the teachings of this book, and from the example of our Divine Lord, we learn that he only should be sent to preach the everlasting gospel of the Son of God who is divinely chosen and divinely ordained. This I conceive to be the first essential element in the preacher.

Upon this phase of the subject Dr. H. L. Elderdice has a most excellent little book. If I were a member of the Faculty of Instruction, I would ask every applicant for admission to the Conference: Have you read Dr. Elderdice's book, "The Call to the Ministry?" If the answer were no, I would vote to leave the candidate in the hands of the President for a year, with the recommendation that he read it through once a month during the waiting period.

The juxtaposition of the negative and the affirmative statements of this text is worthy of, at least, a passing notice. Ye have not, but I have. The negative greatly emphasises the affirmative. Christ moved in the case before the disciple did. Apostolical succession depends upon which one moves first. If God, then the minister is a successor; if the preacher, then he is a professor, and what else I do not know. Christ has assumed for Himself absolutely the right to initiate and to consummate the choice.

The Church is God's own institution for the propagation of the gospel in the world. She is clothed with authority to lay her hand upon the head of the priest and send him forth to preach, but that is no more an act of choice than baptism is an act of regeneration.

The voice of the Church may not be the voice of God. The church may make a pulpit orator, but it cannot make a preacher. It may ordain

him, it cannot qualify him. It may put words into his mouth, but it cannot infuse life and power into those words. It may send him, it cannot call him.

The context furnishes a basis upon which the Master makes His choice of men for the ministry. Like the lord who distributed his goods among his servants, to every man according to his several ability, so our Lord has a basis upon which He calls men to be preachers. This basis is expressed in one word, FRIENDSHIP. Not the friendship with which you and I are familiar,—To-day it is; tomorrow it is not. Not the friendship of kinship of spirit, oneness of purpose, sameness of objective, equality of heredity and social status. No, but the friendship which evinces itself in implicit obedience to God's word, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you". There is no divine call to the ministry of the Bibleiconoclast, of the man who denies the deity of Christ, the incarnation, the resurrection, the inspiration of this Book, or of one who would eliminate a single word or letter that is necessary to convey a fact, a truth, or a doctrine. The apostolic injunction is to preach the Word, the word of God, the commandments of Christ. If the Bible, as we have it, is not the word of God, then who is to tell us what is? I believe this Book to be the Word of God, not because of its age, its remarkable preservation, the strange and peculiar agreement of its authors, but because it finds me at my deepest depth; it knows more about me than my best friend knows, and tells me what it knows in a manner that neither my dearest friend nor my worst enemy would employ.

Dr. L. W. Bates was asked if he believed the Bible statement that a great fish swallowed Jonah. This man of splendid intellect and towering preaching ability, promptly answered, "yes," and added, "If the Bible had said Jonah swallowed the whale, I would believe that too". That is the kind of friendship that forms the basis upon which God calls men into the ministry. A single lingering doubt in the mind of the minister as to the divine authority of the Bible, will vitiate the most perfectly prepared and the most eloquently delivered sermon. Indeed, a doubt that has taken root in the vitals of the preacher is like an overhanging cloud, shutting out the sun; it darkens and chills all he prepares and all he preaches. Dr. Kerr, the pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, told this story to the Ministerial Union a short time ago. He said, "There was a young minister appointed to a certain charge at which there was an old lady whose belief of the Bible was perfect. When he met her the first time, he apprised her of the fact that he had heard of her great confidence in the Word of God. She denied not, but promptly confessed her faith. Whereupon, he said, I suppose you believe the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea dryshod. The old lady could see no reason why she should not believe it. Then said he, I guess you even believe the tale of a great fish swallowing Jonah. Most certainly I do, said she, and what

is more, when I get to Heaven, I am going right up to Jonah and have him tell me all about it. But, said the smart young preacher, suppose when you get to Heaven you don't find Jonah there. Then said the old lady, I will let you ask him".

The Church cannot afford to send out ministers who are careless of their manners in society, or who are thoughtless of their grammar in the pulpit; but it can a thousand times better afford to send them out with these defects, bad as they are, than it can afford to send them with doubts in their hearts as to the inspiration of this book, as to the divine authority of the Bible. The former condition may humiliate the people, the latter condition may damn them.

The context furnishes another element in the friendship upon which Christ makes his choice of men for the ministry. "Henceforth I call you not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth, but I have called you friends, for all things I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you." The minister is charged with the great and awful responsibility of readjusting the relations of Heaven and earth, and our Lord must have men whom He can trust. The preacher is still the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths, and as such, he may incur the enmity of a Herod.

The Master said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." He designed that the Church should have as its foundation rock a ministry that is trustworthy, a ministry that could suffer, and if needs be, suffer unto death. In no other way could the Kingdom of God be established permanently in the world. In no other way could the commonality be induced to rally about its standards.

In the course of Christ's life He was approached by three persons who expressed a willingness to follow Him "whithersoever Thou goest." But when the Master discovered to one the true situation by saying, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head" this bread and butter call vanished, and with it its possessor. Another exhibited about the same amount of enthusiasm, but, having expressed a desire to turn in home and say goodbye, he evinced elements of weakness, and the Master assured him that the ministry was no place for persons who having put their hands to the plow, look back. The third party was not different outwardly from the other two, but very much so inherently. It was not bread and butter, nor family associations that caused him to hesitate in yielding himself to the service of the Christ; but an exalted conception of filial duty, and a clear strong appreciation of the command of God to honor his parents, made him say, Lord, "suffer me first to go bury my father." I do not wonder that the Master said to this one, "Let the dead bury their dead but go thou and preach the gospel." He had evinced elements of greatness. He was just

the sort of character Christ wanted, the one He could trust. This one would not ask for an easy berth, nor run away from a hard task, nor inquire, how much is in it.

In that remarkable transaction when Jesus put the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven into the hands of the apostles, we see, not only a revelation of the abiding confidence He had in those men, but the measure of our responsibility, and the secret of our success. Whatsoever they should bind on earth should be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever they should loose on earth should be loosed in Heaven. It does not answer the case to say this applies to governmental matters, neither does it refer to the dictum of the priest in the confessional; but John the Baptist, declaring the truth of God in full view of the executioner's axe; Paul, with his feet and hands in the shackles, preaching Christ and the resurrection before a king; Martin Luther, at the Diet of Worms, refusing to retract; Latimer and Ridley at the stake, "Lighting such a candle in England as shall never be extinguished"; these and thousands of others by their fidelity, their sacrifices, and their martyrdom, have bound on earth and in Heaven, have loosed on earth and in Heaven. The sufferings of the Church have done more to spread the gospel and establish the Kingdom of Christ than all the logic of the logician, all the eloquence of the orator, and all the gifts of the philanthropist. James had his Herod, Simon Peter his cross, John the Divine his Patmos, and every faithful aggressive preacher will have his Gethsemane and his Calvary.

There must not only be a divine call and ordination, based upon friendship; friendship that is evidenced by fidelity to God's word and trustworthiness in the times of peril, but there must be a self-surrendered life.

I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should GO. This word is composed of only two letters, yet it is as big as God's kingdom on earth can become, as deep as any earthly hell, and as eternal as the incarnate Christ. It will stand here in the midst of this text the very apex to which every thing that precedes must rise, and from which every thing that follows must descend as long as there is a soul to save, a Christ to preach, and a hell to escape. It was for this purpose the preacher was chosen and ordained,—TO GO. If he does not go he is disobedient to the Heavenly vision. There are bugs and then some. One of the bugs we call a humbug. I know of no greater humbug than a local minister. I do not mean to say no one should preach unless he is an itinerant, for anybody can preach who has sense enough, and some preach who haven't sense enough. But I can find no authority satisfactory to me for ordaining a man to the ministry who refuses to surrender himself absolutely to the work of preaching the gospel.

One of the parties of whom I spoke a few moments ago was unwilling to go because the Master made him no promise of support. The other hesitated because of social and family alliances, but if God calls and or-

dains me to preach my chief concern should be to obey. If the ministry must be supplemented by a farm or a trade, all well and good, but the pulpit should never be an appendix or an addendum to the trade, the business or the profession. That is to say, the minister's chief business is to preach. If other occupations are necessary to assist him to do this, very well, but preaching is never to help him to do other things. The ministry calls for the entire man however strong, resourceful and intellectual he may be. The Book is profound enough to engage all our mental powers. The work is sufficiently heavy to tax the most perfect physical man. The problems are so complex as to demand all our ingenuity. The subject, "Great is the mystery of Godliness, God manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory," is sufficiently true, potent and lovely to charm the heart, fascinate the mind, and thrill the soul of the greatest, the wisest, and the best. There is no place for partial consecration of the life and powers except in the case of one worn out in the service. Commercial alliances, business entanglements, social environments, educational ambitions and personal ease should be thrown to the wind, and the man whom God calls to the place of an ambassador must stand out disentangled of the world, saying, Lord, here am I.

"It may not be on the mountain's height,
Or over the stormy sea:
It may not be at the battle's front,
My Lord may have need of me.
But if by a still small voice He calls
To paths that I do not know,
I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine,
I'll go where You want me to go."

"That ye should go and bring forth." The study of scripture words and phrases is interesting and often illuminating. The use of the phrase "Bring forth" is attributed to God in the record of the creation both as to the earth and the waters. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass the herb yielding seed" and so forth. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature" and so on. Not that the earth or the waters had any creative powers, nor does life inhere in matter, for it is said immediately, "God made," "God created," but the earth and the waters furnished the accommodating conditions, the convenient environments for the operations of the creative genius and powers of Jehovah, just as the dust of the ground and the rib of Adam served as a nucleus for the creation of Adam and Eve.

