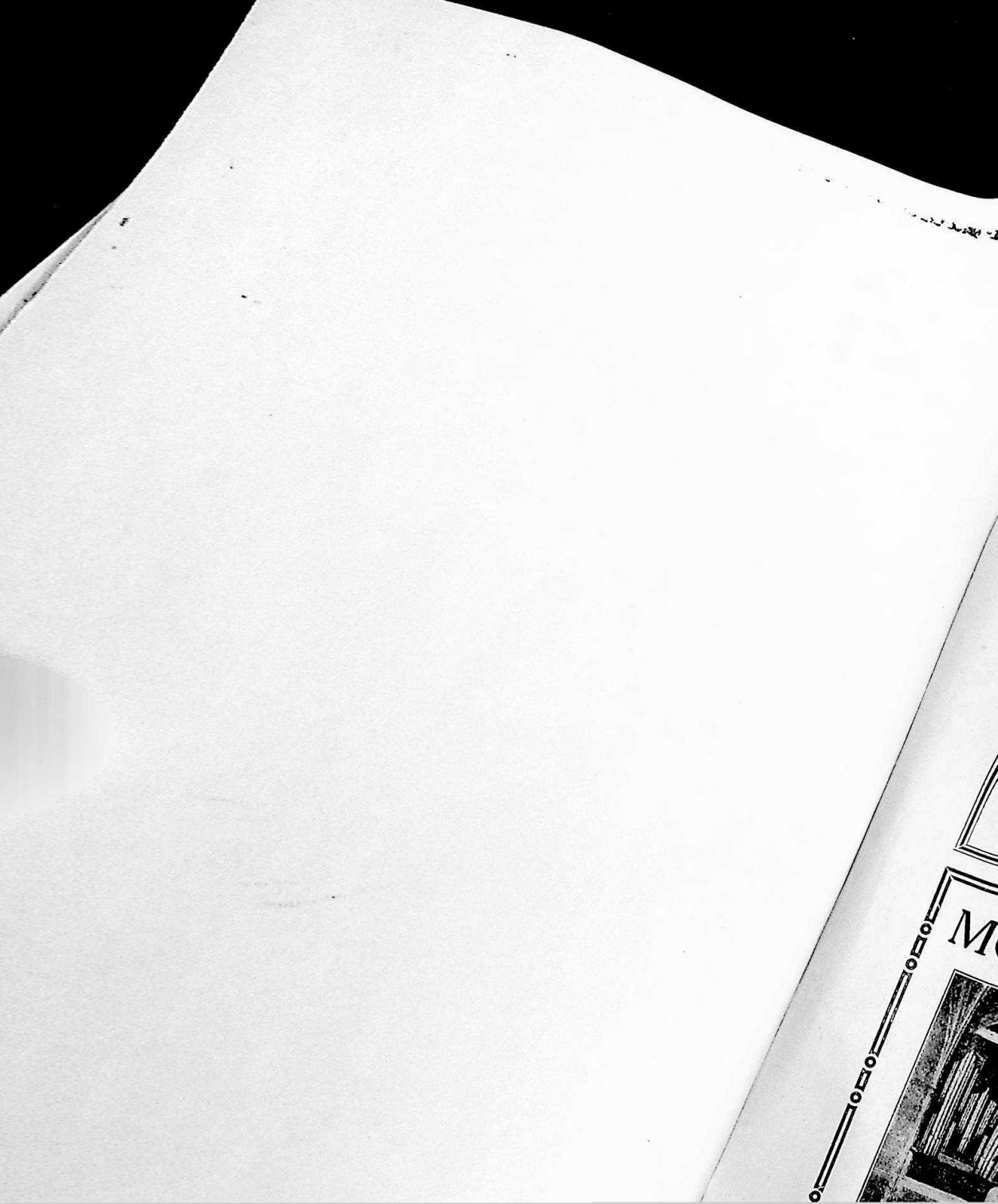


OFFICIAL MINUTES
Maryland Annual Conference
Methodist Protestant Church



NINETIETH SESSION

1918





THE Distinctive Charm and
Decided Individuality of

THE
Stieff
PIANO

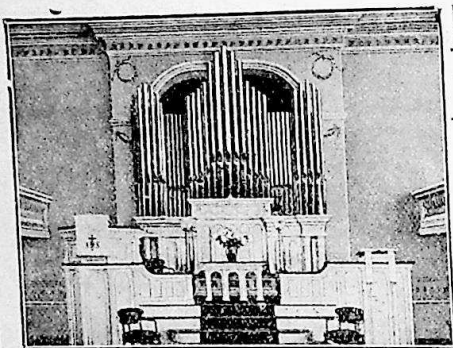
is to the purchaser an asset of definite value.
Catalogue furnished on request.

Chas. M. Stieff
Inc.
Established 1842
9 N. Liberty St. Baltimore, Md.

HÖLLER PIPE ORGANS



IN over twenty-six hundred
churches. Nine hundred
Methodist Churches
highest grade
Every



ESTEY Pipe Organs

The congregation that buys an Estey Pipe Organ will never have another organ to buy.

ESTEY

Then too, the responsibility of the Estey Organ Company for Estey Organs never ceases.

Sales department for the Maryland Conference territory of the Methodist Protestant Church, Address,

ESTEY ORGAN CO., 17th and Walnut Streets
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

THE AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE

Authorized by the American Revision Committee



¶ **The First Bible** was written in Hebrew and Greek.

¶ **Every Bible** that is printed in English, French or any other modern language is a translation.

¶ When you read the Bible in English you are reading a translation.

¶ Since you must read a translation, read the Latest, the most accurate, therefore the best.

The American Standard Bible is made in over 200 styles of binding and ten sizes of type. Ask to see them.

THOMAS NELSON & SONS

Fourth Avenue

**Bible Publishers
over Fifty Years**

New York



Homer Rodeheaver
Chorister for
"Billy Sunday"

AWAKENING SONGS

The New RODEHEAVER Song Book

Now Being Used in all the
Billy Sunday Campaigns



Geo. W. Sanville
Manager
The Rodeheaver Co.

A superb book of 256 pages containing the cream of the best gospel song writers, the very choicest of the Popular Billy Sunday Songs and one hundred new songs introduced for the first time in this book.

If you want the best book for your Church, Sunday School or Young People's Society you will want to adopt "AWAKENING SONGS;" returnable sample copy mailed on approval.

Note change in price. Any quantity, not prepaid, manila bound, 18 cents; limp cloth bound, 22 cents; full cloth bound, 30 cents.

THE RODEHEAVER COMPANY

PHILADELPHIA
807 Chestnut Street

CHICAGO
440 South Dearborn Street

AUBURN SIX

"You Must See It."

Your Choice of Nine Models

You Get More For Your Money in an AUBURN SIX
Than Any Car Made

SALES OFFICE AND SERVICE STATION

THE PARKWAY GARAGE

Telephone Tuxedo 1005

ROLAND PARK, MD.

Write or Phone for a Catalogue

Let Us Prove its Value by a Demonstration

J. F. ARGABRIGHT & BRO., State Distributors

GOOD OPEN TERRITORY for Live Wire Sub Agents



A Prominent Pastor Says:

AFTER eleven years we find our aluminum Communion Service to be as beautiful as when first used. The service has given the greatest satisfaction.

He referred to the dignified and beautiful

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION SERVICE

Write for full particulars and our handsome illustrated catalog, FREE

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION SERVICE COMPANY

1701-1703 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

CHURCH BULLETINS

Write for catalogue showing ten different models to select from. If you have device of other make and wish new sign section and steel letters, we can supply same at exceptionally low price.

H. E. WINTERS SPECIALTY CO., Davenport, Ia.

Official Minutes
Ninetieth Session
Maryland Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Protestant Church

HELD AT

Baltimore, Md., April 3-9, 1918

PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY

PRICE 25 CENTS

J. W. STOWELL PRINTING CO.
FEDERALSBURG, MD.

Strayer's Business College, Inc.

18 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

has received during the past year repeated requests
from the

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C.

for all the competent office help we could supply
both from our Washington and Baltimore schools.

Salaries range to start \$1000 to \$2000. The
demand is certain to be greater this year, and will
continue good. Further particulars cheerfully fur-
nished on request.

Respectfully,

T. W. DONOHO, President

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	PAGE		PAGE
Appointments, Plan of	77	Increasing Assessments	135
Assessments for 1918-19	193	Methodist Hospital, Inspect.	129
Charges and Laymen	13	Minimum Salary	137
Conference Sermon	175	On Nichols Memorial	136
Course of Study	21	Protest Race Track Tax	134
Directory, Conference	8	Superan. Fund Deficiency	136
Faculty of Instruction	21	Wilmington Churches	129
Journal	23		
Manual	199	Reports, Standing Committees:	
Memorial Roll	159	Audit	126
Obituaries:		Benevolent Agencies	107
Rev. E. O. Ewing	168	Board of Finance	85
Rev. D. L. Greenfield	163	Church Extension	87
Rev. G. R. Hodge	167	Itinerancy and Orders	86
Rev. J. L. Straughn	165	Literature and Education	93
Rev. S. B. Tredway	161	Missions	113
Mrs. J. W. Charlton	171	Moral Reform	103
Mrs. Anna B. Dumm	173	Official Relations	111
Mrs. A. A. Harryman	170	Our Church Home	117
Officers, Conference	17	President's Report, Com. on	74
		Program	127
		Statistics—See Tables.	
		Superannuates	91
		Young People's Work	101
		Resolutions	138
Reports, General:		Roll, Conference:	
Balto. Book Concern	94	Laymen	13
Balto. City Ch. Ex. Soc.	89	Ministers	11
Church Ex. Soc. Bd. Mgrs.	148	Societies:	
Deaconess Board	108	Church Extension	147
Dis. of Col. Ch. Ex. Soc.	152	Mutual Relief	155
Educational Endow. Soc.	128	Superannuated Fund	143
Md. Conf. Trustees	83	Special Committees, List	20
Our Church Home	117	Standing Committees, List	19
President's	51	Tables:	
President's Parsonage	76	Assessments 1918-1919	193
Pres. Y. P.'s Work	101	Financial	184
Secretary's	79	Property	193
Steward's—See Tables.		Statistical	190
Treasurer	81	Summaries	196-197
Western Md. Col. President	98	Unstationed Ministers and	
Westminster Theolog. Sem.	99	Preachers	14
Wom. For. Mis. Soc.	115	Widow's Directory, Conference	16
Reports, Special Committees:			
Conference Arrangements	128		
D. of C. Sunday Laws	134		
Forward Movement	130		
Historical Record	134		

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Name	Appointment	P. O. Address
Adams, C.M.	Mariners	Crisfield, Md.
Adams, J.P.	Mt. Tabor	Washington, D. C.
Adams, Ziba	Warwick	Warwick, Cecil Co., Md.
Alexander, C.N.	Newmarket	Maryland Line, Balto. Co., Md.
Anstine, D.W.	Dorchester	East New Market, Md., R. R. 2.
Bacchus, G.Q.	Centreville	Centreville, Md.
Bailey, J.T.	Georgetown	Georgetown, Del.
Balderston, J.W.	Cumberland	Cumberland, Md.
Ballard, E.L.	Payson St.	Westminster, Md.
Bauscher, W.F.	Liberty	Libertytown, Frederick Co., Md.
Beane, A.S.	Keen Memorial	3004 Huntington Ave., Balto., Md.
Beauchamp, E.L.	Christ Church	1620 W. North Ave., Balto., Md.
Bennett, L.A.	Evangelist	3211 Vickers Road, Balto., Md.
Benson, F.T.	Ed. "Meth. Prot."	316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
Betts, A.W.	Franklin City	Greenbackville, Va.
Blake, Dorsey	St. Michaels	St. Michaels, Md.
Bowden, W.C.	Oak Gr. & Pr. Geo.	Surrey, Surrey Co., Va.
Bowers, J.S.	Superannuate	New Freedom, Pa.
Brooks, R.E.	Trinity & Texas	Westminster, Md.
Brown, G.E.	Georgetown, D. C.	1236-31 St. N. W., Wash., D. C.
Brown, J. McL.	Federalburg	Federalburg, Md.
Bryan, B.A.	Howard	Clarksville, Md.
Bryan, J.F.	N. C. Avenue	19 Ninth St., S. E., Wash., D. C.
Bunce, E.L.	Trinity	Marion Station, Md.
Butler, H.F.	Chincoteague	Chincoteague, Va.
Cain, F.S.	Susquehanna	Havre de Grace, Md., R. D. 2.
Carroll, H.H.	Georgetown Ct.	Georgetown, Del.
Cassen, S.F.	Baltimore	Towson, Baltimore Co., Md.
Clayton, G.M.	Wilton Heights	43 Hayward Ave., Sta. E., Balto., Md.
Clift, F.M.	Union Bridge	Union Bridge, Md.
Clough, N.C.	Finksburg	Finksburg, Md.
Coe, S.W.	Brooklyn	Brooklyn Sta., Baltimore, Md.
Cole, C.W.	Bedford	Cumberland Valley, Bedford Co., Pa.
Compher, C.M.	First Ch. Wash.	518 4th St., S. E., Wash., D. C.
Crosby, P.W.	Dover & Leipsic	Dover, Del.
Crouse, T.O.	Denton	Denton, Md.
Cullum, C.M.	Laurel Ct.	Laurel, Del.
Curry, G.L.	Broadway	1702 E. Monument St., Balto., Md.
Davis, L.H.	Without App't.	316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
Day, C.C.	Harrington	Harrington, Del.
Dobson, C.H.	Deer Park	Westminster, Md., R. D. 6.
Donaldson, G.R.	Stewartstown	Stewartstown, Pa.
Donovan, Avery	St. James	Worton, Kent Co., Md.
Dryden, C.E.	Milford	Milford, Del.
Dudley, J.A.	Pocomoke City	Pocomoke City, Md.
Dupuy, A.B.	Leeds	Elkton, Md., R. D. 4.
Dutton, C.R.	Queen Anne	Centreville, Md., R. D.
Elderdice, C.M.	Crisfield	Crisfield, Md.
Elderdice, H.L.	Pres. W.T.S.	Westminster, Md.
Elderdice, J.L.	Oxford	Oxford, Md.
Ewell, A.W., Jr.	Harpers Ferry	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.
Farring, G.F.	Superannuate	Brooklyn, Md.
Fenby, J.T.	Mapleside & F'w.	Westminster, Md.