I conceive this to be the privilege and the relation which the minister of the gospel bears to the rest of mankind. His is to supply the intellec-

tual, moral and spiritual forces and conditions essential to germinate the divine life and to bring forth the full corn in the hearts and lives of the people. His sphere is a large one; the world is his parish, his resources are inexhaustible. "Whatsoever ye ask of the Father in my name He may give it you." His object is a definite one,—to bring forth fruit to the glory of God. But we have no reason to expect fruit unless we sow the seed. That is to say, we must preach the gospel. Men do not gather figs of thorns, neither does wheat seed produce a cotton field. The best preachers are not only the ones whose pouch is fullest, but those who know most about the WORD OF GOD. It is true that if we open our mouth the Lord will fill it, but not with a sermon unless we have filled our head and heart with His truth beforehand. It is not enough that we carry our Bibles around under our arms. Sermons are not made there. But if we would sow abundantly that we may reap abundantly, the words of this Book must be written in our minds, engraved upon our hearts. This Book must be eaten, digested, and incorporated into our very lives. For "The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is pure enlightening the eyes."

We hear a great deal to-day about new conditions and about applying old truths to these new states; about modernizing the gospel to suit modern circumstances. But strictly speaking there are no new conditions. They are new only in our imaginations. We are made of the same kind of dust our fathers were made of, are fighting the same battles they fought, subject to the same temptations they passed through, struggling with the same infirmities and we need the same truth for our admonition, consolation and support.

If I were asked, when, in your judgment, is the gospel being preached? I would answer, the gospel is being preached primarily, when the old, and yet ever new truth uttered by the prophet Isaiah, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way," is proclaimed in its simplicity and nakedness. This is good news. News is good when it discovers to us our danger, even if we do not appreciate the information, just as truth is truth, whether or not we obey it, and light is light whether or not our eyes behold it. Depravity inheres in the soul of every one. God looked and there was none good, no not one, and St. John declares "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." He is saying precisely what Isaiah said centuries before, while John carries it further when he declares, "If we say we have not sinned"—if we say our original sin, our inherent depravity has not asserted itself in actual transgression, "we make Him a liar and His word is not in us." All men are not only inherently depraved but all men are practically corrupt. But in the parable of the sower, Christ nowhere hints

that the difficulty is all with the soil. Rather that there is a certain amount of fecundity in each field, and that all the seed sown would have germinated and grown to fruitage but for a lack of some essential element in the environment. Some fell by the wayside and was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. Some fell upon a rock, and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. Depravity is everywhere, 'tis true, but total depravity is nowhere, and he preaches the gospel who declares this truth.

In the second place, he preaches the gospel who reveals to his hearers God in His true character. "The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge," but if we are to see God in His true relation to mankind and in His completeness, we must behold Him in Jesus Christ. Philip said, "Lord show us the Father and it sufficeth us." Whereupon the Master answered, "Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me, Phillip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." He hath seen the source of all things, the giver of life, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last. But the ordinary thought of God seems to be, that He is a rather effeminate sort of being, most too kind to be just, too pliable to be righteous, too vacillating to be truthful. To some He is so anxious to save the world He is willing to set aside His own appointed plan of salvation, confess it a failure, supplement the work of His Son by resorting to other means,—means that have neither common sense, dignity, nor Scriptural authority. A favorite quotation with these is "God is love", as though this attribute in the divine constitution supersedes all the others; when in fact this statement is made by St. John to enforce the truth that in our regeneration love is the DISTINGUISHING characteristic. Just as the cuticle indicates the child's racial ancestor, so love is the infallible proof of our regeneration. THESE notions tend to destroy reverence for God. They undermine the sense of authority. They vitiate our appreciation of responsibility, and when these are gone, elements of strength and dignity are wanting, and we can expect nothing but a low grade of character.

That which distinguished Noah from all the rest of mankind in his day, was his reverence for God. This reverence is expressed in the statement that "Noah, moved by fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Eliminate from the human consciousness the desire for self-preservation, and it is useless to talk of salvation temporal or spiritual. As I see Rev. W. A. Sunday, a very great degree of his success lies in the fact that he emphasizes God's sovereignty and man's responsibility. He deals with truth as he finds it, without speculation, calling sin, sin, God, God, and hell, hell. I have no patience, of course, with a hell of material fire burning immaterial bodies, or with a God whose chief business is to stalk

up and down the earth executing vengeance upon His subjects. But Christ discovers to me a being in whom all the attributes of a perfect character meet in equality; a God who is able to suspend the exercise of justice till infinite love expends itself in an effort to save. And this Christ tells me also of a hell, mental and moral, into which men plunge in SPITE of infinite love and grace, as the result of their own evil deeds. Such a God and such a hell have been simmered down till men have ceased to reverence the one and fear the other. The true character of these must be emphasized in evangelistic preaching.

The gospel is being preached when Jesus Christ is held up as the only and all sufficient Savior of mankind. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." In this text will be found every phase of the plan of salvation. There is nothing left out that we ought to know. It is the plan of redeeming grace in epitome. Destroy the entire Bible, except this, and we shall have enough with which to save the world. Jesus is more than an expounder of the law. He is more than a splendid example. He is more than an excellent teacher. He is all these and a great deal besides. He is the PROPITIATION for our sins. Not only have all we like sheep gone astray and turned every one to his own way, but God hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed; and we cannot admit anything that has even the appearance of supplementing the propitiatory death of the Son of God.

The death of Christ has not placated God, but it has answered the demand of justice. It has not reconciled God to us, but it has made it possible for us to be reconciled to Him. It has wrought no change in God, but it has worked and is capable of working a great change in the consciences and lives of mankind. One who has devoted himself to the evolution of a cult in the hope that men would applaud, complained to an old philosopher that none seemed to care for his theory. He was answered by the sage: My friend, if you will be born in a manger, live in poverty, die on the cross, and rise the third day, millions will flock to your standard. Napoleon Bonaparte soliloquized in tones of discontent: This lowly Nazarene wrote no book, established no government, marshalled no forces, drew no sword, yet His followers are numbered by the millions, while I am an exile, bereft of my family, my country and my kingdom. It is still true, as Christ said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me."

Ancestral influences cannot relieve the sad state into which mankind has fallen. "Say not we have Abraham to our father." God can raise up children unto Abraham from the stones by the wayside, but Abraham's virtues cannot cleanse the corrupt natures of his offspring. Saul of Tarsus is perhaps the finest specimen of splendid heredity and excellent environ-

ment of which we have any knowledge: a Hebrew of the Hebrews, circumcised the eighth day, educated in the school of Gamaliel, as touching the law blameless. Yet he found a law in his members warring against the law of his mind, and so fiercely waged the conflict that even after he became a christian, we hear him cry, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The only answer that is heard is the exultant exclamation, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Would you supplement the propitiation of Calvary? With what? With heredity, culture, deeds, gifts, attainments, morality? Stand with me in Gethsemane. The hour is midnight. Groups of sleeping disciples are here and there. The moon is full; the stillness is dense; the loneliness is overwhelming. The birds have ceased to chirp and are sleeping beneath the boughs. A voice, low, pathetic, pleading, three times steals out from the depths, "Father if it be possible let this cup pass from Me," and sweat, like great drops of blood evidences the awful agony of the soul. We are now in the hall of infamy. They entwine about His head a wreath of thorns, and blood trickles down His cheeks. They spit in His face and buffet Him, but He opens not His mouth. At Calvary they nail Him to the cross and lift Him up between Heaven and earth. About the sixth hour the Heavens veil their face from the scene. The earth did quake and the rocks rent. The dead come forth from their graves and the voice is heard again, this time a query, deep, sad, despairing, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The Son of God, the Prince of glory, the Creator of the universe dies to make an atonement for the sins of the whole world. Are there any circles beyond, any heights above, any depths below to which this sacrificial offering did not go? Ah no. An infinite God with an infinite balm has swept the realm of human depravity. An infinite God with an infinite merit has circumscribed all human attainments and filled the sphere of divine possibilities.

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe,
Sin has left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."

Man's depravity, God's righteousness and Christ's sufficiency are the great truths necessary to be emphasized in evangelistic preaching.

In order to germination and fruit-bearing some minor, though important, conditions must obtain, as well as seed-sowing. Some favorable environments must be supplied. Moisture, heat and light are necessary. Without these the best seed will rot where it falls. And these must come from above,—from you if you please. The great Teacher said, "YE are

the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Christianity is the most pronounced of truths, and the minister of the gospel occupies the most exalted place among the world's leaders and teachers.

The rays which shine farthest and brightest are not those, however, which scintillate from the pulpit on the Sabbath day, but those which emanate from the life of contact with the world. This is a very practical age. Every theory must be tried out and proved in actual practice. A baldheaded barber who was cutting my hair said to me, "You ought to have the ends of your hair singed to prevent its falling out." I asked him if he had tried the remedy, and when he said he had, I told him I did not care to try it. If the gospel we offer others does not make us good, gentle, kind, self-sacrificing, loving and lovable, we shall fail to persuade others to accept it, however strongly, logically, and eloquently it may be preached. Someone has said, "Preaching is not simply the statement of truth, formal truth. If it were, it would be an easier thing than it is, and could be without travail of soul and sweat of brain. Its functions might then be served by repeating the necessary propositions. It might best be done by a phonograph. But preaching is truth plus something else: truth plus personality. The general message has to be made individual; the gospel has to be made my gospel. The truth has to enter into the being of a man and make the circuit of his veins, and come out colored by the red blood of his heart. He has to take the things of the spirit, the things of Christ, and show them as he has learned them from his Master, no more and no less." Our sermon may be lame and halt, our intellect dull and obtuse, our delivery poor and stammering, but the preacher's conduct, character and life must be clear, strong and rich. Your parishoners may not remember your sermon, but they will remember your spirit. They may not remember what you said, but they will remember what you were.

The cold-hearted preacher is an anomaly, and the work he does is a farce. The religion of Jesus Christ was born in a baptism of fire and it must be continued under the same regime. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." If there is no baptism of fire, no passion for souls, no *En Theos*, we need to tarry at Jerusalem, we had better stay at home, till we be endued with power from on high. We hear a great deal about Back to Pentecost when it may be we have not yet gone forward to it. ON to Pentecost is a very much better slogan than back to Pentecost.

I heard this story about one of the best of preachers. He was a young man. A certain gentleman attended the church and heard him preach. The next day the young minister met him and expressed his pleasure at seeing him at the service and gave him an invitation to come again. Whereupon the man replied, "I believe I will, for while there was nothing in what you said, you preached like you thought there was." Correct or

not, the incident taught me that if I wish other people to believe what I say, I must say it like I believe it myself. This is not infallible evidence of the power and presence of the Holy Ghost, but if the Holy Spirit is present we WILL preach that way. When God took hold upon chaos there came a universe. When He laid His hand upon man, the world saw the patriarch, the seer and the prophet. When He entered human flesh there came the Messiah, and when the preacher's heart becomes the divine habitation He lays upon the tongue a live coal from His own altar, and the herald becomes a flaming fire.

The text gives us a glimpse of the mind of the Master as to the perpetuity and indestructibility of the church. "I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." What shall destroy the church of the living God? What shall render null the consequences of its laborers? Shall earth's untoward conditions? I trow not. The sea is the habitation of the fish, the air is the clime of the bird, and it is only in this world where temptations and persecutions abound, that the religion of Jesus Christ can live and perform its great and holy mission. It was instituted for just such human needs as earth alone can create. Humanity's seemingly unfortunate environments are the very breath and soul of Christianity; and if you have preached the gospel of Christ, you have done more than propagate a cult, you have generated a life,—the life of God in a human soul,—a life that finds its deepest root in the immortals of man, evinces its greatest strength in the severest conflict of earth, and that reaches out its hand and links its possessor with the throne of the eternal God. This work possesses no element of decay or mutability, this state cannot be shaken by the passing events of a transitory world. Neither will death, the grave nor Hell prevent the onward and triumphant march of the church of our God. Did not Christ say, "Upon this rock I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it?" Perhaps Nero and his kind thought they had put an end to this "fanaticism" centuries ago. It may be that Charles the Fifth dreamed of an extinguished evangelism, and the critic of to-day may laugh and ridicule the scenes of our time. But Europe may be deluged with blood, brother may be arrayed against brother, the aeroplane and the submarine may be guided by the hand that held the sacramental cup, the voice that sounds the marching orders on the field of deadly conflict may be that which echoed the ritual in some stately chapel. Yea the whole earth may become one mighty battle ground, and the earth's surface one vast graveyard, as a consequence, yet out of all this carnage, enmity, sorrow and death, the Church of God shall rise triumphant; rise with a clearer vision of the Christ, with a broader, deeper humanity, with a sincerer longing for the divine and the heavenly, with a fuller consciousness of the passing of the age and the laborers shall come into their own, for, "My word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish

that whereunto I have sent it." And, "He that goeth forth, weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again bringing his sheaves with him."

What shall become of the Methodist Protestant Church? I do not know, neither am I seriously concerned. These are days of readjustments, readjustments for better service, and service is the watchword of to-day. It may remain intact; it may lose its identity; it may be absorbed by a united Methodism; it may unite with some organization of kindred government. This I know, however, it will live and continue to labor and succeed. God has called it and ordained it that it should go and bring forth fruit, and that its fruit should remain. It has the stamp of divine approval upon it; it cannot die. Its prestige is a living force. Its history is a blazing comet streaming through the skies of Christendom. What, die? Nay, never. Union is but the beginning of life,—perpetuity immortalized. Absorption is the process by which new forces are assimilated into a larger being, into better forms and into greater glory. Shall the principles, the doctrines, the achievements and the sufferings of those whose names are in my memory now be lost in the wonderful amalgamation of the christian forces that heaves in view to-day? Perish the thought. These are written upon tablets, tablets that are indestructible; and no matter how great the numbers, how changed the name, how revolutionary the governmental polity, our ecclesiastical fathers and their works of faith and love shall live on and on. It was never said of them "Ye shall die."

My brethren, my brethren of the ministry, the called of God, the ordained of Heaven, God called you years ago, perhaps when a child in the temple, or it may be when you were a man of years hid among the "stuff". He calls you again to-day. Feel again the thrill as of old, when the Heavenly Musician played upon the harpcords of your soul, and you did not understand the music, nor know how to put yourself into harmony with its strains. I call you to see change and death stamped upon the brow of all earthly objects, deeds, thoughts and loves. However dear the object, however necessary the deed, however profound the thought, however ardent the love, there are written across their every face, these words to be seen under all conditions of life, "Thou shalt die." I summon you to see also that the distinguishing characteristic between what you are called and sent to do, and what the man of purely worldly affairs does, is written in the promises of this infallible Book and in the very nature of these deeds themselves, to be seen perfectly only in the light of eternity in these words, "Thou shalt not die."

Not only shall YOU live, but what you DO in the name of the Christ shall abide forever. It is said that a pebble dropped in mid-ocean will create a ripple which notwithstanding distance, storm and wave, will not cease till it bursts on the shores of the sea. What we do for God in

Christ, notwithstanding life's storms, its sorrows, persecutions and death, will continue till it breaks on the shores of Eternity, and Eternity has no shores. Then may I be pardoned for saying in conclusion,

"Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before:
Christ the Royal Master
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See His banner go."

"Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity."

"Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail."

"Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song;
Glory, laud and honor,
Unto Christ the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing."

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Theological Seminary.		Western Maryland College.		Superannuates.		Church Exten.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Ch	
		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
1	Accomac, Va.....	24	24	4	4	6	6	16	16	14	14	36	36	47	47	19	19	25	25	14	14
2	Alexandria, Va.....	12	12	3	3	2	2	6	6	9	9	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	8	8
3	Amelia, Va.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	7	7	15	15	21	21	9	9	10	10	7	7
	Baltimore:																				
4	Alnutt Mem'l.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	26	26	99	99	135	135	55	55	63	63	38	38
5	Bethany.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	11	11	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
6	Broadway.....	25	25	4	4	6	6	18	18	10	10	40	40	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17
7	Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
8	Calvary.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	19	19	16	16	21	21	9	9	10	10	7	7
9	Christ Church...	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	32	32	25	25	35	35	16	16	18	18	12	12
10	East Baltimore...	45	45	7	7	5	5	9	9	28	28	6	6	45	45	59	59	38	38	25	25
11	Eutaw.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	7	7	24	24	35	35	14	14	15	15	13	13
12	Evergreen.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
13	Hampden.....	40	40	5	5	7	7	24	24	55	55	59	59	80	80	30	30	38	38	27	27
14	Keen Memorial	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	11	11	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12
15	Lauraville.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	14	14	5	5	6	6	4	4
16	North Baltimore	40	40	5	5	8	8	27	27	6	6	52	52	72	72	29	29	37	37	27	27
17	Payson Street...	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	10	10	17	17	24	24	9	9	10	10	7	7
18	South Baltimore	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
19	Starr.....	68	68	9	9	13	13	42	42	9	9	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39
20	St. Johns.....	68	68	9	9	13	13	42	42	17	17	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39
21	St. Pauls.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	10	10	9	9	14	14	5	5	6	6	4	4
22	Violetville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5
23	Waverly.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
24	West Baltimore..	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	18	18	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	38	38
25	Wilton Heights.	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	15	15	9	9	14	14	5	5	7	7	5	5
26	Baltimore Circuit.	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	11	11	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
27	Bedford, Pa.....	28	25	5	6	6	7	19	8	28	14	44	10	62	15	24	10	28	10	19	10
28	Belair.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	9	8	30	38	51	40	21	15	24	24	17	17
29	Buckeystown.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	15	15	90	90	124	124	52	52	58	58	40	40
30	Cambridge.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	16	16	47	47	66	66	26	26	30	30	20	20
31	Campbell, Va.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	7	7	16	16	21	21	9	9	10	10	7	7
32	Cannon, Del.....	10	10	1	1	2	2	5	5	8	8	12	12	17	17	7	7	9	9	5	5
33	Caroline.....	23	23	3	3	6	6	15	12	15	10	34	32	49	10	20	10	22	19	15	10
34	Cecil.....	21	21	3	3	4	4	15	15	16	16	33	33	45	18	18	21	21	14	14	
35	Centreville.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	4	4	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12
36	Chesapeake.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	8	9	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12
37	Chestertown.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	11	11	90	90	124	124	52	52	58	58	40	40
38	Chincoteague, Va.	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	1	1	25	1	35	1	15	1	17	1	12	1
39	Clayton, Del.....	25	25	4	4	2	2	5	2	16	8	14	7	39	16	52	25	11	24	11	7
40	Concord, Pa.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	15	15	7	5	34	25	45	35	18	9	20	10	15	7
41	Conquest, Va.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
42	Crisfield: Crisfield	45	45	7	7	9	9	28	28	41	41	66	66	90	90	38	38	42	42	26	26
43	Lawsonia.....	10	10	1	1	2	2	5	5	4	4	13	13	18	18	7	7	9	9	7	7
44	Mariners.....	20	20	2	2	3	3	9	9	12	7	22	22	36	19	14	14	16	16	13	13
45	Crumpton.....	15	15	2	2	1	1	10	4	2	24	9	31	10	14	5	14	10	10	3	3
46	Cumberland.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	23	22	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17
47	Cumberland Circ't	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	18	10	14	9	20	19	8	8	9	9	7	7
48	Deer Creek.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	8	8