Name	Appointment	P. O. Address
George, J.P.	Pocomoke Circuit	Eden, Somerset Co., Md.
Gibson, N.O.	Easton	Easton, Md.
Gill, J.M.	West Baltimore	1622 Harlem Ave., Balto., Md.
Gordon, L.W.	Wye	Carmichael, Queen Anne Co., Md.
Graham, E.C.	Clayton	Clayton, Del.
Graham, W.R.	Superannuate	3500 Fairview Ave., Balto., Md.
Gray, J.W.	Superannuate	Brooklyn, Baltimore, Md.
Green, A.H.	Kempton	Monrovia, Frederick Co., Md.
Green, J.L.	Melvin Chapel	Westminster, Md.
Haddaway, G.W.	Starr	2504 Garrison Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Haddaway, K.K.	Evergreen	2504 Garrison Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Haddaway, L.E.	Cecil	Northeast, Cecil Co., Md.
Hanks, W.S.	Kent Island	Stevensville, Queen Anne Co., Md.
Harryman, A.A.	Superannuate	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.
Hill, G.J.	Cherrydale	Cherrydale Sta., Wash., D. C.
Hines, George	Lynchburg	701 Madison St., Lynchburg, Va.
Hoffman, W.L.	Cambridge	Cambridge, Md.
Holland, F.A.	Elizabeth	413 Marshall St., Elizabeth, N. J.
Holmes, J.M.	Superannuate	Harrington, Del.
Hooker, G.J.	Frederick	Newmarket, Frederick Co., Md.
Humphreys, G.I.	Rhode Is. Ave.	2324 First St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Hungerford, M.E.	Milton	Milton, Del.
Jenkins, C.M.	Concord	Roxbury, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jester, H.B.	Parksley	Parksley, Va.
Johnson, H.S.	Calvary	261 S. Ellwood Ave., Balto., Md.
Johnson, H.W.D.	Greenwood	Greenwood, Del.
Jones, E.H.	Delmar	Delmar, Del.
Jones, T.C.	Reliance	Oak Grove, Del.
Judefind, W.B.	Violetville	3820 Barrington Road, Balto., Md.
Jump, W.L.	Caroline	Hobbs, Caroline Co., Md.
Keen, H.O.	Snow Hill	Snow Hill, Md.
Kindley, B.W.	Belair	Belair, Md.
Kirk, J.W.	St. John's	2705 St. Paul St., Balto., Md.
Kirkley, Edw.	Whaleyville	Whaleyville, Md.
Klein, F.C.	Sec. Bd. For. Mis.	316 N. Charles St., Balto., Md.
Larrimore, C.S.	Quantico	Quantico, Md.
Lewis, T.H.	Pres. W. M. C.	Westminster, Md.
Lewis, R.K.	Pipe Creek	Uniontown, Carroll Co., Md.
Link, J.N.	Accomac	Leemont, Va.
Litsinger, W.D.	Superannuate	Prospect Av., Roland Pk., Balto., Md.
Litsinger, W.H.	North Baltimore	1503 Mt. Royal Ave., Balto., Md.
Little, F.T.	Alnutt Memorial	2028 E. Lombard St., Balto., Md.
Lynch, J.H.	Powellville	Powellville, Md.
Maddox, Carroll	Delta	Delta, Pa.
Makosky, E.C.	First Ch., Newark	533 Clinton Ave., Newark, N. J.
Mather, A.W.	Superannuate	Seaford, Del.
McCorkle, F.	Wallace Memorial	Hampton, Va., R. D. 3.
McCullough, C.E.	Superannuate	316 N. Charles St., Balto., Md.
McCaslin, C.K.	Potomac	Wash., D. C., R. D. 4.
McDorman, G.E.	Chesaco Park	Westminster, Md.
Melvin, W.A.	Low Memorial	1412 William St., Baltimore, Md.
Miller, V.A.	Bethany	2106 E. Lafayette Ave., Balto., Md.
Mills, J.L.	Superannuate	3508 Duval Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Moore, J.T.	Felton	Felton, Del.
Morris, G.A.	Without Appt.	Salisbury, Md., R. D.
Morton, T.E.F.	Cannon	Cannon, Del.

Name	Appointment	P. O. Address
Mullineaux, F.H.	Superannuate	Halethorpe, Falto. Co., Md., R. D.
Mumford, W.C.	Amelia	Manboro, Amelia Co., Va.
Murphy, H.L.	Harbeson	Harbeson, Del.
Nichols, J.L.	Y. N. C. A. War Wk.	Pocomoke City, Md.
Nicholson, R. Y.	Nichols Memorial	Odenton, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
Norris, H.E.	Bivalve	Bivalve, Wicomico Co., Md.
Norris, J.W.	Superannuate	400 Potomac Ave., Brooklyn, Md.
Nowlin, C.P.	Sharptown	Sharptown, Md.
Ogg, G.A.	East Baltimore	1524 E. Biddle St., Balto., Md.
Owens, I.S.	Mardela	Mardela, Md.
Parris, J.W.	Mt. Nebo	Whiteford, Md.
Phillips, Clayb'ne	Without App't.	316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
Phillips, F.J.	Northumberland	Burgess Store, Va.
Randall, Louis	Taylor Memorial	643 Hunting Park Ave., Phila., Pa.
Raum, A.F.T.	Wesley Chap. of K.	Rock Hall, Md.
Read, E.T.	Westminster	Westminster, Md.
Reynolds, F.D.	St. Paul	702 N. Kenwood Ave., Balto., Md.
Rice, P.L.	Superannuate	Frederick, Md.
Roberts, W.P.	Pittsville	Pittsville, Md.
Ross, G.S.	Gr'n'bush & Tasley	Leemont, Va.
Ruley, B.F.	Seaford	Seaford, Del.
Scarborough, A.	Grove	Preston, Md.
Schauer, P.M.R.	Kennedyville	Kennedyville, Md.
Schlincke, H.L.	Fawn Grove	Fawn Grove, Pa.
Sexsmith, E.A.	Eutaw	3420 Harford Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Sherwood, W.N.	Rowlandville	Rowlandville, Md.
Sheridan, J.M.	Ch. Ex. Supt.	1304 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Shipley, R.L.	Buckeystown	Buckeystown, Frederick Co., Md.
Short, W.D.	Waverly	316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
Simms, E.W.	New Church	New Church, Va.
Simms, W.S.	Harmony	Falling Water, W. Va., R.F.D.No.10.
Sites, W.A.	Deer Creek	Forest Hill, Md., R. D. 2.
Smith, L.B.	Bd. Home Mis.	128 16th Ave., N. Seattle, Wash.
Snyder, W.M.	Hurlock	Hurlock, Md.
Stocksdale, G.H.	Lauraville	Lauraville, Baltimore Co., Md.
Stone, E.D.	Hampden	3449 Falls Road, Baltimore, Md.
Straughn, J.H.	Laurel	Laurel, Del.
Strausburg, C.R.	Lisbon	Mt. Airey, Md., R. D. #6.
Strayer, W.M.	Superannuate	Oxford, Md.
Sullivan, J.G.	Superannuate	Shackleford, Va.
Sutcliffe, R.W.	Wilmington	Wilmington, Del.
Tagg, F.T.	Superannuate	4206 Bellview Ave., W. Arlington, Md.
Trout, J.W.	St. Lukes	1327 Erie Ave., Phila., Pa.
Turner, G.E.	Lewistown	Lewistown, Md.
Van Dyke, E.H.	Linthicum Hgts.	Linthicum Heights, Md.
Ward, A.N.	Salisbury	Salisbury, Md.
Ward, J.L.	Chestertown	Chestertown, Md.
Warfield, E.A.	Prof. W. M. C.	Westminster, Md.
Warner, L.F.	President	1420 Linden Ave., Balto., Md.
Weigand, J.A.	Superannuate	70 Ingraham Place, Newark, N. J.
White, R.W.	Alexandria	Alexandria, Va.
Wood, S.C.	Fairfax	Vienna, Fairfax Co., Va.
Wooden, J.F.	Conquest	Hallwood, Va.
Woodford, T.R.	Bd. Home Mis.	2369 Indianola Ave., Columbus, O.
Wright, J.A.	Union	Hebron, Md.
Wright, J.R.	Chaplain U.S.A.	316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
Wright, W.F.	South Baltimore	1214 Light St., Balto., Md.

CONFERENCE ROLL

Minstiers and Preachers.

Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd
176	W. M. Strayer	1858	1860	345	G. R. Donaldson	1892	1895
187	J. L. Mills	1860	1862	347	A. H. Green	1892	1894
194	J. W. Gray	1861	1863	350	C. K. McCaslin	1892	1893
205	W. D. Litsinger	1863	1865	352	Louis Randall	1892	1894
215	J. M. Holmes	1865	1867	354	J. A. Wright	1892	1892
220	A. W. Mather	1866	1868	355	G. M. Clayton	1893	1896
241	F. T. Tagg	1870	1871	356	J. McLain Brown	1893	1894
246	A. A. Harryman	1871	1873	357	George Hines	1893	1896
248	J. G. Sullivan	1871	1873	358	W. B. Judefind	1893	1896
252	F. T. Little	1872	1873	359	E. C. Makosky	1893	1895
255	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	360	C. P. Nowlin	1893	1895
257	W. R. Graham	1873	1874	363	A. S. Beane	1893	1891
260	G. F. Farring	1873	1876	364	G. J. Hill	1894	1894
261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	365	W. H. Litsinger	1894	1896
262	J. A. Weigand	1874	1876	369	F. S. Cain	1895	1898
265	G. Q. Bacchus	1874	1877	370	H. L. Schlincke	1895	1897
270	J. M. Sheridan	1875	1877	371	C. E. Dryden	1895	1897
277	T. H. Lewis	1876	1876	372	H. O. Keen	1895	1898
278	J. W. Trout	1876	1879	373	G. A. Morris	1895	1898
285	D. W. Anstine	1879	1882	376	A. N. Ward	1895	1897
286	F. C. Klein	1879	1881	378	J. F. Bryan	1896	1897
289	J. L. Elderdice	1880	1883	379	N. O. Gibson	1896	1898
293	J. S. Bowers	1881	1884	380	F. A. Holland	1896	1897
294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883	381	E. D. Stone	1896	1898
297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885	382	G. H. Stocksdale	1896	1899
299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886	387	W. A. Melvin	1897	1898
302	E. A. Warfield	1884	1886	388	E. T. Read	1897	1899
303	J. W. Norris	1884	1886	389	J. L. Ward	1897	1899
308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886	394	B. F. Ruley	1899	1900
309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887	396	T. R. Woodford	1899	1900
310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885	397	G. E. Brown	1899	1904
312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887	398	C. M. Compher	1900	1901
315	J. F. Wooden	1886	1889	400	F. J. Phillips	1900	1903
320	E. H. VanDyke	1887	1889	401	W. N. Sherwood	1900	1903
321	G. W. Haddaway	1888	1890	403	E. H. Jones	1900	1905
324	H. W. D. Johnson	1888	1891	405	J. H. Straughn	1901	1903
330	C. E. McCullough	1889	1891	406	C. R. Strausburg	1901	1904
332	H. S. Johnson	1890	1892	409	P. W. Crosby	1903	1904
337	R. K. Lewis	1891	1893	411	G. J. Hooker	1903	1904
338	L. F. Warner	1891	1893	413	Clayborne Phillips	1903	1905
339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891	415	R. L. Shipley	1903	1905
340	Avery Donovan	1891	1892	416	B. A. Bryan	1904	1906
341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.	417	G. I. Humphreys	1904	1906
342	Dorsey Blake	1892	1893	421	F. M. Clift	1904	1906
343	L. A. Bennett	1892	1892	423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907
344	C. M. Cullum	1892	1893	424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907

Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd
425	Carroll Maddox	1905	1908	468	Ziba Adams	1913	Tr.
426	W. P. Roberts	1905	1907	471	C. C. Day	1913	1914
428	C. M. Elderdice	1906	1907	472	W. M. Snyder	1913	1914
429	W. L. Hoffman	1906	1908	473	T. C. Jones	1914	Tr.
432	L. B. Smith	1906	1907	474	J. N. Link	1914	1916
434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.	478	I. S. Owens	1915	1917
436	E. L. Bunce	1907	1907	479	W. L. Jump	1915	1917
437	H. B. Jester	1907	1909	480	E. T. Kirkley	1915	1916
438	P. L. Rice	1907	1909	481	J. Peyton Adams	1916	1917
439	F. D. Reynolds	1907	Tr.	482	Chas. W. Cole	1916	1917
440	G. A. Ogg	1907	Tr.	483	J. P. George	1916	1918
441	E. A. Sexsmith	1907	Tr.	487	Lorenzo H. Davis	1917	....
442	J. L. Nichols	1908	Tr.	488	K. K. Haddaway	1917	1917
445	E. L. Beauchamp	1909	1910	489	C. R. Dutton	1917	1917
447	M. E. Hungerford	1909	1911	490	J. T. Moore	1917	....
448	J. R. Wright	1909	1911	491	J. H. Lynch	1917	....
450	A. B. Dupuy	1909	1911	492	C. N. Alexander	1917	1918
457	V. A. Miller	1911	1913	493	C. H. Dobson	1917	....
459	R. Y. Nicholson	1911	1912	494	H. L. Murphy	1917	....
461	W. C. Mumford	1911	1912	495	L. E. Haddaway	1917	....
462	C. M. Adams	1912	1914	496	A. F. T. Raum	1917	....
463	W. F. Bauscher	1912	1913	497	P. M. R. Schauer	1917	1918
464	J. A. Dudley	1912	1912	498	Gilbert S. Ross	1918	1918
465	A. W. Ewell	1912	1913	499	G. L. Curry	1918	Tr.
466	E. W. Simms	1912	1913	500	L. W. Gordon	1918	Tr.
467	W. F. Wright	1912	1914				

Charges and Laymen.

Charge	Layman	Charge	Layman
Accomac	Harry A. Lewis	Deer Park	Harry Hughes
Alexandria	H. B. Smith	Delmar, Del.	W. S. L. Ellis
Amelia	J. A. Sydnor	Delta, Pa.	Geo. R. Myers
Baltimore:		Denton	T. P. Fisher
Alnutt Mem.	J. H. Roberts	Dorchester	C. Edwin Bell
Bethany	F. M. Bell	Dover, Del.	B. V. Shahan
Broadway	C. F. Bregel	Easton	J. C. Godwin
Brooklyn	G. L. Ward	Elizabeth, N. J.	J. D. Randolph
Calvary	F. R. Keyser	Fairfax, Va.	Wm. H. Fox
Chesaco Pk.	W. T. Gow	Fawn Grove, Pa.	I. T. Hostler
Christ Church	A. R. Lewis	Federalburg	W. A. Wheatley, Jr.
East Baltimore	E. B. Fenby	Felton, Del.	P. Frank Dill
Eutaw	F. G. Reinicker	Finksburg	Saml. H. Brown
Evergreen	C. F. Argabright	1st Ch. Newark, N.J.	W. A. Bannister
Hampden	J. E. Rice	Franklin City	J. T. Sharpley
Keen Memor.	F. W. Jenkins	Frederick	C. W. Zimmerman
Lauraville	Chas. H. Knox	Georgetown, Del.	Wm. H. Wilson
Lowe Memor.	H. L. Roberts	Georgetown Ct., Del.	John Beebe
North Balto.	Wm. C. Scott	Greenbush & Tasley	J. S. Mathias
Payson St.	C. W. Appler	Greensboro	
South Balto.	A. L. Stone	Greenwood, Del.	J. C. Barwick
Starr	W. W. Smith	Grove	
St. Johns	H. K. Muller	Harbeson, Del.	Geo. W. Simpler
St. Paul's	P. W. Wright	Harmony	J. S. Barnes
Violetville	C. W. Schafer	Harpers Fer., W. Va.	J. E. Webb
Waverly	Geo. T. Hoxter	Harrington, Del.	Wm. J. Potter
West Balto.	T. I. Rothel	Howard	C. H. Zepp, Jr.
Wilton Hts.	Jas. E. Whaley	Hurlock	S. H. Wheatley
Baltimore Ct.	W. S. Dunphy	Indian River	
Bedford, Pa.	T. H. Hardinger	Kempton	Geo. W. Easton
Belair	E. E. Touchstone	Kennedyville	Wm. T. Jones
Bivalve	J. W. Anderson	Kent Island	E. L. Thomas
Buckeystown	Wm. G. Baker	Laurel, Del.	C. A. Hastings
Cambridge	R. P. Smith	Laurel Ct., Del.	W. B. Gordy
Campbell		Leeds	Harvey H. Mackey
Cannon, Del.	Geo. O. Adams	Leipsic, Del.	Enoch Carrow
Caroline	Harry Collison	Lewes, Del.	
Cecil	E. K. Davis	Lewistown	M. U. S. Holt
Centreville	H. S. Covington	Liberty	J. T. S. Albaugh
Chestertown	Fred. G. Usilton	Lisbon	J. N. Warfield, Jr.
Chincoteague, Va.	John Taylor	Lynchburg, Va.	R. C. Wood
Clayton, Del.	Geo. H. Berry	Mardela	E. L. Austin
Concord, Pa.	W. A. Magee	Marley	Albert Hamlen
Conquest, Va.	R. J. Corbin	Middleway	
Crisfield:		Milford, Del.	W. I. Simpson
Crisfield	J. A. Stephens	Milton, Del.	Frank B. Carey
Lawsonia	G. R. Sterling	Mt. Nebo	William Bulett
Mariners	C. T. Hinman	New Church, Va.	W. R. Covington
Crumpton	W. E. Adkinson	Newmarket	Wm. H. Hendrix
Cumberland:		Nichols Memorial	S. C. Pardee
First Ch.	G. P. Sullivan	Northumberland, Va.	Jas. S. Neal
Mapleside & F.	Lee Welsh	Oak Grove	
Melvin Chap.	A. P. Alderton	Oxford	L. F. Longfield
Deer Creek	Geo. M. Pyle	Parksley, Va.	L. C. Gordy