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

A		Total.	Children's Day	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Easter for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League	Miscellaneous Gen'l	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement
	Paid									Ass'd	Paid.				
205	205	40	...	...	...	...	26	...	271	800	800	75	338	294	4
97	97	15	...	...	...	...	10	...	122	700	700	240	180	166	5
89	89	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	94	800	600	75	10	30	40
545	545	25	139	65	...	37	43	854	1500	1500	360	1200	705	300	
96	58	5	...	...	...	...	2	65	800	800	...	122	85	800	
222	222	29	...	...	27	4	16	298	1000	1000	300	675	273	100	
161	161	23	...	5	...	...	45	234	800	800	250	263	122	2400	
103	103	12	...	...	12	...	2	129	750	750	...	275	237	200	
173	183	35	32	96	30	22	195	593	1040	1108	420	775	375	503	
361	279	4	45	...	...	...	5	333	1000	1000	300	445	116	42	
143	143	25	...	60	10	25	13	276	700	800	300	452	105	...	
93	93	...	...	...	...	6	8	107	650	650	...	125	114	...	
365	337	154	25	10	...	...	5	531	1000	1020	420	637	361	573	
150	150	58	...	5	2	4	219	...	900	925	360	300	250	800	
57	57	15	...	6	13	13	120	...	600	600	...	205	177	14	
303	303	73	97	48	...	125	1471	2115	1500	1500	500	1037	125	35	
98	98	...	...	9	5	...	...	112	500	500	...	329	88	10	
164	164	10	...	5	10	25	27	241	800	800	250	1072	251	55	
529	529	14	60	...	7	30	74	714	1800	1800	900	750	400	1060	
537	628	110	233	...	...	65	63	1099	1700	1700	750	2066	521	10	
52	52	5	...	...	...	21	...	78	530	530	...	253	125	25	
62	62	6	...	...	...	7	6	83	400	400	240	90	138	29	
93	47	...	...	...	5	2	...	54	500	385	180	84	248	10	
536	536	250	190	60	12	30	102	1180	1300	1300	360	1400	400	65	
70	70	17	...	15	17	29	51	199	900	900	...	202	158	3	
165	165	39	...	10	...	...	10	224	800	800	400	154	116	18	
263	115	...	...	...	...	...	2	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
211	190	46	...	...	...	...	1	237	800	1000	250	307	300	20	
499	564	110	43	58	55	140	142	1112	1600	1000	200	300	200	20	
266	266	24	...	...	...	4	3	297	150	150	108	...	10	10	
91	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	450	450	125	75	78	6	
76	76	15	...	3	8	...	2	104	700	700	125	150	110	15	
202	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	650	650	100	207	96	37	
190	190	15	...	...	...	7	...	212	600	600	200	300	73	61	
143	143	40	5	5	25	13	24	255	600	600	100	75	70	7	
150	129	9	...	...	...	...	2	140	600	600	300	927	350	85	
495	495	69	...	77	25	22	688	...	1200	1200	120	105	70	5	
149	27	8	...	7	8	2	52	...	600	600	125	225	195	15	
217	115	8	...	10	3	2	12	150	675	675	...	100	75	17	
187	125	22	...	...	...	...	38	185	500	600	...	58	25	6	
93	93	24	...	...	...	...	7	124	650	650	100	313	848	8	
392	392	50	95	15	37	35	...	624	1200	1200	200	...	...	...	...
76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	700	700	84	154	122	7
147	125	16	...	...	...	...	...	143	350	350	75	79	30	12	
126	50	25	...	...	...	...	...	75	1000	1000	360	209	303	10	
225	225	19	...	10	...	40	35	329	600	600	...	66	210	...	
97	82	10	92	420	450	75	70	50	...	
112	112	29	4	16	163

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		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
		49	Deer Park.....	19	19	3	2	4	4	0	9	19	7	24	6	35	10	14	5	15	15	13	6
50	Delmar, Del.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	19	19	24	24	85	35	14	14	15	15	13	13
51	Delta, Pa.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	11	11	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
52	Denton.....	24	24	3	3	4	4	15	15	17	17	37	37	47	47	20	20	22	22	16	16
53	Dorchester.....	24	24	3	3	4	4	15	15	12	10	37	28	47	34	20	15	22	22	16	11
54	Dover, Del.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
55	Easton.....	43	43	7	7	7	7	26	26	9	9	64	64	87	87	35	35	40	40	29	29
56	Elizabeth, N. J.....	40	40	6	6	7	7	25	25	15	15	64	64	86	86	35	35	40	40	27	27
57	Fairfax, Va.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	12	12	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	8	8
58	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	15	15	32	32	44	44	15	15	20	20	15	15
59	Federalburg.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	28	28	11	11	12	12	8	8
60	Felton, Del.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	6	6	19	15	28	15	11	10	12	12	8	8
61	Finksburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	20	20	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17
62	First Ch'h, Newark, N.J.	60	60	7	7	13	13	38	38	38	38	88	88	120	120	50	50	55	55	40	40
63	Franklin City, Va.....	23	23	3	3	5	5	16	10	21	8	38	23	50	18	20	8	22	10	15	11
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	15	15
66	Georgetown, Del.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
67	Georgetown Circ't.....	12	17	3	1	3	1	8	6	9	1	19	12	28	17	11	3	12	2	8	4
68	Greensboro.....	10	10	3	1	2	1	6	3	3	1	16	9	22	10	9	5	10	5	7	3
69	Greenwood, Del.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	18	18	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	15
70	Grove.....	15	15	2	1	2	1	10	5	13	5	24	10	31	12	14	8	14	7	10	6
71	Harbeson, Del.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	13	13	11	11	17	17	7	7	9	9	5	5
72	Harpers Fy, W. Va.....	18	18	2	2	3	3	8	8	9	9	20	10	30	10	12	10	14	10	12	8
73	Harrington, Del.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	13	13	13	13	35	35	48	48	18	18	20	20	15	15
74	Howard.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	16	16	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	15
75	Hurlock.....	15	15	3	3	3	3	10	8	9	6	24	12	31	14	14	5	14	6	8	4
76	Indian River.....	10	10	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	9	9	14	14	5	5	6	6	4	4
77	Kemptown.....	28	28	6	3	6	5	19	15	26	20	44	40	62	60	24	24	23	23	19	19
78	Kennedyville.....	16	16	3	3	4	4	10	10	5	5	22	22	31	31	12	12	15	15	11	11
79	Kent Island.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	7	5	4	82	25	45	21	17	13	20	12	13	11
80	Laurel, Del.....	32	32	7	7	7	7	21	21	14	14	49	49	62	62	28	28	29	29	21	21
81	Laurel Circuit.....	25	25	4	3	5	3	16	16	14	10	39	25	52	25	21	13	24	24	17	12
82	Leeds.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
83	Leipsic.....	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	4	4
84	Lewes, Del.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5
85	Lewistown.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	9	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5
86	Liberty.....	20	20	3	2	4	3	12	10	11	10	28	20	40	25	16	12	18	18	13	10
87	Lisbon.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	19	19	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17
88	Lynchburg, Va.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	27	27	38	38	16	16	18	18	13	13
89	Fairview, Va.....	8	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	11	11	17	7	7	7	9	9	5	5
90	Mardela.....	20	19	3	2	4	2	12	4	17	5	30	19	48	14	17	5	20	13	4	4
91	Marley.....	15	15	3	1	2	1	8	3	11	4	20	10	28	5	12	6	12	10	7	5
92	Middleway, W. Va.....	10	7	3	3	2	2	6	6	1	1	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	5
93	Milford, Del.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	25	25	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	12	12
94	Milton, Del.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	8	8	8	8	20	20	28	28	12	12	12	12	11	11
95	Mt. Nebo.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	12	12	17	17	25	25	37	37	15	15	16	16	12	12
96	New Church, Va.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	16	16	25	25	36	36	15	15	17	17	12	12
97	Newmarket.....	30	30	6	5	9	9	23	23	20	20	47	47	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20