Charge	Layman	Charge	Layman
Patapsco	E. F. Taylor	St. Michaels	T. E. Harrison
Philadelphia:		Susquehanna	W. S. Walker
St. Luke's	John B. Jones	Texas	
Taylor Memorial	Wm. Adolph	Trinity	Vance W. Miles
Pipe Creek	C. S. Bollinger	Tyreanna, Va.	Geo. W. Poston
Pittsville	M. A. Davis	Union	I. David Elliotte
Pocomoke City	F. M. Wilson	Union Bridge	M. S. Fleagle
Pocomoke Ct.	Geo. B. Johnson	Wallace Mem., Va. .	Geo. W. Lewis
Potomac, Va.	Frank L. Ball	Warwick	Abel Numbers
Powellville	S. E. Shockley	Washington, D. C.:	
Prince George		Cherrydale	Walter Monroe
Quantico	A. F. Wilson	First Ch.	Wm. H. Womersley
Queen Anne	Wm. Fleetwood	Georgetown	T. S. Duvall
Reliance	L. H. Lecates	Mt. Tabor	J. E. Chamberlain
Rowlandville	Geo. C. Logan	Nor. Car. Ave.	D. J. Burger
Salem	Edward F. Wilson	Park Road	
Salisbury	W. E. Sheppard	Rhode Is. Ave.	Thos. J. Wilson
Seaford, Del.	P. T. Adams	Wesley Chap. of K. .	Samuel Burgess
Selbyville, Del. .	G. A. Cannon	Westminster	Geo. K. Mather
Sharptown	J. P. Cooper	Wilmington, Del. .	Jas. B. McManus
Snow Hill	W. Solon Powell	W. Wilmington, Del.	John Gillespie
Stewartstown, Pa. .	S. J. McConnell	Whaleville	Thurman Dale
St. James	Elwood Morris	Wye	James H. Carter

Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.

Charges	Ministers	Preachers
Amelia .....	.....	John R. Matthews
Alnutt Memorial .....	.....	J. H. Roberts
		Jos. H. Espey
Bethany .....	.....	Frank M. Bell
Calvary .....	.....	Russell Sapp
		E. Lester Keyser
Chesaco Park .....	.....	Scot N. Duvall
Christ Church	Charles A. Rotan	Albert F. Snyder
		E. Lester Ballard
		Karl H. Wareheim
		J. E. Cummings
East Baltimore .....	.....	Thos. C. Mulligan
Eutaw .....	.....	D. L. Koller
Hampden .....	.....	Isaac Ford

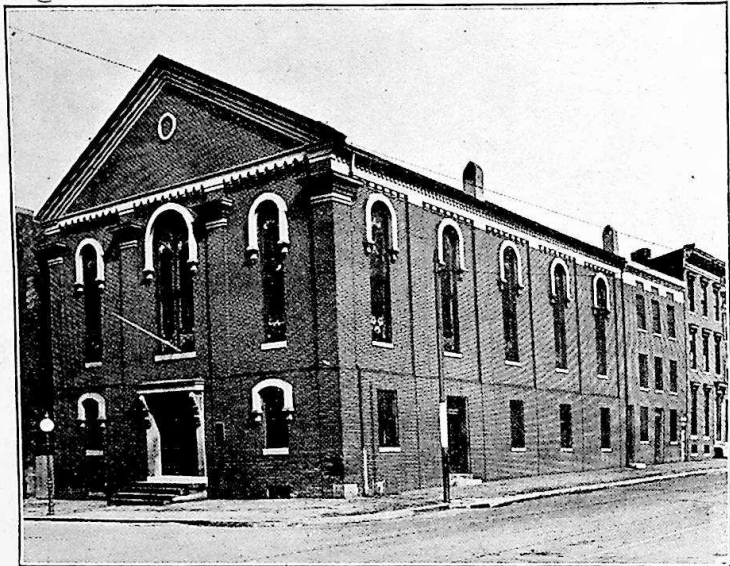
Charges	Ministers	Preachers
Keen Memorial.....	.....	E. H. Hayman D. C. Butcher F. K. McCorkle Chas. Harrison Frank N. Volk
Lowe Memorial.....	.....	H. E. Norris Frederick W. Siffrin
South Baltimore.....	Joseph Wilson..... C. S. Larrimore.....	T. Harry Bartlett J. Bibb Mills
Starr.....	.....	.....
St. John's.....	N. T. Meginniss.....	O. C. Morris
Baltimore Ct.....	.....	.....
Centreville.....	W. E. Thompson.....	.....
Clayton.....	Edward C. Graham.....	Walter Sapp John Trader David Quinn
Crisfield.....	.....	Chas. E. Shaw C. M. Jenkins Harry Harmon
First Ch., Cumberland..	.....	W. H. Johnson J. Tracy Fenby
Fairfax.....	E. W. Wakefield.....	W. H. Townsend Fred G. Halloway
Federalsburg.....	.....	W. E. Waples C. L. Ennis
Finksburg.....	.....	T. Short Rogers S. C. Wood
First Ch., Newark,N.J..	.....	John Townsend Isaac M. Street James Jackson
Georgetown, Del.....	.....	Eldridge Mullinix E. L. Wolfe R. W. White
Georgetown Circuit.....	.....	William H. Rodney Thomas Buckson Henry J. Mason
Harmony.....	.....	William H. Hendrix George P. Morris Joseph A. Richardson
Howard.....	.....	Edward J. Holland
Indian River.....	.....	.....
Kempton.....	C. J. Burdette.....	.....
Laurel, Del.....	.....	Guy Leister W. P. Pope Marcus Joselyn
Laurel Circuit.....	.....	Theo. A. Richards Gilbert Turner
Leipsic.....	.....	Wm. C. Weaver, Jr. George W. Devilbiss
Milford.....	.....	S. J. McConnell John G. Kinikin
Newmarket.....	.....	Charles M. Kelser
St. Lukes.....	.....	.....
Taylor Memorial.....	R. W. Sutcliffe.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	.....	.....
Pocomoke Circuit.....	.....	.....
Pocomoke City.....	.....	.....
Reliance.....	.....	.....
Seaford, Del.....	.....	.....
Stewartstown.....	.....	.....
Union.....	.....	.....
N. C. Ave.....	R. S. Lawrenson.....	.....

CONFERENCE WIDOW'S DIRECTORY

"Honor widows that are widows indeed." 1 Tim. 5:3.

Name	Husband	Post-Office Address
Arnett, Mrs.	Rev. C. S.	2405 Elsinore Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Bowers, Mrs.	Rev. Daniel	Chestertown, Md.
Cochel, Elizabeth A.	Rev. C. T.	1013 McCullough St., Balto., Md.
Cushing, Clara P.	Rev. H. C.	Manassas, Va., R. D. 3.
Elderdice, Eunity	Rev. J. M.	Mardela, Md.
Ewell, Gertrude B.	Rev. J. H. S.	2608 Maryland Ave., Balto., Md.
Ewing, Emma M.	Rev. E. O.	1955 Harlem Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Ferguson, Emma R.	Rev. S. T.	3008 Edmondson Ave., Balto., Md.
Gilbert, Ida R.	Rev. D. N.	425 Camden Ave., Salisbury, Md.
Greenfield, Mrs.	Rev. D. L.	Newark, Del.
Hoblitzell, Ella V.	Rev. S. A.	Belair, Md.
Hodge, Emma F.	Rev. G. R.	Crisfield, Md.
Jones, Mrs.	Rev. J. B.	Laurel, Delaware.
Kilgore Anna M.	Rev. J. L.	3045 N. Brambrey St., Phila., Pa.
Lewis, Susie	Rev. R. L.	2923 Walbrook Ave., Balto., Md.
Litsinger, Adele	Rev. J. E.	Washington Ave., Towson, Md.
Lucas, Rachel A.	Rev. W. J. D.	Denton, Md.
Melvin, Belle W.	Rev. A. D.	1409 W. Lanvale St., Balto., Md.
McCready, Mary C.	Rev. G. R.	Laurel, Delaware.
Middleton, Georgeanna	Rev. C. B.	334 Elm Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Miskimon, Ella M.	Rev. H. E.	477 William St., East Orange, N. J.
Moore, Mrs. A. C.	Rev. T. A.	Seaford, Delaware.
Neepier, Mrs.	Rev. W. J.	835 Wellington St., Hampden, Md.
Phillips, Eva	Rev. W. S.	7 Treacy Ave., Newark, N. J.
Rowe, Mrs.	Rev. R. S.	1820 N. Washington St., Balto., Md.
Sanderson, Mary C.	Rev. C. W.	Wilmington, Del.
Smith, Annie A.	Rev. G. J.	910 Light St., Baltimore, Md.
Smith, Rebecca	Rev. S. J.	Pittsville, Md.
Stevens, Sadie B.	Rev. F. L.	Lansdowne, Md.
Tredway, Cornelia	Rev. S. B.	1434 McCulloh St., Baltimore, Md.
Tyson, Emma	Rev. R. T.	914 S. 55th St., Phila., Pa.
Valliant, Katie C.	Rev. S. G.	3617 10th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Walter, Isabella S.	Rev. A. J.	Mardela, Md.
Williamson, Laura B.	Rev. R. S.	Annapolis Junct., Md., Nat. Jr. Rep.
Wright, Florence	Rev. H. F.	Oakton, Fairfax Co., Va.
Yingling, Mrs. Ella	Rev. J. M.	Laurel, Delaware.





Where the Conference Was Held

BROADWAY METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Broadway & Monument St.

Baltimore, Md.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President

Luther F. Warner, 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Secretary

James H. Straughn, Laurel, Del.

Assistant Secretaries

G. I. Humphreys,

R. L. Shipley,

K. K. Haddaway.

Conference Steward

J. A. Dudley, Pocomoke City, Md., also for session of 1919.

Assistant Steward

J. N. Link.

Conference Treasurer

C. P. Nowlin, Sharptown, Md., also for session of 1919.

Standing District Committee

F. T. Little,

W. R. Graham,

J. M. Sheridan,

T. P. Fisher,

W. G. Baker,

T. A. Murray.

Committee on Appeals

J. W. Kirk,

J. L. Mills,

A. W. Mather,

H. K. Muller,

A. R. Lewis,

W. E. Sheppard.

Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference

F. T. Little,

G. W. Haddaway,

J. H. Roberts,

F. K. Herr.

Until 1919.

J. L. Mills,

J. M. Sheridan,

Rowland Watts,

T. A. Murray.

Until 1920.

A. W. Mather,

E. C. Makosky,

T. W. Donoho,

C. A. Benjamin.

Until 1921.

The Deaconess Board

Ministers—F. T. Tagg, Pres.; J. F. Bryan, Secretary; A. S. Beane, J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway.

Laymen—A. J. Williar; H. K. Muller, Treasurer; A. W. Totten, Jas. H. Roberts, E. J. Paige.

Ladies—Mrs. Alice E. Shockley, Mrs. W. C. Shirver, Mrs. T. W. Donoho, Mrs. Fred Donoho, Mrs. E. B. Fenby.

Our Church Home Board of Managers

Ministers—W. M. Strayer, S. F. Cassen, E. C. Makosky, E. T. Read, F. T. Tagg.

Laymen—E. B. Fenby, M. D., E. O. Grimes, F. K. Herr, W. E. Shepard, T. W. Mather, J. Pearre Wantz, Milton Zollickoffer, T. A. Murray.

E. O. Grimes, President; F. T. Tagg, Secretary; J. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer.

Maryland Educational Endowment Society

F. T. Little, H. L. Elderdice, F. T. Benson, J. W. Chapman, T. W. Mather.

Officers of the Historical Society

President—J. W. Trout.

1st Vice-President—E. T. Read.

2nd Vice-President—L. B. Smith.

Secretary—J. H. Straughn.

Treasurer—T. R. Woodford.

Librarian—Robert F. Hayes.

Addresses of Treasurers

In the interim of Conference all monies should be sent to the Treasurer, except those listed below:

Treasurer, to whom all amounts should be sent, Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Sharptown, Md.

Methodist Protestant Children's Home: Mr. A. M. Rankin, Treas., High Point, N. C.

Agent President's Parsonage: Mr. H. K. Muller.

General Conference Treasurer: Rev. C. H. Beck, Pittsburgh Life Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

- FINANCE**—Louis Randall, H. L. Schlincke, W. P. Roberts, W. A. Bannister, J. H. Roberts, W. E. Sheppard.
- ITINERANCY AND ORDERS**—The Faculty of Instruction.
- PULPIT SUPPLY**—G. L. Curry, G. A. Ogg, J. A. Dudley.
- CHURCH EXTENSION**—G. W. Haddaway, Avery Donovan, E. C. Makosky, H. K. Muller, W. C. Scott, R. P. Smith.
- SUPERANNUATES**—J. M. Sheridan, S. W. Coe, F. A. Holland, L. H. LeCates, Dr. J. B. Jones, W. H. Womersley.
- LITERATURE AND EDUCATION**—F. T. Little, J. L. Elderdice, E. T. Read, T. P. Fisher, W. H. Hendrix, F. P. Usilton.
- YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**—A. N. Ward, J. F. Bryan, R. Y. Nicholson, F. C. Argabright, G. W. Lewis, Geo. K. Mather.
- MORAL REFORM**—F. T. Tagg, H. O. Keen, C. M. Elderdice, M. A. Davis, Dr. E. B. Fenby, T. E. Harrison.
- BENEVOLENT AGENCIES**—H. S. Johnson, G. M. Clayton, J. L. Ward, J. C. Barwick, Jas. H. Carter, J. A. Stephens.
- OUR CHURCH HOME**—G. E. Brown, R. K. Lewis, P. W. Crosby, W. R. Covington, W. J. Potter, W. I. Simpson.
- OFFICIAL RELATIONS**—W. H. Litsinger, C. E. Dryden, B. F. Ruley, C. A. Hastings, W. W. Smith, F. M. Wilson.
- STATISTICS**—A. W. Ewell, J. C. Godwin.
- OBITUARIES**—F. T. Tagg, T. H. Lewis, J. L. Mills, W. M. Strayer, J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Little.
- MISSIONS**—J. M. Gill, E. H. VanDyke, J. McLain Brown, Harvey Mackay, W. S. Walker, R. C. Wood.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT**—J. W. Trout, E. A. Sexsmith, Vance W. Miles, T. J. Wilson.
- CONFERENCE PROGRAM 1919**—The President of the Conference, T. O. Crouse, J. H. Straughn, J. E. Chamberlain, A. R. Lewis, F. G. Reinicker.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

—The President of the Conference, N. O. Gibson, C. M. Compher, S. C. Pardee, J. N. Warfield, Jr.