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As's'd	Paid								As'd	Paid.									
155	83	15			2			100	500	500	75	112	90	900	57	63	1797	1897	49
155	155	10			20			207	800	850	150	206	124		500	414	2244	2451	50
165	165	25			17	30		237	850	856	200	234	101	320		140	1851	2088	51
205	205	56			40			301	1000	1000	200	200	164		850	332	2746	3047	52
200	166	20			2			188	750	750	150	75	180	300		143	1548	1736	53
90	90	10						100	600	600	240	210	50	1425		128	2658	2758	54
847	347	37	34	39		59	10	526	1000	1000	375	428	233	925	100	338	3294	3820	55
845	823	16					20	359	1050	1050	500	654	185	242		773	3404	3763	56
116	116	29						145	500	500	90	30	90	275	200	24	1209	1354	57
186	186	30		20	25	62	1	374	800	800	200	272	185	408	160	227	3692	4066	58
112	112	30		10				152	680	680	150	142	85	110	350	80	1597	1749	59
112	90	10				10		110	500	500	84	9	55	30	25	23	807	917	60
223	223	25		5		50	25	328	825	825	125	250	275	450		35	1960	2288	61
509	509	50	120	277	40	35	139	1170	1800	1800	720	2410	2055	461	2500	2016	1182	13122	62
212	119	33					31	183	700	700	80	140	108	58	89	8	1178	1361	63
16																			64
199	199	50	46		7		2	304	800	800	130	149	242	301		66	1689	1993	65
162	162	15			4			181	700	740	180	436	119	156	700	21	2358	2639	66
113	64	11						75		224		55	48	100		5	432	507	67
88	48	5			4	7	5	69	350	350	100	87	42			61	640	709	68
200	200	10				11		221	700	716	100	175	112	50		14	1107	1388	69
135	70	11				13		94	450	452	60	40	78	76		78	784	878	70
77	77	8						85	600	600	72	90	50	75		105	992	1077	71
128	66	10					5	81	600	600	125	102	80	100	200	39	1246	1327	72
191	191	16			16	7	2	232	800	800	167	250	100		49	229	1595	1827	73
197	197	60				21	54	332	725	725	125	115	48	600		197	1810	2142	74
121	76	10			4	5		95	700	710	150	80	100	81	141	1	1263	1358	75
59	59	9				8		76	112	112		6	9			10	137	213	76
261	237	100			5	15		387	900	900	75	250	107	200		20	1552	1939	77
129	129	10				1		143	550	550	120	96	73	190		53	1082	1225	78
171	120							120	500	317	125	118	60	500		6	1125	1245	79
276	276	75			27	40	135	553	1200	1200	240	500	200		1000	685	3325	4378	80
217	156	15				13	2	186	650	601	125	100	70	170		18	1084	1270	81
160	160	60			5		17	4	700	700	150	120	135	250		174	1529	1765	82
56	56	5						61	300	300	48	94	49	189			671	732	83
62	62	4					2	68	550	550	96	92	35			87	860	928	84
63	64	32					3	99	140	140	50	41	55		70	89	395	494	85
165	180	19			8	12	22	9	500	500	75	140	45			50	810	1010	86
222	222	41	2	86	20		3	374	900	900	200	150	189	50	440	105	2084	2408	87
157	157	125	68	295	13		115	773	900	900	300	320	100	125	300	120	2165	2398	88
70									450	175		59	46		100		380	380	89
179	74	10				9	4	97	800	781	100	68	130	135	8		1300	1397	90
121	60	8					4	72	650	650	180	100	90	115	85	125	1345	1417	91
85	7							7											92
223	223	12			7	10	2	254	1200	1200	300	750	280	100	6250	660	9570	9824	93
119	119	5			5	1	2	132	600	600	75	130	90	70		88	1053	1155	94
159	159	71						240	675	681	75	200	200	1900			3056	3296	95
156	156	25					11	6	750	750	125	250	180	525			1830	2098	96
274	274	61			35	23		476	800	800	120	210	135	1870	110	43	2788	3264	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	8	8	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	4	4
99	Northumber'd, Va.	28	28	5	4	6	3	19	10	9	5	44	20	62	26	24	10	28	10	19	7
100	Oak Grove.....	13	13	2	2	3	3	9	5	4	3	21	15	29	15	12	9	13	6	9	6
101	Oxford.....	22	22	4	2	5	5	14	10	12	6	34	34	47	35	19	15	22	22	12	12
102	Parkley, Va.....	24	24	4	4	5	5	15	15	21	21	36	36	50	50	19	19	21	21	16	16
103	Patapsco.....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	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	13	13
105	Taylor Memorial	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	27	...	19	12	23	18	11	11	12	12	8	8
106	Pipe Creek.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	9	7	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	11
107	Pittsville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	19	19	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
108	Pocomoke City.....	43	43	4	3	7	5	26	19	14	9	64	53	85	61	35	25	40	30	29	20
109	Pocomoke Cir.....	18	18	3	2	4	2	10	4	9	4	25	6	35	6	15	6	17	7	12	10
110	Potomac, Va.....	18	18	3	3	3	3	10	10	9	9	24	24	38	36	14	14	16	16	12	12
111	Powellville.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	11	11	24	24	32	32	14	14	14	14	10	8
112	Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5
113	Quantico.....	13	13	2	1	2	1	8	8	2	1	21	5	28	5	12	4	11	7	9	2
114	Queen Anne.....	18	9	2	2	3	2	10	8	4	2	21	10	29	10	12	10	13	10	9	7
115	Reliance.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	16	16	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12
116	Rowlandville.....	15	15	3	2	2	2	10	5	6	4	24	12	32	12	14	8	14	8	10	7
117	Salem.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	4	4	24	24	32	32	14	14	14	14	10	10
118	Salisbury.....	87	87	5	5	9	9	23	23	27	27	52	52	73	73	29	29	38	38	25	25
119	Seaford, Del.....	26	26	4	4	5	5	18	18	16	16	41	41	57	57	22	22	25	25	17	17
120	Selbyville, Del.....	10	10	3	2	2	2	6	6	19	10	16	16	22	16	9	9	10	10	7	5
121	Sharptown.....	23	23	3	3	6	6	15	15	19	19	35	35	44	44	18	18	20	20	17	17
122	Snow Hill.....	22	22	4	3	5	5	14	10	14	10	34	30	47	40	19	19	22	19	15	12
123	Stewartstown, Pa.	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	15	15
124	St. James.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	13	13	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	33
125	St. Michaels.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	16	16	15	15	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
126	Susquehanna.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17
127	Talbot.....	12	...	2	...	3	...	8	...	5	...	19	...	27	...	11	...	12	...	8	...
128	Tri ity.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	9	9	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18
129	Union.....	16	16	4	3	5	4	11	11	23	20	24	21	33	23	14	11	15	11	11	11
130	Union Bridge.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	4	4	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12
131	Wallace Mem., Va.	10	10	2	2	2	2	7	7	10	10	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
132	Waltersville.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	14	5	11	5	34	20	45	20	19	10	21	10	15	10
133	Warwick.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13
	Washington, D. C.																				
134	Cherrydale.....	10	10	1	1	2	2	6	6	15	15	12	12	16	16	5	5	10	10	7	7
135	First Church.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17
136	Georgetown.....	45	45	7	7	9	9	28	28	5	5	66	66	88	88	36	36	42	42	30	30
137	Park Road.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	10	10	15	15	5	5	10	10	5	5
138	Mt. Tabor.....	22	22	4	2	5	1	14	8	7	5	34	25	47	15	19	10	22	8	15	12
139	N. Carolina Ave.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	18	16	17	17	39	39	53	53	21	21	24	24	17	17
140	Rhode Isl'd Ave.	80	80	12	12	17	17	49	49	37	37	111	111	167	167	56	56	58	58	43	43
141	Westminster.....	55	55	7	7	12	12	36	36	10	10	86	86	116	116	49	49	54	54	32	32
142	Wilmington, Del.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
143	W. Wilming'n, Del.	10	...	3	...	2	...	6	...	7	...	16	...	22	...	9	...	10	...	7	...
144	Williamsport.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	9	9	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7
145	Whaleyville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	6	6	14	14	12	12	16	16	5	5	10	10	5	5
146	Wye.....	12	12	2	2	3	1	8	8	6	6	19	8	27	27	11	11	12	5	8	5

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	Ass'd	Paid.								Ass'd	Paid.										
80	60	5	5	2	72	500	500	64	74	80	300	246	1264	1836	98	
244	123	10	5	133	800	750	100	175	75	500	1600	1733	99	
115	77	22	99	400	400	100	36	43	247	866	965	100	
191	166	34	48	20	10	24	302	700	700	150	186	65	83	1184	1486	101
211	211	62	21	34	328	1000	1000	180	442	201	211	470	470	2974	3302	102	
16	16	14	2	...	18	1	51	150	150	10	28	85	273	324	103	
180	185	9	33	8	235	1000	1000	500	1951	465	427	4346	4581	104	
126	87	23	110	600	600	500	460	208	7850	610	10228	10838	105	
191	185	77	13	1	23	4	280	650	650	150	200	100	100	45	1245	1525	106	
173	173	100	5	273	900	900	250	155	169	167	200	263	2106	2384	107	
347	268	122	5	10	20	10	435	1117	1117	350	250	215	2557	2992	108	
148	65	65	600	540	40	75	46	75	25	801	866	109	
145	145	42	9	10	206	825	825	300	138	194	191	100	268	2016	2232	110	
135	133	133	500	510	75	35	50	500	41	1211	1344	111	
57	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	225	241	.....	20	10	.....	9	280	337	112
108	40	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	500	300	60	6	10	14	.....	390	436	113
116	70	70	550	550	100	90	25	150	38	953	1023	114	
155	155	30	...	...	9	5	2	201	630	650	125	158	85	40	200	201	1459	1680	115
180	75	16	...	...	...	...	3	94	600	568	60	90	25	25	.....	...	768	862	116
128	128	5	...	...	1	...	5	139	500	500	75	100	27	275	.....	96	1073	1212	117
318	318	121	5	111	7	562	62	480	1200	1200	500	386	523	.....	950	724	4233	4845	118	
231	231	75	23	...	7	82	62	480	900	900	125	250	100	.....	600	186	2161	2611	119	
104	86	25	...	...	...	...	...	111	800	800	100	180	152	130	250	125	1737	1848	120
200	200	100	...	...	5	24	3	40	372	1000	1000	75	150	190	200	330	1945	2317	121
196	170	60	...	...	10	12	20	272	900	900	200	233	109	225	241	233	2141	2413	122
214	214	36	3	15	13	19	300	800	800	150	200	200	150	200	121	1821	2131	123	
234	249	59	10	16	26	...	2	361	650	651	150	97	95	332	.....	45	1430	1781	124	
173	173	25	...	...	...	15	...	213	800	800	150	300	150	2000	50	300	3750	3963	125
214	214	46	...	...	...	11	2	273	720	720	200	125	150	500	.....	404	2099	2372	126
107	127	
230	230	20	...	...	22	2	279	850	850	250	145	79	436	50	208	2068	2347	128	
150	131	20	...	...	...	...	151	850	850	200	160	140	250	162	66	1828	1979	129	
143	153	...	32	...	...	37	...	273	500	675	144	80	80	.....	85	1064	1336	130	
95	95	14	...	...	5	13	7	67	201	600	600	125	82	128	220	169	1324	1525	131
188	109	18	...	...	...	...	...	127	700	700	200	125	75	5600	20	375	7095	7222	132
162	162	25	...	1	...	...	5	193	600	600	75	138	71	75	.....	32	991	1184	133
84	84	18	...	...	...	...	...	102	700	700	300	182	122	350	450	274	2928	2430	134
217	217	21	75	7	...	...	...	320	1100	1100	300	.....	100	300	147	2247	2567	135	
356	356	65	38	20	...	...	40	514	1200	1200	400	733	165	.....	575	320	3393	3907	136
63	63	5	...	2	...	...	...	70	600	600	...	94	175	1100	.....	394	2363	2933	137
189	108	15	12	...	...	...	...	135	900	900	258	265	150	23	300	206	2102	2237	138
221	221	22	25	88	33	...	95	434	1100	1100	400	948	200	659	.....	437	3734	4168	139	
650	650	37	145	18	20	324	1194	1800	1800	432	1488	541	500	500	1130	6400	7594	140			
457	457	26	186	10	118	171	968	1000	1000	250	419	165	805	.....	219	2888	3856	141		
90	90	10	...	...	...	...	...	100	500	500	...	490	91	125	130	1336	1436	142	
92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	650	548	...	...	...	100	.....	648	643	143	
94	94	9	...	7	...	5	114	450	450	60	84	81	125	...	3	803	917	144			
79	79	15	...	1	...	...	95	600	600	120	60	50	20	...	43	893	988	145	
108	84	18	...	4	...	2	108	400	400	120	60	80	350	...	10	1020	1128	146			

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Prenchers	Probationers.										Full Members					Sunday School.			Y. P. S. C. E.					
		Probationers.	Full Members.	Received.	Ejected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Decensed.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Decensed.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.		
																								Sunday School.	Y. P. S. C. E.	Members.
Accomac, Va.....	352	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	2	6	7	13	3	36	105	355	2	240	...	...
Alexandria, Va.....	118	4	4	...	...	2	...	5	...	17	1	1	7	...	8	1	14	48	200	1	30	...	...
Amelia, Va.....	2168	18	16	...	...	...	...	24	3	...	1	21	...	31	2	10	...	127	...	...	...	...	...
Baltimore:																									
Alnut Mev'l	1	520	22	20	...	2	...	20	5	35	10	4	18	26	1	45	67	460	1	95	1	60	...	...
Bethany.....	1	176	1	...	...	...	...	12	7	31	...	1	8	...	1	16	51	203	1	16	1	30	...	...
Broadway.....	1	5188	7	2	...	...	...	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	11	15	33	231	1	20	1	50	...	...
Brooklyn.....	1	5144	9	4	...	12	...	35	...	8	1	...	6	34	1	12	34	153	...	...	1	50	...	...
Calvary.....	2	43	202	19	4	1	13	3	...	3	3	24	54	1	41	40	350	1	89	1	58
Chesaco Park	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christ Church	2	43	...	...	...	...	...	65	6	7	2	6	80	100	1	48	225	725	2	117	1	85	...	...
E. Baltimore.	...	150	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	67	6	...	...	...	2	117	15	116	1	39	1	33	...	...
Eutaw.....	1	5116	5	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	3	...	5	2	123	50	152	1	50	1	35	...	...
Evergreen.....	11	105	11	1	...	...	...	3	4	...	1	...	3	7	15	23	124	1	37	1	33	...	...
Hampden.....	2	680	12	100	20	...	...	2	20	7	...	...	27	200	1	21	20	360	1	39	...	...	...
Keen Mem.....	3	25	217	11	81	5	...	81	...	30	1	5	30	125	1	25	75	275	1	75	...	...	...
Lauraville.....	1	28	95	9	...	3	...	13	3	3	...	1	8	8	1	25	41	179	1	25	2	59	...	...
N. Baltimore...	1	7150	3	2	...	...	...	16	6	...	1	1	3	4	1	19	20	121	1	30	1	15	...	...
Payson Street	...	2	95	8	6	...	...	18	1	5	...	1	10	13	1	18	20	177	1	86	...	...	...
S. Baltimore...	2	10183	1	3	...	...	...	31	4	24	7	3	53	51	1	23	52	185	1	35	...	...	...
Starr.....	4	20	269	10	...	...	...	18	3	16	6	...	10	15	1	20	30	195	1	40	...	...	...
St. Johns.....	2	8	271	18	12	...	...	32	8	2	5	...	10	20	1	37	81	334	1	23	1	28	...	...
St. Pauls.....	1	1135	...	...	...	...	...	39	5	...	1	3	23	12	1	22	70	220	1	32	1	48	...	...
Violetville.....	11	81	...	...	...	6	...	5	...	7	2	...	1	...	116	10	103	1	30	...	...	...	...
Waverly.....	2	58	2	...	...	3	...	5	12	13	2	...	13	8	1	18	40	147	1	40	1	35	...	...
W. Baltimore..	2	12395	11	2	...	...	...	25	5	1	1	2	7	40	1	33	125	365	1	70	1	55	...	...
Wilton He'lts	...	24	165	1	...	...	...	25	4	...	2	...	16	62	1	15	75	195	1	61	1	82	...	...
Baltimore Ct.....	1	238	15	15	...	...	...	15	2	...	...	...	12	23	3	30	21	201	2	101	...	...	...
Bedford, Pa.....	62	327	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	67	...	483	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belair.....	13	226	3	2	2	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	14	3	4	30	22	177	1	17	...	...	...
Buckeystown.....	...	340	...	...	...	...	...	64	16	2	3	7	8	71	2	45	28	250	1	59	1	45	...	...
Cambridge.....	40	250	...	8	...	...	...	10	3	...	2	1	54	6	3	40	25	250	...	...	...	...	...
Campbell, Va.....	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	4	...	6	1	5	8	38	...	...	...	...	...
Cannon, Del.....	15	104	11	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	19	...	15	120	24	135	1	35	1	47	...	...
Ca.oline.....	1	252	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	17	41	4	34	19	285	2	28	...	...
Cecil.....	...	220	17	...	...	...	...	18	1	6	2	...	2	14	17	4	37	5	275	...	...	...	...
Centreville.....	1	134	...	...	...	...	...	11	9	14	7	...	5	...	1	13	15	107	1	30	1	34	...	...
Chesapeake.....	...	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	15	3	115	1	30	...	...
Chestertown.....	4	339	6	2	...	...	...	12	3	...	2	...	8	8	1	22	8	192	1	60	1	40	...	...
Chincoteag' Va.	2	88	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	18	8	185	...	...	...	...	...
Clayton, Del.....	...	210	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	...	1	4	10	7	3	28	16	276	1	54	...	...	...
Concord, Pa.....	4	370	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	8	4	38	6	206	2	140	...	...
Conquest, Va.....	6	134	6	3	...	...	...	3	2	10	1	4	...	9	2	21	22	156	...	...	1	38	...	...
Crisfield: Cris'f'd	36	393	16	6	...	...	...	30	4	...	4	23	13	175	1	49	...	729	1	50	1	75	...	...
Lawsonia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mariners.....	9	212	11	2	...	...	...	2	4	...	3	...	18	14	1	17	30	256	1	38	1	28	...	...
Crumpton.....	6	79	2	2	...	...	...	8	3	...	...	...	7	2	2	10	5	65	...	...	...	...	...
Cumberland.....	24	318	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	16	3	1	40	2	1	32	50	344	1	61	1	16	...	...

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers		Probationers.				Full Members.				Sunday School				Y. P. S. C. E.						
	Probationers		Full Members.		Probationers.		Full Members.		Sunday School		Y. P. S. C. E.		Probationers.		Full Members.						
	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Discontinued.					
Cumberland Ct.	23	155	1	3	1	12	4	21	41	3	40	170	395	2	65	2	70				
Deer Creek		200			31	1	2	5	6	50	2	25	21	143	2	40					
Deer Park		247			20	4	6	2	28	26	4	49	15	340	2	100					
Delmar, Del.		185	12		36	4	46	1	3	24	131		350	1	30	1	25				
Delta, Pa.		285			12	3	4	1	4	18	128	20	238	1	41	1	37				
Denton		179			1	1			3		1	15		338	1	22	1	50			
Dorchester	15	244	30	30	30	2	3	2	15	44	3	25	35	250				25			
Dover, Del.		80			4	2			4		1	13	32	116							
Easton	15	192	6	1	7	12	1	2	1	7	116	22	155	1	16	1	51				
Elizabeth, N. J.		216			14	11	1	2	7	12	1	29	30	271	1	35	1	35			
Fairfax, Va.	2	226	195	15	10	30	1	12	1	18	3	30	4	33	16	215	2	40			
Fawn Grove, Pa.	9	402		14	66	3		8	5	29	30	2	25		1	110	1	40			
Federalburg		122			30	4	2		5	8	78	1	118	12	130	1	27				
Felton, Del.	4	105	4	4	6			1			14	3	35	26	171						
Finksburg		475	18	18	18			2		30	2	460	25	375	4	180					
First Ch. Newark, N. J.	2	56	90	40	4	96	3	2	7	19	17	135	2	81	125	600	1	59			
Franklin C'y, Va.		271			10	3	7	9	2	1	11	4	55		365	1	60				
Frederica, Del.																					
Frederick		25			6	3		2		6	6	4	44	40	81	1	30				
Georgeto'n, Del.	1	51	177	39	2	5	2	6	4	2	14	84	1	24	52	181	1	37	1	71	
Georgeto'n Cir.	2	35	170	38	10	11	21	3	30	3	5	40	4	32	30	278					
Greensboro		55	6	6	11			2	10	5	1	7		5							
Greenwood, Del.		25	2		7	2	3	3		10	4	3	35	22	317	1	45				
Grove	10	90	10		1	6	10	2		4	34	4	45	15	230	1	19				
Harbeson, Del.	1	28	177	7	3	1	19	1	1	6	10	42	3	40	10	240	2	50			
Harper's F'y, W. Va.		10	10	10		16	1	7	3	4	9	19	2	20	50	150					
Harrington, Del.	1	230										1	23	14	220	1	40				
Howard	10	242			9	22		6	6	13	32	4	34	20	275	2	38				
Hurlock	26	122			5	3			1	18	49	2	23	10	160	2	60				
Indian River	2	3	44	3					7	3	1	8	6	60							
Kemptown	1	26	480	48	22	22			5	5	13	50	5	65							
Kennedyville	2	111	14	12	15	1	3	3	4	30	1	16	2	72	1	22					
Kent Island		105			3			4		1	3	2	18		85						
Laurel, Del.	2	316			20	5	2	3	1	10	20	1	26	10	220	1	35				
Laurel Circuit	1	21	183	4	3	5	3	5	3	20	3	4	35	15	230						
Leeds		215	10	10	2	36	4		2	18	13	42	3	40	56	156	2	96			
Leipsic, Del.	1	181		2	77	1		1	1	5	133	1	12	7	162	1	35				
Lewes, Del.	9	95	14	10	10	34		2	9	20	1	14	4	60	1	24	1	15			
Lewistown	1	150			14	130	10	1	14	27	2	28	25	20	118	1	35				
Liberty		190	3	3	3	3		3		1	6	2	34	12	190	1	65	1	50		
Lisbon	10	439	45	36	36		1	1	6	34	51	4	51	178	503	2	30				
Lynchburg, Va.		169			19	3	3	3	12	4	30	1	8	30	130	1	36				
Fairview		62				13				20	1	8	20	100							
Mardela	16	270	15		8	3		2	1	12	18	4	49	20	423	1	30				
Marley	2	174			11			1		2	15		3	25	30	225	1	35	1	30	
Middleway, W. Va.		40																			
Milford, Del.	109	363	34	10	14	1	48	25	4	4	26	200	1	30	120	404	1	152	1	102	
Milton, Del.	1	238	39		92	2	1	2	2	25	200	1	66	44	199	1	35				