COMMITTEE OF AUDIT—W. A. Melvin, W. F. Wright, T. Irving Rothel.

SOCIAL SERVICE—F. T. Benson, W. H. Litsinger, E. T. Read, H. K. Muller, S. C. Pardee, F. G. Usilton.

COLLECTORS—

Church Extension—J. Peyton Adams.

Superannuates—W. L. Jump.

Sexton—Charles Schafer.

CONFERENCE POSTMASTER—J. H. Lynch.

Special Committees

Reporting 1918

On Wilmington Churches—J. M. Sheridan, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray.
Forward Movement Commission—J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Straughn, G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley, Walter R. Gale, F. P. Adkins.

Methodist Hospital Visitation—F. T. Little, W. H. Litsinger, R. N. Stevens.

Historical Record—T. H. Lewis.

Protest Against Race Track Tax—F. T. Little, R. L. Shipley, Daniel Baker.

District of Columbia Sunday Laws—G. I. Humphreys, G. E. Brown, J. F. Bryan, T. J. Willson, T. W. Grimes.

To Consider Increased Assessments—G. W. Haddaway, Louis Randall, C. P. Nowlin, W. A. Melvin, T. Irving Rothel, T. J. Willson, M. A. Davis.

On Odenton Church—W. H. Litsinger, E. A. Sexsmith, A. R. Lewis.

On Superannuate Deficiency—J. M. Sheridan, J. F. Bryan, F. M. Wilson.

Minimum Salary Review—J. F. Bryan, P. W. Crosby, W. W. Smith, J. C. Godwin, W. A. Bannister.

To Report 1919

Co-operating with Lord's Day Alliance—F. T. Little, J. M. Gill, R. L. Shipley, Daniel Baker, F. G. Usilton.

To Stimulate Foreign Mission Offerings—A. N. Ward, J. W. Kirk, E. H. VanDyke, F. P. Adkins, Daniel MacLea, W. C. Scott.

On Plans for \$100,000 Superannuate Fund—G. W. Haddaway, J. W. Kirk, C. P. Nowlin, T. A. Murray, J. P. Dodge, Daniel Baker.

Forward Movement Commission—J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley, F. T. Benson, A. N. Ward, Fred P. Adkins, Walter R. Gale.

Arrangements for Conference—The President of the Conference and the Standing District Committee.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION

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.

Students—H. F. Butler, W. C. Bowden.

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.
B. W. KINDLEY—Sunday School Experience,—Tralle.

Students—W. D. Short, H. L. Murphy, J. H. Lynch.

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. First half.
J. W. TROUT—Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
J. W. BALDERSTON—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
B. W. KINDLEY—Training the Teacher—Schauffler.

Students—C. N. Alexander, J. T. Moore, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, L. E. Haddaway, J. P. George, C. H. Dobson, Frank K. McCorkle.
Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to H. L. Elderdice on or before February 1st.

Third Year's Class

F. T. BENSON—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I, Last half. 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.

Seminarians prepare and forward a sermon on "The Atonement" to

F. T. Benson on or before February 1, 1919.

Students—I. S. Owens, W. L. Jump.

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. Students will not be examined any other day.

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.

Students who fail to meet the requirements of their year's class regarding the submission of sermons and the attainment of the percentage necessary for passing shall not be advanced to ordination or passed through the course.

J. L. MILLS, President.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

JOURNAL

Baytimore, Md., April 3, 1918.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY

Morning

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its 90th Session this day, in Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, at 9 A. M. The President, L. F. Warner, called the Conference to order, and conducted the devotional service.

The Fifteenth Chapter of John was read, followed by singing of Hymn 418, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

The President then called W. M. Strayer to the chair and read his report. At the conclusion of same, his character was passed. T. O. Crouse voiced for the Conference its deep appreciation of the President's report. (Report A).

The Secretary then called the roll of the Conference. The names of D. L. Greenfield, on motion of F. T. Tagg, J. L. Straughn, on motion of J. L. Mills, S. B. Tredway, on motion of F. T. Tagg, E. O. Ewing, on motion of J. M. Sheridan, G. R. Hodge, on motion of W. M. Strayer, were transferred to the Memorial Roll.

The name of the alternate from Cumberland was inserted as delegate from that charge. On motion, the delegate from Broadway was enrolled.

A motion was made to suspend to hear a representative from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced, and requested that a committee be appointed to meet with him today for a conference relative to a hearing before the Governor on the Race Track Bills. He suggested that the committee appointed last Conference be enlarged to five members. Drs. E. L. Watson and J. W. Hingeley, of the Baltimore M. E. Conference, were introduced. Dr. Watson gave a statement concerning the proposed Union Ordination Service, and spoke of the withdrawal of the M. E. Church, South, from said plan on authority of its Bishop. He expressed the hope that the M. E. and M. P. Churches might consummate the proposed service.

The Memorial Roll was called by S. F. Cassen, pausing at the names of those men who have this year been transferred to this Roll. In commemoration of the life and work of S. B. Tredway, remarks were made by F. T. Tagg and J. W. Trout; on the life and work of D. L. Greenfield, remarks were made by F. T. Tagg, J. M. Holmes and F. T. Little. J. L. Mills read the obituary of J. L. Straughn, and remarks were made by J. W. Trout and J. MacLain Brown. L. A. Bennett stated that he attributed his conversion to J. L. Straughn. W. M. Strayer read the obituary of G. R. Hodge; remarks were made by E. H. Jones and E. H. VanDyke. J. M. Sheridan read the obituary of E. O. Ewing, and A. W. Mather, F. S. Cain and E. W. Simms made remarks.

On motion, Conference recessed until 2 o'clock. Benediction was pronounced by J. S. Bowers.

Afternoon

The President called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock. The Secretary read his report:

First—As Committee on Credentials.

Second—As Committee on Publication of Minutes.

Motion to adopt report, referring the financial statement to the Committee on Audit. (Report B).

Report of the Committee on Conference Program was read. Special attention was called to the morning devotional services. Recommendation was made that Rule 7, Section One, be suspended for this session, and the opening hour of the session be at 9:30 A. M., and continue until 12:30. (Report Q).

Motion adopted to fix the Bar of the Conference to include the eighth pew. The President then read the list of Standing Committees. (See List, page 19).

J. W. Gray moved that a committee be appointed to visit J. W. Norris, who is ill, and express the sympathy of the Conference. Adopted.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the time and place for the Ordination Services had not been fixed. On motion of H. S. Johnson, the time for Ordination Services was fixed for Sunday afternoon, at the Lyric, in connection with such services of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church. J. W. Trout spoke to the motion. F. T. Little, as Chairman

of a committee appointed by the Baltimore City Preachers' Meeting, relative to some union services of the three Methodisms, gave the information leading up to the plan, as was suggested by the representative from the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, at this morning's session. J. M. Sheridan spoke to the question, stating that two of the committee of five appointed by the Baltimore City Preachers' Meeting demurred as to the union services, because the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, had withdrawn from the plan. J. W. Trout spoke again. F. T. Little spoke again as to the definite agreement of the Tri-Committee, and expressed the hope that this Conference would accept the plan made by that committee. Motion adopted.

Order of the day at 2:30 was the election of officers. H. S. Johnson, J. T. Bailey, W. E. Sheppard and S. C. Pardee were appointed as tellers on the vote for President. The result of the ballot was as follows:

Total vote cast: 137.

Necessary to a choice: 69.

L. F. Warner received 126 votes.

G. W. Haddaway received 4 votes.

W. R. Graham received 2 votes.

A. N. Ward received 2 votes.

J. H. Straughn received 2 votes.

J. W. Kirk received 1 vote.

L. F. Warner was declared elected. In a short speech, President Warner accepted the honor conferred upon him by his brethren. Motion to suspend the order of the day carried, and motion to appoint a committee of two to visit the Baltimore M. E. Conference, and inform them of the action of our Conference, relative to Union Ordination Services. F. T. Little and T. P. Fisher made the committee.

At this time, F. S. Cain was excused from attendance on Conference until tomorrow.

On motion, the Assistant Secretary cast the vote of the Conference for J. H. Straughn as Secretary. The Secretary appointed G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley and K. K. Haddaway, as his assistants. On motion, the Secretary cast the vote of the Conference for C. P. Nowlin as Treasurer. J. A. Dudley was elected Conference Steward for 1918-9, by the vote of the Conference, cast by the Secretary, on motion.

Ballot ordered for the Standing District Committee, and the same tellers as in ballot for President, were asked to serve. Motion made that the tellers retire and count the ballot. Ballot ordered for Committee on Appeals, and J. F. Bryan, H. L. Schlincke, W. K. Munroe and T. E. Harrison were appointed tellers. J. L. Mills made an announcement at this juncture, on behalf of the Faculty of Instruction.

E. T. Read requested that the Secretary of the Conference read a letter from T. H. Lewis, as the Committee on Historical Record. The report was read. E. T. Read supplemented the report as to the cost of publication. G. W. Haddaway moved that 500 copies of the record be printed, and that the record be continued to include this year's session of the Conference, and that E. T. Read be asked to confer with T. H. Lewis, relative to his further revision. Adopted. (Report W).

Letter from T. H. Lewis was read, asking to be excused from attendance on this session of the Conference. Motion adopted that he be excused.

Resolution offered by A. N. Ward, voicing the convictions of the Maryland Conference and its constituency, in regard to war conditions, and pledging our sympathy and support to the President and his great leadership. On request of T. O. Crouse, Conference arose and sang two verses of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." F. T. Tagg suggested an addition to the resolution, requesting the President to appoint a day of national fasting and prayer. Maker of resolution concurred. Resolution adopted by standing vote. (Resolution 1).

The tellers on the Standing District Committee made the following report: 88 votes were cast, with 45 necessary to a choice. F. T. Little received 73 votes, W. R. Graham, 55, J. M. Sheridan, 55, T. P. Fisher, 74, T. A. Murray, 60, W. G. Baker, 48, and the same were declared elected.

F. T. Tagg announced that Friday afternoon would be an opportune time for the members of the Conference to visit the Deaconess' Home. Several announcements were made.

The tellers on the Committee on Appeals read the vote, as follows: J. W. Kirk, 40; A. W. Mather, 35; J. L. Mills, 35; H. K. Muller, 51; A. R. Lewis, 46; W. E. Sheppard, 30. A motion was made that the Secretary cast the ballot for the three ministers and three laymen who had received the highest vote. Motion adopted.

Conference adjourned at 4 o'clock.

Evening

Service of song, led by Conference Choir. The President of the Conference, L. F. Warner, presided. Scripture lesson was read by G. E. Brown, and A. N. Ward offered prayer.

The Conference Sermon was preached by W. H. Litsinger; subject, "A Royal Priesthood." Text, I. Peter 2:9. (See Sermon).

Following the Sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President of the Conference, being assisted by several members of the Conference.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY

Morning

The devotional services began at 9:30 A. M., led by J. M. Holmes. Theme: "The Spirit Essential to Ministerial Success." Scripture reference: Acts 19: 1-7.

The President called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock; minutes of first day's session were read and approved. The Secretary called the roll. The roll of charges was called for communications. Special committees called for reports. Roll-call of pastors for Conference reports. Chairman of the Board of Finance made an announcement.

J. W. Kirk, J. F. Wooden and J. MacLain Brown were appointed a committee to visit J. W. Norris. Supplementary report of the Committee on Audit was read and adopted. (Report P).

Special committee to protest against Race-Track Tax made report that protest was presented to, and receipt acknowledged by, the Governor of the State. The report was adopted. (Report X).

The report of the President of the Young People's Union was read. It opened with a salutation, and submitted the following conclusions: First, That the efficiency of the present-day pastor is largely in terms of acquaintance with work dealing specifically with the youth; Second, That the efficiency of the present-day church is here, and is seen in its program for the young; Third, Attention is called to the coming publication of a booklet outlining our denominational life and origin, primarily for

use in the Sunday School; Fourth, In recognition of a dearth of ministerial candidates, the following recommendations are made:

1. That the Conference set aside a day of prayer, in the fall.
2. That part of that day's program be a program to be arranged by the Union of Young People's Work.
3. That pastors be required to observe the day, and to so certify on personal report blank.

The report was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work. (See Report J).

Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations presented Revs. J. C. Gabriel, J. W. Waltz, J. F. Hower and J. O. Biggs, of the United Evangelical Church, to the President, who introduced them to the Conference.

Motion that a committee of five—three ministers and two laymen—be appointed to confer with the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, as per his request of yesterday. Adopted.

The Rev. A. R. Kuldell, a converted Jewish Rabbi, and Superintendent of the Hebrew Christian Assembly, was introduced, and addressed the Conference for five minutes.

Order of the day at 11 o'clock called for. The report of the Deaconess Board was read by F. T. Tagg. It states that the report of last session was not very encouraging. During the past year the property at 2512 North Charles Street of this city, splendidly located, was bought at a cost of \$4250. \$3000 was borrowed. It was necessary to spend \$300 for improvements. This home has been fully furnished. Four young ladies have entered the work. Approximate running expenses of Home will be \$125 per month. Plan is stated as to the care of Home, and names of members of Board whose terms expire this year is given.

The privilege of addressing the Conference was given to the Chairman. G. W. Haddaway made remarks. The five deaconesses were introduced to the Conference by F. T. Tagg. They are: Misses Lillian De Moss, Dot Emert, Myrtle Bauss, Mary E. Ford and Sarah E. Cullum. H. L. Elderdice spoke to the report. Report referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies. (See Report L).

Letters from J. A. Weigand and G. A. Morris, were read. The latter letter was referred to the Committee on Official Relations. Letter from C. E. McCullough was read and referred to the Committee on Superannuates. Letter from C. H. Beck, as Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, requesting the loan of T. R. Woodford and L. B. Smith to the Board of Home Missions, was read, and referred to the Committee on Official Relations. Letter from the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference

at First Church, Seattle, Washington, was read, and referred to the Committee on Official Relations. Letter from C. H. Beck, as Secretary and Treasurer of the General Conference, was read, and motion made to refer the same to the Board of Finance. Vote on motion deferred till afternoon.

Letter from G. H. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, was read, and referred to the various committees under whose consideration the statements and requests would come: except that part relative to the increased assessment asked for; on this part a motion was made to refer this to a special committee of seven—four ministers and three laymen—for consideration; and said committee shall take under advisement all requests for increased appropriation for the various Boards. (See Report Z).

Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations presented Dr. Campbell, pastor of the Faith Presbyterian Church, C. E. Wilbur and C. H. Beck, General Officers of our Church, and Dr. J. Wynne Jones, pastor of the Abbott Memorial Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jones addressed the Conference.