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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.	Deaconess Home.	Total.	
Accomac, Va...	3	3	1	8100	1500	500	4300	16	25	6	6	18	20	40	55	22	25	17	8	242	
Alexandria, Va...	1	1	1	18000	3000	3000	8000	4	12	4	2	6	11	16	22	9	10	8	4	104	
Amelia, Va...	3	8	1	2800	2000	.....	1800	19	10	3	2	6	7	15	21	9	10	7	3	93
Baltimore:																					
Alnutt Mem'l	1	1	1	55000	6000	.....	24000	17	65	10	13	42	25	99	135	55	63	38	32	567
Bethany	1	1	1	5000	.....	500	3000	6	0	4	2	6	11	16	22	9	10	7	3	100
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	1000	6000	8	25	6	6	18	12	40	55	22	25	17	8	234	
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	10000	7000	3700	6800	10	20	4	4	12	8	28	40	16	18	13	7	170	
Calvary.....	1	1	1	15000	.....	4638	6200	3	10	4	2	6	20	16	21	9	10	7	3	108
Chesaco Park	1	1	1	1800	.....	.....	1200	.....	2	1	1	1	2	2	6	1	1	1	1	19
Christ Church	1	1	1	30000	3500	13000	17550	12	23	5	6	15	39	34	49	20	22	15	8	236	
E. Baltimore.	1	1	1	25000	2000	.....	6000	12	32	8	7	21	7	49	68	28	29	21	11	281
Eutaw	1	1	1	20000	4000	6000	10700	12	20	5	4	12	9	23	40	16	18	13	7	172	
Evergreen ...	1	1	1	6000	.....	350	5000	8	12	4	2	6	7	16	22	9	10	8	4	100
Hampden ...	1	1	1	26000	10000	6000	20000	18	40	7	7	24	19	59	80	30	38	27	14	345	
Keen Mem'l..	1	1	1	16000	4000	1700	6000	6	20	5	4	12	15	23	40	16	18	13	7	178	
Lauraville ...	1	1	1	5600	.....	1200	3500	10	8	2	2	4	10	15	5	6	5	3	6	69
N. Baltim'e..	1	1	1	36000	6000	6300	25500	25	40	7	8	27	7	52	72	29	37	27	14	320	
Payson Street	1	1	1	4000	.....	1100	1500	4	10	4	2	6	10	17	24	9	10	7	3	103
So. Baltimore	1	1	1	21000	2000	700	3500	13	20	5	4	12	10	28	40	16	18	13	7	173	
Starr	1	1	1	8000	10000	23500	15000	13	66	10	13	42	11	99	134	55	63	39	22	554	
St. Johns	1	1	1	85000	7500	5700	32333	23	66	10	13	42	19	99	134	55	63	39	22	562	
St. Paul's	1	1	1	14000	225	6000	6000	1	8	3	2	4	12	9	15	5	6	5	3	72	
Violetville....	1	1	1	1200	2500	1400	2600	4	8	3	2	4	6	9	15	5	6	5	3	66	
Waverly.....	1	1	1	2000	1800	.....	2200	1	10	4	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	8	97
W. Baltimore	1	1	1	37500	3000	6000	20000	77	60	10	13	38	20	90	124	52	58	40	20	525	
Wilton He'hts	1	1	1	8500	.....	7000	12	10	4	2	6	11	16	22	9	10	7	3	100	
Baltimore Ct..	3	3	1	22000	4000	1323	16000	14	18	2	3	14	10	32	44	17	20	13	6	179	
Bedford, Pa...	6	6	1	6000	1000	.....	900	.....	28	7	6	19	23	44	62	24	28	19	9	274
Belair	4	4	1	18000	7000	1200	10000	22	25	6	5	16	10	39	51	21	24	17	8	222	
Bivalve	2	2	1	9000	1700	1000	7000	13	22	5	4	14	11	34	45	19	21	15	7	197	
Buckeystown ...	2	2	1	23700	4500	.....	18800	20	60	10	13	38	15	90	124	52	58	40	20	520
Cambridge	3	3	1	25000	2500	7000	15000	8	32	8	7	21	15	49	63	28	29	21	11	289	
Campbell, Va...	1	2	1	2000	1500	.....	1400	.....	10	4	2	6	2	16	21	9	10	7	8	90
Cannon, Del....	1	1	1	2000	2500	540	2300	4	10	2	2	5	8	12	17	7	9	5	3	80	
Caroline	4	4	1	6500	2500	400	3000	3	23	5	6	15	16	34	49	20	22	15	8	213	
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000	6500	6	21	5	4	15	16	33	45	18	21	17	12	6	152
Centerville ...	1	1	1	13500	2500	150	8000	23	18	4	4	10	7	25	35	19	17	10	6	155	
Chesapeake ...	2	2	1	6500	2000	.....	4500	8	18	4	4	10	7	25	35	19	17	10	6	155
Chestertown...	1	1	1	30000	6000	.....	24000	29	60	10	13	38	11	90	124	52	58	40	20	516
Chincoteag', Va	1	1	1	6000	1800	.....	1500	3	18	4	4	10	10	25	35	15	17	12	6	156
Clayton, Del....	3	3	1	9000	1800	.....	6700	14	25	6	5	16	15	39	52	21	24	17	8	223
Concord, Pa....	3	3	1	5500	500	.....	3800	12	22	5	4	14	12	34	45	18	20	15	7	196
Conquest, Va...	2	2	1	4000	2500	491	4050	.....	10	4	2	6	9	16	22	9	10	7	3	98
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	40000	3000	1080	11000	15	50	10	11	32	39	75	100	42	46	29	17	451	
Lawsonia	1	1	1	3500	1000	.....	2000	.....	4	2	3	9	14	22	36	14	16	13	7	158
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1200	.....	4000	4	20	4	3	9	14	22	36	14	14	10	5	132
Crumpton	2	2	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	4	15	3	2	10	4	24	31	14	14	10	8	232
Cumberland ...	1	1	1	16000	5000	2450	11000	14	25	6	5	16	19	39	52	21	24	17	8	232	
Cumberland Ct.	3	3	1	4500	945	2400	3	10	4	2	6	22	14	20	8	9	7	8	105	
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	4200	1800	3300	9	15	3	2	10	8	24	31	14	14	10	5	136	

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Deer Park.....	4	4	1	8000	1800	6500	8	20	4	4	12	19	28	40	18	18	13	7	181
Felmar, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	2500	3400	8250	25	19	4	4	9	19	24	35	14	15	13	6	162
Delta, Pa.....	1	1	1	6000	3000	837	6000	7	20	4	4	12	13	23	40	16	18	13	7	175
Denton.....	1	1	1	12000	2500	2750	7500	13	24	5	4	15	18	37	47	20	22	16	6	216
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6000	23	24	5	4	15	14	37	47	20	22	16	8	212
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	11500	3500	4100	4300	7	10	4	2	6	6	16	22	9	10	7	3	95
Easton.....	1	1	1	16500	2 00	300	12885	15	43	9	7	26	9	64	87	35	40	29	14	368
Elizabeth, N. J..	1	1	1	16500	5500	4800	14300	7	32	8	7	21	15	49	68	28	29	21	11	289
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	5000	1800	157	5925	11	12	4	3	8	12	19	28	11	12	8	4	121
Fawn Grove, Pa.	2	2	1	20000	3500	.....	9000	7	24	5	4	15	16	37	47	20	22	16	8	213
Federalburg ...	1	1	1	10000	2000	650	5000	7	13	4	3	10	7	21	29	12	13	9	4	125
Felton, Del.....	4	4	1	5000	2000	357	4000	1	12	4	3	8	10	19	28	11	12	8	4	119
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	20000	2200	.....	11000	60	27	6	5	19	22	42	58	23	26	8	9	254
1st Ch'h, Newark, N.J.	1	1	1	90000	10000	6500	48500	26	66	10	13	42	34	99	134	55	63	39	23	577
Franklin C'y, Va	4	4	1	7500	1000	25	3100	11	23	4	5	15	21	38	50	20	22	15	8	231
Frederick.....	4	4	1	7100	1910	.....	3000	14	22	5	5	14	21	34	47	19	21	15	7	210
Geo'town, Del..	1	1	1	9000	6000	2785	8600	6	20	5	4	12	10	28	40	16	18	13	7	173
Geo'town Cir't	4	4	1	4500	.....	.....	3000	.....	13	4	3	10	16	21	29	12	13	9	4	134
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	3000	1900	1000	2200	2	10	4	2	6	3	16	22	9	10	7	3	92
Greenwood, Del	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	1000	12	22	5	5	14	18	34	47	19	22	15	7	208
Grove.....	4	4	1	8000	800	.....	950	.....	15	4	2	10	14	24	31	14	14	10	5	143
Harbeson, Del..	3	3	1	3200	1300	.....	1000	2	10	4	2	6	14	16	22	9	10	7	3	108
Harpers F'y, W. Va	2	2	1	6500	3000	800	4000	3	18	3	3	8	9	20	30	12	14	12	6	135
Harrington Del.	1	1	1	16000	1675	95	5931	14	22	5	4	13	7	35	48	18	20	15	7	194
Howard.....	4	3	1	12800	3100	400	10200	40	22	5	5	14	15	34	47	19	22	15	7	205
Hurlock.....	3	3	1	8700	2500	.....	4900	5	15	4	3	10	9	24	31	14	14	8	5	137
Indian River... 1	1	1	.....	700	.....	.....	.....	2	10	2	2	4	3	9	14	5	6	4	3	62
Kemptown..... 5	5	1	10000	1200	.....	8200	40	30	7	9	23	26	47	64	26	30	10	20	292	
Kennedysville... 1	1	1	4750	1300	.....	4000	10	16	4	4	10	4	22	31	12	15	11	5	134	
Kent Island ... 2	2	1	6000	1800	.....	3000	16	20	4	4	12	5	32	45	17	20	13	7	179	
Laurel, Del..... 1	1	1	30000	4000	11200	15000	23	32	8	7	21	12	49	68	28	29	21	11	286	
Laurel Circuit.. 4	4	1	5000	3000	350	4200	12	25	5	5	16	13	39	52	21	24	17	8	230	
Leeds..... 2	2	1	8000	2500	.....	7000	82	22	5	4	13	10	35	48	13	20	15	7	197	
Leipsic..... 1	1	1	3000	800	.....	2500	2	10	2	2	6	9	12	16	5	10	7	3	82	
Lewes, Del..... 1	1	1	4000	.....	.....	2500	2	8	2	2	4	4	9	15	5	6	5	3	63	
Lewistown..... 2	2	1	3000	1200	800	2700	1	10	2	2	6	12	12	16	5	10	7	3	85	
Liberty..... 2	2	1	7000	2000	.....	5200	13	20	5	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	7	174	
Lisbon..... 5	5	1	8600	5000	900	10170	21	27	6	5	19	28	42	58	22	26	18	9	260	
Lynchburg, Va. 1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	5000	14	20	5	4	12	7	27	38	16	13	13	7	167	
Fairview..... 1	1	1	3500	.....	500	2000	.....	8	2	2	4	5	11	17	7	9	5	3	73	
Mardela..... 4	4	1	6500	1000	.....	2000	8	20	5	4	12	24	30	43	17	20	13	7	195	
Marley..... 3	3	1	5200	1800	1815	3000	12	15	4	2	8	13	20	28	12	12	10	5	129	
Middleway, W. Va	1	1	800	500	.....	.....	.....	10	4	2	6	.....	16	22	9	10	7	3	89	
Milford, Del.... 1	1	1	28000	400	275	15000	8	25	6	5	16	22	39	52	21	24	12	8	230	
Milton, Del..... 1	1	1	3500	1500	.....	2300	3	18	4	4	12	11	25	37	15	16	12	6	160	
Mt. Nebo..... 3	3	1	9000	2200	2625	7075	7	13	4	4	12	17	25	37	15	16	12	6	166	
New Church Va 3	3	1	8700	2200	100	3000	23	18	4	4	10	17	25	36	15	17	12	6	164	
Newmarket..... 4	4	1	13000	2000	150	9000	12	30	7	9	23	22	47	64	26	30	20	10	288	
Nichols Memo'l 3	3	2	13345	3400	5300	10225	.....	6	2	2	4	9	9	15	5	6	4	2	64	
Northumberl'd. 5	5	1	14000	1600	.....	3400	16	23	7	6	19	4	44	62	24	28	19	9	250	
Oak Grove..... 1	1	1	2500	1200	.....	1500	20	13	3	3	9	4	21	29	12	13	9	4	120	

Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1915	1914	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3069	\$ 3105	\$	\$ 36
Conference.....	458	477		19
Ministerial Education	589	601		12
Seminary	1758	1803		45
College	1522	1500	22	
Superannuates	4075	4157		82
Church Extension	5441	5519		78
Home Missions.....	2338	2351		13
Foreign Missions.....	2727	2863		136
Church Home	1840	1592	248	
Special for Foreign Missions.....	7625	7957		332
Miscellaneous	6819	4333	2486	
Total	\$33261	\$36258	2003	

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary	\$105534	\$104525	\$ 1009	
Parsonage Rent	25353	23401	1892	
Current Expenses.....	40280	40092	188	
Sunday School Expenses.....	22513	21709	804	
Building and Improvements	68334	57749	10585	
Paid on Debt	29579	26420	3159	
Miscellaneous	28719	29166		447
Total for Local Interests	320312	303122	17190	
Total for all purposes.....	358573	339380	19193	

Assessments

President	\$ 3117	\$ 3115		
Conference	507	508		
Ministerial Education	647	653		
Seminary	1953	1957		
College	1519	1768		
Superannuates	4632	4623		
Church Extension	6409	6408		
Home Missions	2588	2583		
Foreign Missions	2987	2970		
Church Home	2032	1588		

J. RALPH WRIGHT,
Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

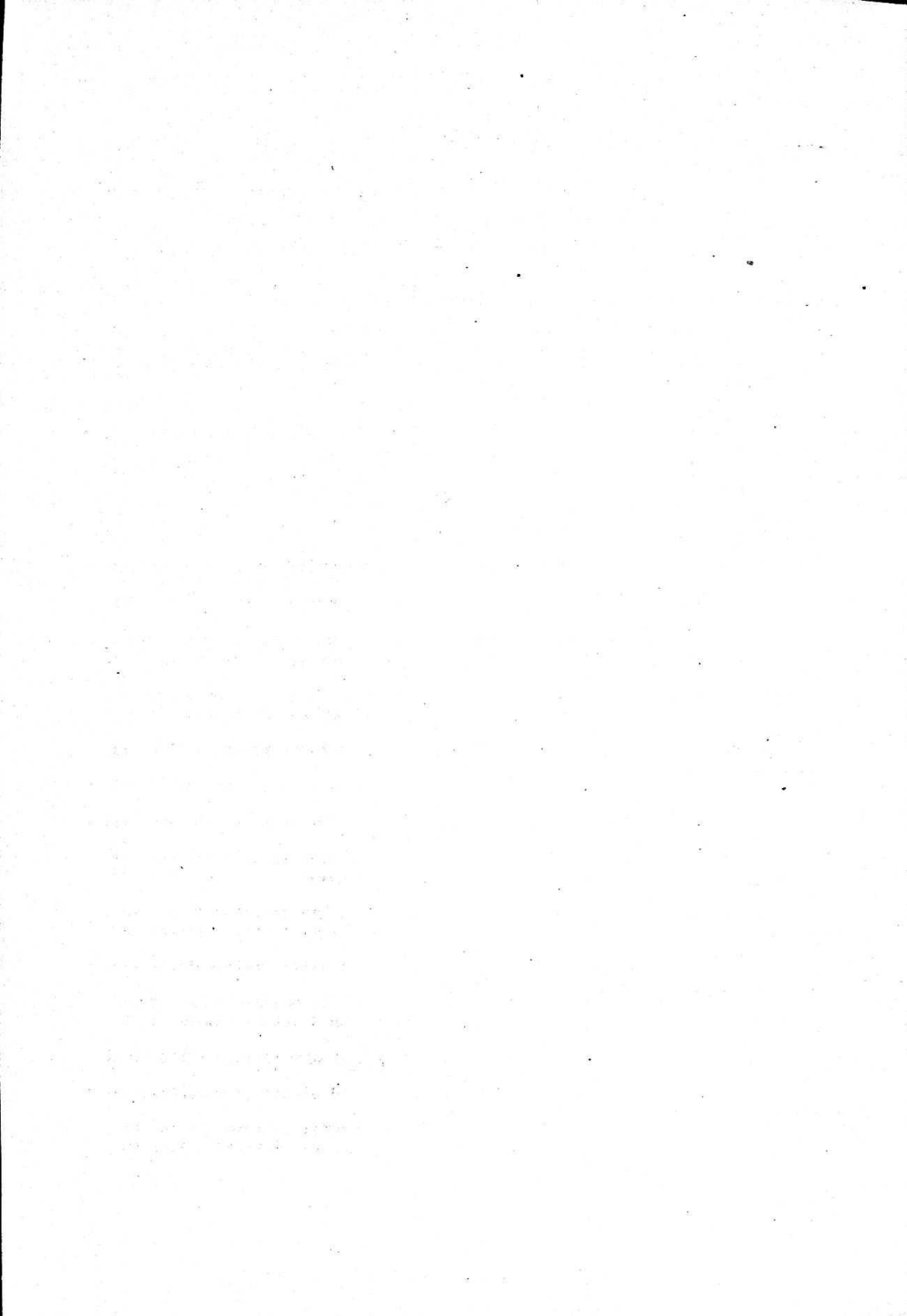
Membership

	1915	1914	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers	141	143		2
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	64	70		6
Probationers	1441	1107	334	
Full Members	30564	29708	856	
Probationers Received.....	1643	1375	268	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	951	1171		220
Probationers Withdrawn.....	10	23		13
Probationers Discontinued.....	213	179	34	
Probationers Deceased.....	8	11		3
Full Members Received.....	2815	2624	191	
Full Members Withdrawn	403	419		16
Full Members Discontinued.....	1033	705	318	
Full Members Deceased.....	310	294	16	
Adults Baptized	397	298	99	
Children Baptized	1638	1438	200	
Conversions	4422	3592	1030	
Sunday Schools	274	275		1
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3923	3848	75	
New Scholars	4727	4950		229
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	33672	32598	1074	
Y. P. S. C. E.	141	141		
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	6020	5792	228	
Junior C. E. Societies	61	64		3
Junior C. E. Members	2572	2679		107
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior Societies for Foreign Missions	\$ 1158	\$1180		31

Property

Appointments	288	291		3
Churches	2884	2914		4
Parsonages	124	122	2	
Value of Church Property.....	2512295	2383545	128750	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	380700	349325	31375	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	249735	244788	4947	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	1244086	1203624	40462	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	1751	1893		142

JAMES A. DUDLEY,
W. F. WRIGHT,
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 \$300 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 mon-

ey 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 contained 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.

11. That no minister of this Conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of the Methodist Protestant Church.

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 en-

suing 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. Chas. Billingslea, Westminster, Md.

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

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

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

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

Regulation XII. OBITUARIES. 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall be reported 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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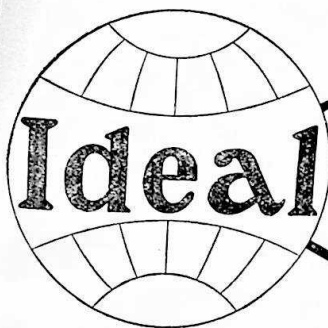
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