G. A. Ogg was excused from attendance on the afternoon session, by motion.

The report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society was read. It stated that the personnel of the Board of Directors is the same as last year; that there is no change in its relation to Western Maryland College and the Westminster Theological Seminary, and that the moneys have been expended in accordance with the intent of the donors. The report was adopted. (Report S).

The report of the special committee to select the place for the meeting of the Conference was read, stating that after deliberation, Broadway Church was selected, and due notice given the Secretary of the Conference; attention is called to the fact that under the present plan of paid entertainment, the committee is not restricted to any particular location. The report was adopted, and the committee continued. (Report R).

Conference recessed till 2:30 P. M., with benediction by J. M. Holmes.

Afternoon

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock. The order of the day being to hear the General Conference Officers, C. H. Beck, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was introduced, and addressed the Conference. C. E.

Wilbur, editor of our Sunday School literature, was introduced, and spoke relative to his work.

The report of the Forward Movement Commission was then read. It stated that the Conference District had been divided into twenty-three units, with Captains over each; that the first campaign was conducted during the week of May 28, 1917, and that the purpose of this campaign was to outline the general scheme of the Forward Movement, and to stress the matter of a better financial system. Eighty-seven meetings were held, and seventy speakers were used. Information from this campaign showed lack of uniformity in the business of the local churches. The second campaign was in the interest of The Methodist Protestant, for an increase in subscriptions, and the result was eight hundred new subscribers. The third campaign, in November, was to stress the main objectives of the Forward Movement—a twenty-five per cent. increase in membership, and a million dollars for benevolences, in the quadrennium. Sixty-eight meetings were held, with twenty speakers. The expenses of the Commission show a deficit of about \$90. There follows a series of recommendations: (F. T. Little called for the recommendations in the said report by items) First, That the expenses of the Commission be paid by the Secretary of the Conference out of the assessment for Conference Expenses. Adopted. Second, Re-affirmation of our sense of obligation to the General Conference, and that the difference between the apportionments of the General Conference and the Maryland Conference assessments be set as goals to be reached by the charges. Adopted. Third, The levy of an assessment on the district for the Board of Young People's Work. This item was referred to the special committee ordered at the morning session, for consideration. Fourth, That the members of the Conference be requested to answer the call of the Commission, even at the cost of some personal sacrifice in his local work. Adopted. Fifth, That the Conference instruct every pastor and official board to use their utmost endeavor to put in operation the budget system of finance and duplex envelope system, and the Every Member Canvass, in every church, and that the Forward Movement Commission do all possible to attain a uniform system of finance throughout the Conference. Adopted. Sixth, That the Conference endorse the standards of the General Commission for the local churches, and every local church be urged to enroll in the Forward Movement, and instruct the Commission to stress these features of the program this coming year. Adopted. (Report V).

J. M. Stick, agent of the Maryland Tract Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Mrs. Hupfield, President of the Maryland Branch, W. F. M. S., was introduced, and addressed the Conference. Mrs. W. C. Perkins, President of the Maryland Branch, W. H. M. S., was also introduced, and spoke.

F. T. Little moved that the Treasurer of the Conference be authorized to pay the expenses of the Superannuated Members of the Conference, that of the General Officers of the Church, and of other guests, which may be incurred by attendance upon the session, the account of all such expenses to be presented to the Treasurer, on behalf of the Committee, by J. M. Sheridan. Adopted.

F. T. Little, in words reminiscent of years ago, under the pastorate of Peter Light Wilson at this church, made request, on behalf of A. A. Harryman, that he be granted a superannuated relation, and moved that same be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. Request was so referred.

Letter from L. B. Smith referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

Resolution on effort to double all collections for Foreign Missions the coming year, offered by A. N. Ward, was referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report N).

G. H. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference. Several announcements were made.

On invitation from Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of this city, the President appointed the following laymen—J. H. Roberts, F. M. Wilson, W. E. Shepard, W. C. Scott, G. H. Mather—to meet him and other laymen from the two Methodist bodies now in session, for a conference upon Lord's Day observance. Conference adjourned, with benediction by H. L. Schlincke.

Evening

This session was held in the interest of the Young People's Work. It was presided over by J. H. Straughn, President of the Young People's Union. Addresses were made by R. Y. Nicholson, A. W. Ewell and A. G. Dixon, Secretary of the Young People's Board.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY**Morning**

Devotional exercises began at 9:30 A. M., led by J. W. Kirk. Theme: "Keeping Up Our Religious Morale." Scripture reference, Colossians 3: 1-17.

The Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock by the President, and the minutes were read and approved. The Secretary called the roll. Motion adopted that the Secretary be permitted to mark present those members of the Conference whom he knows to be present.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was called for, but the report was not ready. The President presented to the Conference Edgar H. Rue, representative of the "World Outlook," who outlined the outstanding features of this missionary publication. Special order at 10:30. The brethren bearing the greetings of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference: Drs. Clarkson, Mowbray, Murray and Heisse. Dr. Clarkson, as Chairman of that committee, extended fraternal greetings. Dr. Mowbray followed in a short speech. President Warner responded to the greetings brought by these brethren. Motion to extend the time, in order that Dr. J. F. Goucher, of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, might be presented to the Conference. Dr. Goucher was presented, and made an address bringing to our Conference an invitation to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the general Missionary Centennial observance of that Church. F. T. Tagg was called on by the President to respond to Dr. Goucher's address. In his remarks, he spoke of Dr. Goucher as the "World-Methodist," whose hand is on the whole missionary problem, and whose heart is in the whole missionary work.

Order of the day taken up, and the report of the Church Home Board of Managers was read by the Secretary. It states that twenty-five years have passed since the first resolution was offered paving the way for the Home for the Aged, and that the Home was opened July 15, 1896, with impressive religious services. Recognition is given of the donations of individuals and churches. The Board of Managers insists on the careful consideration of the financial phases of the work by the Conference. The

time is not far distant when the building must be enlarged, to meet the demands that are coming. The report of the Board of Lady Visitors was also read. Mr. J. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer of the Board, was introduced to the Conference. He stated that he was here by request of the Board of Managers, to present the annual financial statement of the Board. The statement was read by Mr. Wantz, concluding with several suggestions. The report of the Committee on Church Home was then read. Gratification is expressed at the condition of the Home, and at the improvements made, and at the added interest shown this year by the churches of the district. Recommendation is made that an assessment of \$2500 be laid on the district this year for the support of the Home. Motion to adopt the report, referring the recommendation to the special committee which is considering all increase in levies on the district. Substitute motion to re-commit the report to the Committee, in order that the Treasurer's statement and suggestions may be taken under consideration for whatever recommendation the Committee may deem wise. The substitute motion was adopted. (Report O).

The report of the Committee on Literature and Education was then taken up. FIRST, Literature. Under this head was read the report of the Book Concern. At its conclusion, F. T. Benson, editor of The Methodist Protestant, addressed the Conference. Mr. Charles Reiner, agent of the Book Concern, followed Dr. Benson. Chairman of the Committee called attention to the fact that no figures were in the report of his Committee, because the various reports attached had these figures, and would be printed in the minutes. The Committee expresses gratification at no deficit in the Book Concern's total income. The agent is commended for efficient management. Rejoicing is expressed at the net gain of 2290 subscribers to The Methodist Protestant, and note is made that the editor, F. T. Benson, not only maintains the high standard of the church paper, but labors unceasingly for improvement and for deepened interest among its constituency. The third Sunday in October is suggested as Methodist Protestant Day; this item of the report was adopted. SECOND, Education. The report of the President of Western Maryland College was read. Dr. W. R. McDaniel, Vice-President of Western Maryland College, was introduced, and addressed the Conference. Chairman of the Committee called attention to the fact that Dr. Lewis had succeeded in raising the \$50,000 fund toward endowment, and in paying off all the indebtedness on the bond issue of 1898. He spoke of T. H. Lewis as the greatest asset

of this Conference and the Methodist Protestant Church. The Committee's report congratulates Western Maryland College on its fiftieth anniversary, and completion of the \$50,000 fund towards endowment, and in paying off all indebtedness on the bonds of 1898, thus freeing the College of debt. The Committee called special attention to the item in the President's report in which hope is expressed that in the near future the College may be able to establish scholarships giving free board and tuition to ministerial students. This item was adopted. THIRD, Seminary. Report of the President of the Seminary was read. This was followed by the item of the Committee's report. Gratification is expressed at the enrollment. The people are urged to cooperate in the concerted drive, in May, on the \$50,000 campaign. It is recommended: 1st, That H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Presidency of the Seminary for the ensuing year. 2nd, That young men with the ministry in view do not apply to this Conference for admission until they have taken the course at the Seminary. At this juncture, H. L. Elderdice was introduced, and addressed the Conference. This item of the report was adopted, except recommendation 2. For this recommendation H. L. Elderdice offered the following substitute: That young men, untrained, seeking admission into the Maryland Conference be advised and urged by the Faculty of Instruction to take the full course of study in the Western Maryland College and then in the Westminster Theological Seminary. J. M. Holmes, F. T. Tagg, J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan and the Secretary, spoke to the question. The substitute was adopted. 3rd, That the amounts named upon the charges at the last Conference Session to pay the indebtedness on the West Lafayette College property be continued on the charges not having paid in full. The pastors and charges are urged to pay as soon as possible. The item was adopted. Regret is expressed that war conditions have interfered with the ministerial education department of the Board's work. The Secretary and the Board are congratulated on the good showing made, despite such conditions. FOURTH, That some Sunday in November be observed as Education Day, for the purpose of creating a more general interest in the cause of christian education. The report was adopted as a whole. (Report I).

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read and adopted.
Motion to adjourn carried. Benediction by J. L. Mills.

(NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING SESSION.)

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY**Morning**

Devotional exercises at 9:30 o'clock, led by H. L. Elderdice. Theme: "Paul's Unanswered Prayer." Scripture reference: II. Corinthians 12: 7-9.

President called the Conference to order at 10 o'clock. Minutes were read and approved. Roll call of members not yet having answered to their names. Motion by F. T. Little to suspend the regular roll call for the remainder of the session. Adopted.

C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer, was recognized and read a list of charges not having paid General Conference assessment, and asked the pleasure of the Conference in relation thereto. Motion by F. T. Little that the Conference Treasurer continue his efforts to secure these amounts, and give to the President the list of charges unpaid; and that he call attention to these assessments as he goes over the district.

C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer, read a statement showing the claims of the Superannuated Society on the Invested Fund, which showed deficit of \$870 in meeting the claims of the superannuates for 1917-8. Resolved: That the Conference Treasurer be authorized to borrow the amount, in order to meet the said claims. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 2). Motion by J. M. Sheridan to appoint a committee of three to consider plans for raising this deficit in the superannuate claims, and report to this Conference. Adopted.

Report of special committee to consider increase in levies on the district was read. It recommends the following: 1. Deaconess Home—\$2000. 2. Board of Young People's Work—\$500. 3. Ministerial Education—\$800. 4. Conference Incidentals—\$1000. The Committee deems it unwise to add \$12,000 to our present assessment, as suggested by the General Conference Treasurer, but re-affirms the action of the Conference of 1917 (see Report W, page 121 of Minutes). G. W. Haddaway, Chairman of the Committee, F. T. Little, H. L. Elderdice, spoke to the report. F. T. Little moved to amend that the assessment for Conference Incidentals be amended to read "same as last year." The amendment was lost. J. H. Straughn, W. M. Strayer, F. T. Tagg, and delegates from Newark and West Baltimore, spoke. The report was adopted. (Report Z).

J. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, was presented to, and addressed the Conference.

Partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was read. It states that H. F. Butler and W. C. Bowden are placed in the Preparatory Class; C. N. Alexander, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, L. E. Hadaway, James T. Moore, J. P. George, C. H. Dobson and F. K. McCorkle are passed to the Second Year; I. S. Owens, W. L. Jump, remain in the Third Year Class; E. T. Kirkley is passed through the course. It recommends: 1. That Gilbert S. Ross, a graduate of the Seminary, be admitted and ordained. 2. That J. P. George, C. N. Alexander, P. M. R. Schauer, be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge, in open Conference, to continue their studies. The report was called for by items, and so adopted. (Report F).

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read. It expresses appreciation of the splendid resume of the work of the year. It recommends: First, That the Superintendent of the Church Extension Society study the status of vacant churches; 2nd, Indorsement of the plans for the Seminary campaign for the first and second Sundays in May; 3rd, That the Conference pledge its support to the Summer Conference, and appropriate \$300 for the program. This item was referred to Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for special consideration. 4th, That the third Sunday of October be known permanently as Methodist Protestant Day; 5th, That the cuts of deceased ministers and the cuts of Conference Churches appear in the Conference Minutes; 6th, That assessment of \$2500 for the Deaconess Home be laid on the District. This item was amended to read "2000," and strike out the payment of \$500 on the debt of the Home. 7th, That we suspend for this year the rule by which ten per cent. of collections for superannuates be paid to the Invested Fund; 8th, That the Conference Church Extension Society consider the feasibility of organizing the Peninsula Church Extension Society. This item was amended to read "Committee" instead of "Society." 9th, The appointment of a standing committee of three ministers and three laymen, as Committee on Social Service; 10th, The appointment of a special committee to consider the Odenton Church in connection with war work. The report was adopted as a whole, with amendments above noted. (Report follows President's Report).

The Conference then listened to Rev. James S. McGaw, D. D., General Field Secretary of the National Reform Association, who presented some of the grave social, moral and political menace of Mormonism, now threatening the nation.

Report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference was read and adopted. (Report D).

The report of the Committee on Methodist Hospital was read, stating further the splendid progress of the institution. The report was adopted. (Report T).

Motion that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for Conference Trustees whose terms expire at this session of the Conference: namely, A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C. A. Benjamin. The ballot was so cast, and the election announced.

A resolution to amend the Manual, changing the President's salary from five-sixths to nine-tenths of the amount received from the district. Adopted. (Resolution 3).

Conference adjourned, with benediction by E. T. Read.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY

Morning

Morning service in the Conference, under the direction of L. F. Warner. The Ordination Sermon was preached by F. T. Tagg, the text being, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." II. Timothy 2:3.

Afternoon

By previous order of the Conference, the Ordination Service was held in connection with such service of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church. Bishop W. F. McDowell, President of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, and L. F. Warner, President of the Maryland Annual Conference, M. P. Church, presided.

A joint ritual was used. Bishop McDowell, assisted by the District Superintendents of his conference and President Warner, assisted by F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan and J. H. Straughn, Secretary of our conference, then ordained the four candidates of our church—Gilbert S. Ross, C. N. Alexander, P. M. R. Schauer, J. P. George—and the ten candidates of the Baltimore conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, to the order of elder in the Church of Christ; President Warner declaring the ordination of the Methodist Protestant candidates and Bishop McDowell the candidates of the Methodist Episcopal Church. J. M. Sheridan pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY**Morning**

Devotional exercises at 9:30 A. M., led by T. O. Crouse. Theme: "Christ's Priestly Ministry." Scripture reference: Hebrews 4: 14-16.

The President called the Conference to order at 10 o'clock. Minutes were read and approved. Journal Secretary was given the privilege of inserting in the record the minutes of the services of yesterday, Sunday.

Reports called for. Report of special committee on Wilmington Churches was read. J. M. Sheridan spoke to the report, and moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Church Extension. Motion to refer carried. (Report U).

Letter from J. R. Wright, Chaplain, U. S. Army, 80th Field Artillery, was read, and F. T. Little moved that the letter be filed, and the Secretary write Brother Wright, assuring him of our sympathy and prayers.

F. T. Tagg was recognized, and announced that a telegram just received stated the death of Eben N. Baldwin, at 7:30 this morning.

T. O. Crouse offered a resolution asking Conference Program Committee to consider the feasibility of arranging for Conference session of next year to close on Monday night. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 4).

J. W. Kirk, Chairman of Committee to visit J. W. Norris, reported a visit to Brother Norris, Friday afternoon. He was found to be very ill, and sent his love and greetings to the Conference.

Supplemental report of the Committee on Church Home was read, preceded by reading again the original report submitted Friday and re-committed. Careful consideration of the Treasurer's report was made, and it is recommended: First, That the entrance fee be not increased; Second, That form of admission blank be approved, providing the wording shall conform with the rules and regulations of the institution; Third, That the assessment be increased \$500 on the district. F. T. Tagg spoke to the report. F. T. Little called the attention of the Conference to the increased assessment for this year. J. MacLain Brown, E. C. Makosky, and T. O. Crouse spoke to the report. Report was adopted. F. T. Little was called to the Chair by the President. (Report O).

Order of the day, the meeting of the Mutual Relief Society, was suspended by common consent.

A. N. Ward was recognized and offered a resolution calling on the President of the United States, as a war measure, in the interests of soldiers at Camp Meade, and others, to place a dry zone about Baltimore City and vicinity. (Resolution 5).

Pending resolution held in abeyance, J. M. Sheridan moved that the name of Mrs. G. R. Hodge be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. Motion adopted. The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. W. G. Baker, Jr., was introduced to the Conference, and spoke in reference to the third Liberty Loan, and pointing out to the ministers present how they might help in the raising of that loan.

F. T. Tagg was recognized, and asked the Conference to accept his resignation from the Deaconess Board. J. W. Kirk expressed the hope that he would not insist on his resignation. Delegate from Taylor Memorial, and G. W. Haddaway, sanctioned that hope. F. T. Tagg willing to remain if Conference insists.

Chairman of Committee on Official Relations presented Rev. J. F. Prettyman, Judge Walton and Mr. Davis to the Chair, who introduced them to the Conference. They came to bear fraternal greetings from the M. E. Church, South. Dr. Prettyman, Chaplain of the United States Senate, bore the greetings, and introduced Judge Walton, who spoke briefly. F. T. Little, in the Chair, responded. F. T. Tagg moved that in view of the fact that the Conference of the M. E. Church, South, is to adjourn at noon, we request this delegation to carry back to them our greetings.

Mr. A. S. Day was introduced to the Conference, and spoke on Food Conservation, representing Mr. Edwin G. Baetjer, National Food Administrator of Maryland.

Report of the Committee on Superannuates was read. It recommends: 1. That \$6000 be levied on the district for this year. It reports that S. B. Tredway, D. L. Greenfield, J. L. Straughn, E. O. Ewing and Mrs. W. T. Dumm have deceased during the year, and that, at his request, Dorsey Blake was transferred to the active list. It is recommended that A. A. Harryman, G. F. Farring, C. E. McCullough and Mrs. G. R. Hodge be granted a superannuated relation. The Committee reports that Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no claim for this year; that the fund paid one hundred per cent. for the year. There follows the list of appropriations. The report was adopted, except this list, which, by rule, is to remain on the table twenty-four hours. (Report H).

Conference gave way to the meeting of the Mutual Relief Society. (See Societies).

Conference resumed.

Conference gave way to the Superannuated Fund Society. (See Societies).

Conference resumed. J. M. Sheridan moved to reconsider the vote on adoption of report of Committee on Historical Record. Motion to reconsider carried. He then moved that that part of the report instructing the Committee to bring the record to include this session of the Conference be eliminated; that the Secretary be instructed to borrow money, if necessary, to finance the publication of five hundred copies of the Record, and that the Committee and the Secretary determine the price and method of distribution. (Report W).

Benediction at 12:55 by E. H. VanDyke.

Afternoon

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock. Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung.

Regular order of business called for. Announcement of regular standing committee on Social Service: F. T. Benson, W. H. Litsinger, E. T. Read, H. K. Muller, S. C. Pardee, F. G. Usilton.

Collector for Superannuates, W. L. Jump, reported that \$106 had been collected, and money paid to C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer. Letter from L. A. Bennett was read, and motion made to refer same to Committee on Official Relations. W. H. Litsinger, Chairman of that Committee, spoke to the motion to refer. J. W. Trout spoke. L. A. Bennett was heard. Letter referred.

Supplemental report of Committee on Audit was read, stating that all reports audited were found to be correct. Report adopted. (Report P).

The special committee to raised Superannuated Deficiency, J. M. Sheridan, J. F. Bryan and F. M. Wilson; special committee on Odenton Church, in relation to war work; W. H. Litsinger, E. A. Sexsmith and A. R. Lewis.

Report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read. Appreciation of the work being done is expressed. Everything indicates progress. Belief is set forth that the leadership in this department of

our work is in competent hands, and we ask that they go forward along the lines announced by them, and we pledge our loyal and continued support. We indorse the recommendations of the President of the Young People's Work, as follows: First, That the Conference set aside the first day in November as a day of prayer, emphasizing the call to the ministry. This was amended to read that the Conference recommended that some day in November be set aside as a day of prayer for emphasizing the call to the ministry, and the day to be determined by the local charge. Second: Program to be used as prepared by the Board of Young People's Work. Third: That pastors observe the day, and so certify on Pastor's Personal Report Blank. Report adopted as amended. (Report J).

Motion to excuse S. W. Coe, for a funeral, adopted.

Motion by J. F. Bryan, that the special committee on Minimum Salary, authorized in Resolution 8, of Session of 1917, be appointed. Chair declared the motion lost. Division called for; vote put, and motion carried.

Chairman of the Committee on Moral Reform requested that the Secretary of that Committee, C. M. Elderdice, be permitted to read the report. Permission granted. Rejoicing is expressed at the progress of the prohibition sentiment that is growing with cumulative power, and that Maryland is among the eleven states to ratify the National Amendment. J. W. Crabbe and J. Bibb Mills, of the Anti-Saloon League, are indorsed in their work, and the pastors urged to co-operate with them. It recommends the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Stand is taken for proper observance of the Sabbath Day. Disappointment is expressed at the Legislature of the State failing to pass the Anti-Race Track Bills; appreciation is expressed for the services of W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and his associate, Dr. Howard Kelly. Christian people are urged to use their power in the political work of the State. Motion to adopt report. T. O. Crouse, W. M. Strayer and A. N. Ward, spoke to the motion; also F. T. Tagg. C. M. Elderdice spoke. Motion to adopt carried. (Report K).

G. I. Humphreys moved that we ask the President, if he can make it possible, to read the plan of appointments at the close of the morning session, tomorrow (Tuesday), and that we proceed to dispose of all business by the noon hour. Motion carried.

Partial report of the Committee on Church Extension was read. It recommends: First, Same assessment to be laid on the district as last

year; Second, It commends the work of the Church Extension Society for the year; pleasure is expressed at the purchase of a lot on Falls Road and Forty-second Street, at a cost of \$2350, with prospect of a new building in the near future. Third, Concurrence in the sale of Park Road Church, Washington, D. C. It is noted that nearly \$4500 were secured through the efforts of the Church Extension Secretary, during the past eight months. Fourth, The re-assignment of J. M. Sheridan as Church Extension Superintendent, in harmony with the request of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society. The good work of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society is noted, and it is recommended:

1. That Chesaco Park and Jones Memorial constitute a charge, to be known as Chesaco Park, and be supplied by a pastor.
2. That Texas and the new enterprise on Falls Road, which is named "Trinity," constitute a charge, to be known as Trinity and Texas, and be supplied by a pastor. Both charges under items 1 and 2 to be under the supervision of the Church Extension Society Board of Managers.
3. That Indian Mission be placed under the care of the pastor of Lewes charge.
4. That Dagsboro, on Selbyville charge, be supplied by the pastor of Georgetown, Delaware.
5. That the preaching services on Nichols Memorial be changed from night to afternoon, to provide an evening service for our church at the growing town of Linthicum Heights. The report was adopted by items. (Report G).

Order of the day: special consideration of the Summer Conference. A. N. Ward, its President, recognized, and spoke a few minutes. He called for that part of the President's report that was made special order for consideration under this order of the day, viz., an appropriation of \$300 to be made by this Conference for the Summer Conference. That item of report was read, and A. N. Ward moved that it be adopted. It was adopted. Motion to postpone consideration of Summer Conference till evening session. Motion lost. Discussion continued, participated in by J. H. Straughn, P. W. Crosby and A. N. Ward. Motion again made to discuss Summer Conference at 9 P. M. Motion carried. Conference adjourned, with benediction.

Evening

After song service, led by E. D. Stone, Secretary called the Conference to order at 8:20. On motion, J. M. Sheridan took the Chair.

Report of the Committee on Missions was read. First: Progress cited, as made despite exigencies of times, as a cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving. Second: Recommendation of the Board and Societies is made, and support pledged. Third: Conference is called upon to give itself to prayer for the enduement of grace on all the charges. Fourth: Unqualified endorsement is given to the preamble of the paper offered by A. N. Ward, and the resolutions given in that paper are embodied in this report: calling for the appointment of a committee of six—three ministers and three laymen—for co-operation unto the end of doubling our missionary offerings. Fifth: The opportunity to join our sister denominations in projecting a vigorous and comprehensive program for missions, is hailed with joy, and a call is issued to sister conferences to join in a concerted effort in this drive, throughout the denomination. The committee appointed to be the accredited representatives of this Conference, to co-operate with similar committees of other conferences. Sixth: The Conference is asked to instruct its Secretary to provide for a column in the Minutes for the W. H. M. S. offerings. Seventh: Pastors are requested to open their churches, and, if necessary, provide entertainment for Mrs. L. F. Warner, Mrs. W. E. Kindley, Miss Florence Hammond, Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Mrs. Henry Hupfield and Mrs. E. B. Morley, who have been elected by the Maryland Branch, W. F. M. S., to work along lines of the Forward Movement Commission. Eighth: It recommends that the Conference insist that every charge in the Conference District hold an Easter service on behalf of Home Missions, and stress the importance of that interest. Item 6 of the report was amended to read: That the Secretary be allowed his discretion in making necessary changes in the printed minutes to insert W. H. M. S. reports, the same to be operative next year. F. C. Klein, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference. The report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (Report N).

Order of the day at 9 P. M.: Summer Conference. A. N. Ward continued the discussion, in which R. L. Shipley, W. H. Litsinger, K. K. Hadaway, J. H. Straughn, T. O. Crouse, C. R. Strausburg and W. M. Strayer took part.

Rev. G. L. White, of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

A resolution was presented, appealing to Congress for the more drastic enforcement of laws against pro-German propagandism. Carried. By

motion, the Secretary was instructed to send copies of this resolution to the Maryland Representatives in Congress. (Resolution 6).

Resolution providing for the appointment of a standing committee on Assessments, whose duty it shall be to determine the assessments for each year, and report to the Conference. Resolution lost.

Report of the Conference Treasurer presented, and referred to the Committee on Audit. (Report C).

Following a statement of the Secretary on the pressure of business, motion was made to reconsider the action of the Conference requesting the President to read the plan of appointments at noon tomorrow. Motion was reconsidered. Motion that the President be requested to read the plan of appointments at 9 P. M. Tuesday. Motion offered to strike out the word "nine" and insert "five," an amendment to the amendment was offered, to strike out the word "five" and insert "three." Amendment to the amendment was lost. Vote on the amendment taken. The Chair decided the amendment was lost. Division called for. The amendment was adopted by 37 to 31. The motion was put. The Chair was unable to decide, and asked for a rising vote. The motion was passed by a vote of 40 to 32.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by D. W. Anstine.

SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY

Morning

Devotional exercises led by F. T. Benson.

Conference called to order at 10 o'clock, by the President. F. T. Little was called to the Chair.

Motion that President appoint six ushers to defend the Bar of the house. Carried. Minutes read and approved.

Resolution by A. N. Ward that a committee of three ministers and three laymen be appointed to take steps to launch a campaign for \$100,000 to be added to the Superannuated Investment Fund, and that this committee report their plans for this campaign at the next session of the Annual Conference. Adopted. (Resolution 7).

Report of special committee to consider the Nichols Memorial Church, Odenton, Maryland, was read. Belief is expressed that a pastor should be assigned for work at this church and Camp Meade; that such would

require \$1000-\$1200 to finance for one year. It is recommended that the Conference express itself as to the financial aspect of the matter, and that the whole matter be referred to the President and the Social Service Commission for action. E. A. Sexsmith, A. N. Ward, W. H. Litsinger, Chairman of the Committee, and W. A. Melvin, spoke to the report. E. D. Stone showed to the Conference the Service Flag of Hampden Church, with 375 stars thereon, stating that 120 men are in the trenches, and the balance in the cantonments. Conference arose and sang one verse of "My Country, 'tis of thee." Subscriptions at \$10 a share were suggested for the work mapped out by this committee, and in a short time, 157 shares were subscribed. Motion to amend the report by substituting for "Social Service Committee," "the Committee on Odenton Church." Adopted. Report, as amended, adopted. Roll call of churches subscribing was then called. (Report AA).

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was read. Supplementary report of this Committee was also read. Report was re-committed for reconsideration, in accordance with suggestions.

Rev. J. H. Wyatt, Secretary of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference, and spoke briefly.

Under consent of Conference to append to the report of the Forward Movement Commission a list of charges paying on the goals allotted them, said list was read. R. L. Shipley spoke to the appended report. J. W. Kirk asked for some information. J. M. Gill and G. W. Haddaway spoke. Motion to adopt tables appended. Motion carried. Motion adopted to continue the Forward Movement Commission for the coming year. J. H. Straughn asked to be released from the Forward Movement Commission, because of pressure of work. Motion adopted that he be excused. Motion adopted that the Commission be enlarged by the addition of one other member. Motion adopted that F. T. Benson and A. N. Ward be elected to the Commission. (Report V).

Supplemental report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, which had been re-committed, was read. It recommends: First, That W. A. Sites, R. W. Sutcliffe, E. C. Graham, W. S. Simms and C. S. Larrimore be placed in the hands of the President. Second, That H. F. Butler, W. C. Bowden, Frank K. McCorkle, S. C. Wood, W. D. Short, A. W. Betts, H. E. Norris, C. M. Jenkins, G. E. McDorman, R. W. White, J. L. Green, H. H. Carroll and A. S. Scarborough be placed in the hands of the President, and given license to administer the ordinances, providing they be

given an appointment. Third, That J. T. Moore, J. H. Lynch, C. H. Dobson, H. L. Murphy, L. E. Haddaway and A. F. T. Raum, be given license to administer the ordinances. Fourth, That the transfers of L. W. Gordon, from the Eastern Conference, and of G. L. Curry, from the North Carolina Conference, be accepted. Fifth, That the publication of the book on Homiletics, for the course of study, be paid out of the assessment for Conference Expenses. On motion of F. T. Tagg, this item was amended by striking out "Conference Expenses assessment," and inserting "Baltimore Book Directory Funds." J. L. Mills spoke to the amendment. Amendment was adopted. Sixth, That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to have printed 200 copies of the blank forms which are used by candidates for admission into the Conference. Seventh, The President of the Conference is requested to appoint an Examiner on Historical Geography. The report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (Report F).

Report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read. It notes:

1. That the Deaconess Board has been fortunate in enlisting the services of four young ladies, giving the Board, at present, five deaconesses.
2. The purchase of the Deaconess' Home property, and approval of plans for the furnishing and management of the Home.
3. An indorsement of the work of the Maryland General Hospital, and appreciation of the courtesy of Miss Hutton, the Superintendent of nurses. It is recommended: First, That an assessment of \$2500 be laid on the district, \$500 of which shall be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the property. This was amended to read "2000 on the district" and to cut out "\$500 on the debt on the Home." Second, Endorsement of the present policy for immediate organization of Deaconess Circles in Conference churches. The work of J. M. Stick, of the Maryland Tract Society, and J. H. Hyatt, of the Maryland Bible Society, is commended to the Conference, and the report, as amended, was adopted. (Report L).

Conference recessed, with benediction by F. T. Tagg.

Afternoon

Conference resumed, with the President in the Chair. F. T. Little was called to the Chair. The report of the Committee on Statistics, in summary, was read by the Chairman, A. W. Ewell. It shows the following:

Ministers and Preachers	150
Full Members	33,777
Conversions	3,143
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3,891
Sunday School Enrollment	36,053
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	6,071
Junior C. E. Members	2,148
Appointments	289
Value of Property	\$2,851,440
Subscribers to Church Paper	2,750

The report was adopted. (See Tables). The Board of Finance reported, submitting the list of Assessments for the year. Adopted. (See Assessments). (Report E).

The report of the Committee on Official Relations was taken up, and read by items. It states that there is a manifest disposition on the part of pastors to fill out reports correctly. Nine pastors have not given disciplines to members. Several pastors have not elected a Lady Visitor to the Church Home. Nearly every pastor reports new subscribers to the church paper. It is recommended that T. R. Woodford and L. B. Smith be loaned to the Board of Home Missions. Note is made of T. H. Lewis' giving three months to Army Y. M. C. A. work. It is recommended that he be excused from attendance on this session. It is recommended that J. L. Nichols be loaned to the Y. M. C. A. for one year; that J. Ralph Wright be assigned to the work of Army Chaplain, and that the Secretary of the Conference write to T. H. Lewis, J. L. Nichols, L. B. Smith, T. R. Woodford and J. R. Wright, saying we miss them from this session of the Conference, and pray for them the continued favor of God in their labors. It is recommended that the requests of Clayborne Phillips, G. A. Morris and H. L. Davis, to be left without appointment for one year, be granted, and that E. A. Warfield be loaned to Western Maryland College. The request of L. A. Bennett, to be appointed Conference Evangelist, is hereby referred to the Conference, for the reason that the Conference having no such office, it is not within the province of this Committee to deal with the request. The list of 103 charges that have paid the assessments in full, and are entitled to be placed on the honor roll, is given. It recommends the passage of the official character of all the ministers and preachers of the Conference. Gratitude is expressed to the

pastor and members of Broadway Church, for their entertainment; to the Royal Typewriter Company and the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, and to all others who have contributed to the pleasure and comfort of our session. W. M. Strayer moved that the Conference create the office of Conference Evangelist, and that L. A. Bennett be appointed to that office, and then spoke to the motion. W. A. Melvin, J. M. Sheridan and B. A. Bryan spoke. R. L. Shipley moved, as a substitute to the motion, that L. A. Bennett be given the same relation as last year. G. W. Haddaway spoke to the substitute. Motion on the substitute was put and carried, by a vote of 61 to 34. The report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (Report M).

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken from the table, and adopted as a whole. (Report H).

Report of the special committee on the Superannuated Fund Deficiency read. It recommends a special collection to be taken during this session of the Conference, to meet said deficiency. W. M. Strayer presented the case of Mrs. G. R. Hodge. A public collection, to meet the deficiency and the case of Mrs. Hodge, was taken, and \$962 subscribed. Motion carried that the cash be turned over to, and subscriptions paid to, C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer. F. T. Little, in the Chair, expressed thanks to the Conference and to the members of the congregation, for the offering. Motion adopted that \$236 be paid to Mrs. G. R. Hodge, and the balance applied to the Superannuated Fund Deficiency. (Report BB).

Motion adopted that the Conference Sermon, by W. H. Litsinger, be printed in the Conference Minutes.

Letter from J. P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President of the United States, was read.

Supplemental report of the Committee on Odenton Church and Camp Meade Work was read. It recommends the designation of Conference Church Extension Superintendent J. M. Sheridan, to receive offerings made at the morning session for that work. (Report AA).

Resolution by J. M. Sheridan, commending and endorsing L. A. Bennett as an evangelist, adopted. (Resolution 9).

Resolution offered by R. L. Shipley offered congratulations to those ministers having sons in the army. Adopted. (Resolution 8).

Report of the Church Extension Committee was read. On motion of its Chairman, the vote by which Item 5 of the partial report of that Com-

mittee was adopted, is reconsidered. There is offered as a substitute for said item, Item 1 in this final report. Item 1: That Linthicum Heights and Severn Churches be detached from Nichols Memorial charge, and constitute a new charge to be known as Linthicum Heights. 2. That Liberty Church, on Northumberland charge, be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Conference Extension Society for such disposition as is deemed wise by said Board. 3. Concurrence in report of special committee on Wilmington Churches, and their recommendations. It is recommended: First, That plans be inaugurated by the Board of Managers, and the Church Extension Superintendent be authorized to proceed to raise \$25,000. Second, That churches in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia heartily co-operate in raising the above fund, and establishing said church. Third, In reference to the purchase of Harmony M. E. Church, in Caroline County, and sale of Second M. P. Church in Wilmington, Delaware, that this be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers. There follows the list of appropriations. G. W. Haddaway, Chairman of the Committee, and J. M. Sheridan spoke to that item of the report relative to the \$25,000, and the establishing of a new church in Wilmington. F. T. Tagg, Louis Randall, also spoke. Report adopted by motion. (Report G).

F. T. Tagg called attention to the fact that the terms of five members of the Deaconess Board expire at this session. On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for these five members.

Collection for Sexton announced as \$27.32, and ordered paid into the hands of the pastor of this church.

Report of the Conference Steward was read. Financial results as follows:

General Interests	\$ 51,855
Local Interests	338,907
	<hr/>
Total	\$390,762

Report was adopted. (See Tables).

Conference gave way to meeting of Church Extension Society. (See Societies).

Conference resumed at 5.50.

The report of the special committee on District of Columbia Sabbath Laws was read by G. I. Humphreys, Chairman. The report was adopted. (Report Y).

Report of the Committee on Minimum Salary was read. It states that the President of the Conference has urged an increase at minimum salary charges, and 16 such charges have responded this year. There are still 56 charges paying less than such salaries. It is recommended that the conference Secretary be again instructed to communicate by letter with each Quarterly Conference paying less than \$800, and urging that it be raised to this amount. (Report CC).

The special committees for the coming year were announced.

By motion, Item 1 in President's report was reconsidered, and was amended to read "That authority be given the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society to dispose of such properties." Item as amended adopted. (Report A).

The President formally received into the Conference G. L. Curry and L. W. Gordon, who come by transfers.

The minutes were read and approved, at 6:25 o'clock.

After a few remarks, the President began reading the plan of appointments, at 6:30, and closed at 6:48.

Motion to adjourn adopted. Conference adjourned after singing Doxology, with benediction by J. L. Mills.

Approved:

L. F. WARNER,

President.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,

Secretary.

REPORTS

Report A

THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—

One year ago under unusual conditions and while absent from Conference session, you called me from the pastorate to the presidency. The call came with so much unanimity and spontaneity, it had the force of a divine call. "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood," but endeavored through prayer to be loyal to duty. Spiritual decisions must have a spiritual basis. My only concern was to be sure the purpose of providence was expressed in the unfettered convictions of my brethren. Personally I would rather have the vision of one church than the supervision of many churches, but in ministerial consecration the will of God must be supreme, so I entered upon the work, not unmindful, however, of the great honor and great responsibility you have put upon me. And now having viewed official duties and problems from the inner sanctuary, I am sure, you will not misunderstand me when I say the highest office in the gift of this Conference is not an opportunity for the seeking spirit, but rather an opportunity for serving the church in large and unselfish ways.

We are gathered together in our ninetieth session. Interesting and heroic history is back of us. God has wrought for us as our statistical and financial reports will indicate. Noble men have counted it a privilege to spend and be spent in the toils and triumphs of the faith. Not only the Psalmist, but the Methodist Protestant can say, "I have a goodly heritage." We have been busy with the work of the Kingdom and through the years there have been a widening scope in our visions and a growing efficiency in our organizations. The banners of an ecclesiastical democracy have been unfurled and loyal sons can still read the mottoes of the fathers—liberty and equality; free speech and free grace; mutual rights in a country without a king; in a church without a bishop. To have toiled a long time for the Kingdom is a worthy enterprise, but to have toiled on a new basis of self-respecting principles is, indeed, a rare privilege. And as we pass another milestone in our distinctive denominational journey and a milestone that could well be converted into a pedestal of honor, we might afford to be a little reminiscent, if reminiscences were the order of the day. But the Conference is more concerned with the forward look than with the backward look.

"We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs."

And in the heart-throbs of the faithful can be found pulsations of life and vigor. The Conference is not burdened with the weight of years. Indeed, it seems to be renewing its youthfulness as well as its usefulness and is turning its face to the future with larger vision and quickened impulse.

But we are not gathered together, primarily, to set up a new ideal in the presidential office nor to rejoice in a goodly heritage. We are here to review the work of the year just closing and to plan for larger work for the coming year.

Our Beloved Dead.

And as we set ourselves to the task, we are conscious, first of all, of a deep shadow upon our Conference fellowship. The silent reaper has been busy this year gathering the golden sheaves. If mortality has been great since we last met, immortality has been even greater.

The first of our number to pass beyond the vision of earth was SILAS B. TREDWAY. The summons came on July 7th. He had fought a good fight. He was a soldier of his country and a good soldier of Jesus Christ—a self-made man and a spiritually-made man. He had a wide knowledge of books and people and used his scholarly attainments for the glory of God. Dr. Tredway joined the Conference in 1872 and was in the active ranks almost to the time of his death. In the three months of superannuation, there were no shadows, but only the gleam of a finished course and a well-kept faith and a joyous crown of righteousness.

On July 15th the whole church was startled by the news of the sudden departure of DAVID L. GREENFIELD. Never conspicuously identified with Conference activities, yet no one could have gone out of our fellowship to be more keenly missed than he. Dr. Greenfield was humanly unique and original. He had the vision of a poet and the heart of a philosopher. He was a religious mystic. And, oh, how he could preach. The rhetoric of his discourses was superb. And yet after all he was not so much concerned with diction as with benediction. He was a man anointed by the Spirit. He concentrated his thought upon preaching and preaching in the way our fathers believed. To him the pulpit was a throne and the very approach to it must be from the Holy of Holies. For 49 years his gifted voice was heard among the churches.

Again on August 1st, JOHN L. STRAUGHN, a member of this Conference since 1870, found the consummation of a long-deferred hope at the gates of pearl. Bro. Straughn was a remarkable man. He toiled incessantly and successfully. He loved his church and he loved the souls of men. He had the evangelistic temperament. He was a builder of churches and a builder of character in individual and family life. There are sections of our Conference district where his memory is honored as that of no other minister. The recent years were secluded years and suffering years, but faith never failed nor faltered. The name of John L. Straughn will not soon be forgotten, neither will his faithful work be lost in the midst of increasing years and multiplying activities.

Once more on Sept. 10th, the knock of death was heard at the Conference door and this time GEORGE R. HODGE was called to take his place in the rapidly growing ranks "Over There." Bro. Hodge was comparatively one of our younger men. He united with the Conference in 1889. He was not strong physically, and in the midst of active service, the burden became too heavy. He must lie down to sleep for awhile, but he preached well and he lived well. There was a daily exemplification of humility and fidelity. And the beautiful life was a useful life. The depth of quiet and unobtrusive careers can never be fully known until the record-books of heaven are opened.

And still once more the silent reaper has gone forth. On Dec. 6th, EDWIN O. EWING found the real harvest day in the land of shadow. The strong, vigorous frame tottered and fell, even before the full measure of years was reached. Bro. Ewing came into the Conference in 1884. He counted it a privilege to minister. He had a varied experience and in the numerous fields where he has labored, he has left behind the impress of faith and faithfulness.

And those who have shared the toils of itinerant life, are worthy of special commendation when death shadows linger. The wives and widows of the preachers are a vital factor in our Conference fraternity. On April 3d, Mrs. M. F. Charlton, full of faith and full of years, came to the grave, "Like as a shock of corn, cometh in his season." Mrs. Charlton was the widow of Rev. J. W. Charlton, so well known to the older members of our Conference.

On Nov. 17th, Mrs. Ellen May Harryman, the devoted wife and efficient helpmeet of Bro. A. A. Harryman, stepped over the river on a new errand of service. "She is not dead; she is just away." In the symbolism of home life, we may look for the consummation of the best ideals in heavenly life.

On Jan. 12th, Mrs. Anna B. Dumm, the widow of W. T. Dumm and sister of L. W. Bates and D. W. Bates, started on the long and more interesting journey beyond death. Mrs. Dumm was a living link to connect us with the past and when the veterans are gone, the charm of other days may not grip so impressively.

On March 5th, Mrs. Sadie B. Morris, the beloved wife of Rev. G. A. Morris, found peaceful rest from long and weary days of suffering. Her sun went down while it was yet noon, but the influence of her quiet and gentle spirit in the home will linger and in the radiance of fond memories, loved ones will find new hope and courage. A full estimate of the work and worth of these victorious saints will be given in the reports of the respective obituary committees. By special request no committee was appointed for Mrs. Sadie B. Morris.

In addition to these, two faithful workmen, not members of the Conference, have also joined the silent procession. On Oct. 7th, J. E. Medling, pastor of Deer Creek and on Dec. 23d, W. W. Johnson, who has supplied several charges in the Conference, passed on to the diademing of

the redeemed. They were both lovable and useful men, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. At my request intimate friends have penned words of appreciation and their tributes have been published in the Methodist Protestant.

Unsupplied Charges.

At the last session of Conference 12 charges were left unsupplied, largely because there were not enough supplies to go around. A prompt effort was made to find additional pastors. Rev. H. F. Surratt, of the Seminary, was assigned to Lewes and served during the vacation period. Since Oct. 28th, Rev. J. M. Holmes, D. D., has taken care of the work on Sundays. Middleway has been supplied a part of the year by Rev. A. W. Ewell, pastor of Harper's Ferry. Rev. F. D. Reynolds kindly supplied Payson Street until July 1st. On Sept. 1st Rev. F. McCorkle was assigned as pastor. Rev. G. S. Ross, a seminarian, was appointed pastor of Selbyville. When he returned to school about Oct. 1st, Rev. J. A. Wright, in connection with his work at Georgetown, Del., consented to preach Sunday afternoons at Dagsboro for the remainder of the year. Rev. Eben N. Baldwin was assigned to Wilmington and Rev. T. W. Eddins, another seminary student, to West Wilmington. Texas and Chesaco Park, put under the care of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, have been supplied by Rev. R. E. Brooks and Rev. G. E. McDorman, respectively, both from the Seminary. Since early fall Rev. George Hines has been ministering to the people at Tyreanna. Deer Creek has been without a regular pastor since the death of Bro. Medling in October, but local supplies have taken care of the work.

Three charges have been unsupplied during the whole year. Campbell has but one church and it is closed. Greensboro requested that no pastor be sent. Talbot, with two churches, has ceased its functions for several years. We are not only facing a problem of unsupplied charges, but also a problem of closed churches. There are as many as 11 closed churches in the Conference district and some of these churches have been closed for a long time. A closed church may not always be a reproach in itself. We ought not to be too anxious to sell. Community conditions are constantly changing. One closed church has been opened this year and one was opened last year, but there is need of a closer touch that abandoned churches may not be lost or forgotten. I recommend that a committee be appointed to ascertain the legal status of closed churches and to inquire more carefully into their peculiar problems that the Conference may have the benefit of the latest and most thorough study of the whole situation.

Changes.

It is not good policy to make changes during the year, but a few changes have been made necessary by the exigencies of the work. Rev. F. McCorkle for personal reasons asked to be excused from going to Chin-

coteague. On May 20th, Rev. L. W. Gordon, of the Eastern Conference, was assigned pastor. Rev. C. M. Jenkins declined to accept the pastorate of Grove and on May 20 the Rev. A. Scarborough, a local preacher from Leeds, was appointed in his place. By action of last Conference I was directed to appoint a Church Extension Superintendent. The delay in the appointment was unavoidable. By a train of circumstances which seemed to be providential, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., was released from Broadway on Aug. 1st, and assigned to this special work. On the same day Rev. G. L. Curry, a member of the North Carolina Conference and serving the Ravenna Church, Seattle, under the direction of the Board of Home Missions, was put in charge of Broadway. On Sept. 9th, Rev. J. R. Wright was released from Mt. Tabor that he might accept a chaplaincy in the U. S. Army. On Sept. 12th, Rev. W. R. Graham, D. D., was assigned to Mt. Tabor to fill out the unexpired year. The illness and death of Rev. G. R. Hodge on Sept. 10th, made necessary some special provision for Oxford. At the request of the people Rev. W. M. Strayer has supplied the charge practically the whole year. On Oct. 25th, Rev. A. Parsells, pastor of Dorchester, resigned to take an appointment in the Eastern Conference. On Oct. 30th, with the consent of all the parties concerned, Rev. D. W. Anstine was assigned to the pastorate thus vacated. On Feb. 25th, Rev. J. L. Nichols was released from Seaford, so that he could take up special Y. M. C. A. work in France. On the same day Rev. A. W. Mather was asked to take charge until Conference. All these changes were made according to law, but there is need for the observance of the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law. Where exigencies arise, releases ought not to be reasonably expected until there is some recognition of the time element. There can be no satisfactory adjustment of the work in a day nor sometimes even in a month.

Transfers and Withdrawals.

On Sept. 15th, I received the transfer of Rev. L. W. Gordon from the Eastern Conference and on Mar. 26th, that of Rev. G. L. Curry from the North Carolina Conference. The mode of procedure governing transfers has been followed. The official papers will be presented to this Conference for sanction. On April 20th, 1917, Rev. Ronalds Taylor asked for a certificate of good standing in our denomination. The request was granted. On April 1st, 1918 a similar request was made by Rev. Allan Halde- man. The request was complied with. On March 12th, 1917, Rev. J. E. Massey, having received a certificate of withdrawal, I recommend that all three of these names be taken from the roll.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

Education.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.—If there is one phase of our work which is entitled to first consideration, it is our Educational Institu-

tions. Education goes back to the beginning of things. It creates the vision. It lays the foundation. It builds the superstructure. A church without schools would be a church which could neither learn nor lead. In a scheme of efficiency, intellectual endowment is the only thing worthy to be linked with spiritual endowment. We are all proud of Western Maryland College. Rejoicing in the victories and achievements of a Golden Jubilee, the College continues to pay tribute to high standards of education and to unfurl its banners in the midst of a growing constituency and a widening influence. Without in any way anticipating the report of its president, I am calling attention to its claims, because it is vitally related to the best things in our denominational life.

But the College has its needs and we are glad to hear that some of these needs are being met. We felicitate the College and Dr. Lewis, its president, upon the success of the recent Endowment campaign. An additional Endowment of \$50,000 has been provided for. This is one of the big achievements in the history of the Conference. Colleges can hardly live in these days without endowments and without growing endowments. But no matter how large the endowment, how splendid the equipment, how efficient the administration, a college cannot do its real work without students. The student roll this year at Western Maryland, notwithstanding the war, is almost as large as under normal conditions, but it is not as large as it ought to be. We often fail to get students for the College, because we do not begin soon enough and do not begin in our own homes. Our children should go to our own schools. They are the best for us and they are certainly as good as other schools of the same standing. Pastors can help very materially in this work. Every pastor should be a field agent for the College, at least to the extent of his parish limits. If a larger expression of loyalty and love could be given, Western Maryland College would have even a fuller and richer heritage.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—In spite of the draft which has called to the front some prospective seminarians, the enrollment of the school this year is one more student than last year. The draft law is striking hard upon technical and advanced schools. Some of these schools have lost nearly one-half of their students. It is a matter of congratulation that we are more than holding our own in the Seminary. But we are not holding our own in the Church and unless something can be done very speedily, we will soon be facing a ministerial crisis. There is urgent need for more men for the ministry. We are not able to supply all of the charges, even after using in the work 25 men who are not members of the Conference. We must give ourselves to prayer and the praying church must have a program. When the call of the church is put clearly and convincingly, it will help young men to interpret God's call to their own souls. There will be more ministers to proclaim the Word when more laymen gather around the altars of home in earnest petition and with self-sacrificing devotion.

And there is need not only for more men, but for more men of the right kind. There should be more ministerial students in the College before the Seminary is reached. The times everywhere are calling for higher and more discriminating standards. Unless the pulpit can think faster and farther than the pew, the leadership of the church, even in spiritual matters, will be discounted, if not discredited. No more important subject can be brought to the attention of this Conference than that of the need of a trained and educated ministry. And he who can suggest a solution that will go to the root of the problem, will be rendering a great service for the Kingdom.

But the call for trained men to preach implies the call to provide the means for the training. We must pay as well as pray. And it would seem there is need to go beyond the present mode of procedure in dealing with worthy candidates for the ministry. Young men to-day, struggling with convictions and decisions, find in every vocation, doors of opportunity, not ajar, but wide open. The church must offer more liberal financial inducements, if those who have heard the call to preach, are to heed the call for steadfastness through long years of training. To this end I would like to commend the scholarship idea to individuals and to individual churches, to organizations in the Conference and even to the Conference itself. If more money could be secured, the Board of Education might work out larger and more generous plans.

And now if we have faith in prayer and confidence in the future, the time has come when the Conference must get back of the Seminary in some specific way. Under the efficient administration of Dr. Elderdice, the work of the Seminary has grown until it has outgrown its present quarters. A modern structure, with better equipment, is needed to more adequately represent the vision and estimate of the church concerning ministerial training. For this purpose the Seminary proposes to raise a fund of \$50,000. The project has received the unqualified endorsement of the General Conference. For the Maryland district Dr. Elderdice has in mind a whirlwind campaign on two successive Sundays in May. A large number of preachers will be asked to co-operate in the plan. I therefore recommend that all of our pulpits be opened to Dr. Elderdice and the first and second Sundays in May next (in particular) be available for the presentation of the New Building Fund in all the churches of the Conference district which have not already been visited for this purpose; and I further recommend that every preacher to whom the appeal may be made for co-operation, respond favorably and enthusiastically that there may be a speedy and successful consummation of this great enterprise. A concerted emphasis on every aspect of a trained ministry ought to awaken the responsibilities of the whole church.

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE.—This gathering offers helpful inspiration and delightful fellowship, free from the press of Conference busi-

ness. The largest attendance was registered last year. In a sense the Summer Conference is a creature of the Annual Conference. The attendance should include all of its members, but we have not tried to make any one go. We have tried to make every one want to go, and yet it might be well to introduce some compulsory features. I have thought the probationary members of the Conference, in particular, should have the benefit of these summer gatherings. The Conference Course might be supplemented by collateral readings and studies. A school of methods conducted by experts, lectures at the feet of gifted teachers, close contact with experienced leaders, would add to the efficiency of our younger men, and the program could be arranged so as to have an appeal for the older members as well. If a broader and more vigorous policy is to be adopted, the Summer Conference must have additional financial support. I see no reason why money could not be appropriated out of the Conference funds and then those in charge could speak with emphasis and authority. The whole matter should be carefully considered from every angle and I trust the result of your deliberations will be to insure its permanence and to add to its effectiveness.

THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.—This society is a corporation formed for the purpose of instruction in general literature, theology and in the arts and sciences and for the support of worthy and needy students preparing for the ministry of our church. The present scope of the work is confined to financial help in the education of ministerial students. The society holds certain endowment funds and disburses their income to the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary. The directors will make a report to Conference.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—I am calling attention to this society, so that the report of the President will comprehend all of our activities. When self-respecting nations idealize a political democracy, we ought to be glad to tell the story of an ecclesiastical democracy. Our history is worth preserving and much interesting data can continue to be gathered in the way of books, manuscripts, pictures, relics, etc. The society has an elemental as well as a sentimental appeal.

Publication.

METHODIST PROTESTANT.—Closely related to education is publication and first on the list of our distinctive literature is the Methodist Protestant. Education gives us something worth telling and the church paper is the most valuable medium for telling it. There can hardly be church existence, much less church progress without a wide circulation of denominational literature. It is not a mere co-incidence that growing subscription lists and growing membership lists run together. The Methodist Protestant is doing more to develop and deepen an intelligent, loyal responsiveness among our people than any one thing I can mention.

The paper ought to be in every home. Just as we say the College and Seminary must have students, so the Methodist Protestant must have readers and subscribers. The denominational equipment in the home life of our people is not complete, until the church paper is included. And the paper is adapted to every family and to the whole family. Dr. Benson, the editor, aims to reach the widest circle and he is succeeding finely. Those who see and read the paper are pleased with its appearance and even more pleased with its timely, interesting, well-edited and well-arranged contents. We are all proud of the Methodist Protestant.

There are, perhaps, as many as 10,000 families in the constituency of our Conference district, if the homes which are nominally related to the church are also included. In these days of vision, it would be a thing of great inspiration, if the church paper could be a weekly and welcome visitor to every home. 75% of our homes is the ideal set up in the Forward Movement Program. The ideal has not been reached, but the subscription list has been making recent and rapid strides in that direction. The Methodist Protestant has now 5000 subscribers, the largest number in its history. Under the present editorial administration, in less than two years, 3000 new subscribers have been secured. Last fall between 700 and 800 new subscribers were obtained on Methodist Protestant Day as a part of the Forward Movement campaign. I recommend that the third Sunday in October be put permanently into our "Calendar of Special Days," to be known as Methodist Protestant Day, when there shall be a concerted emphasis upon the claims of the church paper. This can be made a suitable time, not only for adding to the length of the list, but adding to the strength of the list. Net increases, rather than gross increases, mean distinct gains. Special attention must be given to renewals. New friends are always needed, but the church paper must minister to growing and permanent friendships, if the best results are to accrue. I bespeak for the plans of the editor and publisher the most hearty co-operation.

BOOK CONCERN. The business of the Book Concern, under the courteous and careful management of Mr. Chas. Reiner, Jr., has had steady growth and development and should have the continued good will and patronage of our people. The Book Concern offers to furnish supplies as cheap as they can be purchased elsewhere. If we cannot discount prices, we certainly ought not to discount loyalty. As we add to the volume of business, we add to certain profits which inure to the benefit of the church. The Book Concern, in its location, and in the character and scope of its business, represents us more creditably. I hope the time will not be far distant when we shall have our own printing plant. The enterprise could easily be financed and I believe it would pay.

THE YEAR BOOK. This book contains quite an accurate and comprehensive survey of denominational aims and activities. It is the latest achievement of the Forward Movement Program. The book ought to be

widely circulated and read. Our vision should go beyond the limits of the local church and even beyond the limits of the Annual Conference. I believe the book will give us a new perspective and a new principle of co-ordination and co-operation in bigger undertakings. The book ought to be in every home. I would like to see copies of it in our Sunday School libraries. Study classes could be organized for a series of lessons. Let us keep before the thought of the whole church the program and possibilities of our distinctive Methodism.

CONFERENCE MINUTES. It may seem unusual to refer to this item. The Minutes are edited with so much care and published with so much credit, it is difficult to make suggestions in the way of improvement. But in travelling over the district, I have found an interest in the Minutes, where I least expected to find it. It has occurred to me the book might be made more attractive to the average reader. A touch of illustration would be like a touch of personality. Pictures appeal to all classes of people and pictures to a limited extent, at least, in the story of our proceedings might intensify interest. I would suggest that cuts of our deceased ministers be published with their obituaries. The cut of the Conference Church might always be used. Pictures of our institutions could occasionally be introduced. Some great event in the progress of the church might be worthy of pictorial emphasis. The more readable we can make our Minutes, the more readers we will have among the laymen to read the lines and to read between the lines.

Benevolence.

DEACONESS WORK. It is very gratifying to know that steps have been taken to put the Deaconess Work of the Conference upon an efficient and permanent basis. Without a home it was difficult to develop interest from any standpoint. Churches have been slow to organize Deaconess Circles. The income from the assessments has been, proportionally, too small. Every one has recognized the imperative necessity of a home, if this particular function of the church is to continue its ministry with self-respect and with increasing helpfulness and vigor.

Acting under the authority of the three preceding Conference sessions, the Deaconess Board purchased an excellent property at 2512 N. Charles St. The house has large rooms and is well suited to the purpose for which it is to be used. It is located in a section where property values are not likely to depreciate. About \$200 have been spent in repairs. The house is in splendid condition. It has been well furnished by the churches.

Since last Conference four promising young ladies have enlisted in the work and are taking their nurse training at the Maryland General Hospital. A school for their diaconate training will soon be provided. Other young ladies may attend this school, not, indeed, to be deaconesses, but to be trained for more efficient service in the churches of which they are members. This would not add to the expense of the Board and the

only expense for those taking the course would be the small expense for text-books.

The increase in the number of deaconesses will require a material increase in the assessment. \$2000 will be needed to pay salaries of deaconesses, interest on borrowed money, upkeep of the house, etc. I recommend that this amount be assessed on the district for the maintenance of the Home. But the Conference must do something to provide for the debt of \$3000 incurred in the purchase, either by a special scheme of finance or through the regular assessment. An additional assessment of \$500 would make the payment of the Home possible in six or eight years. Let us get back of the Deaconess Work in a substantial way. No task is too big for us when we have a big vision and a big heart.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY. This particular interest should receive our warmest support. I regret there is a deficiency in the distribution fund. The present basis of appropriation has caused an over-appropriation, so the deficiency could not have been avoided. The churches have been asked to take a special collection for this purpose. The exact amount of the deficiency to date will not be known until the Conference Treasurer has received the returns from all the charges. I recommend that instead of 10% of the assessment for Superannuates being added to the Invested Fund, the rule be suspended for this year, so that the amount can be used in the distribution. And I further recommend, if this is not sufficient to meet the deficit, other plans be adopted at once, so that our Superannuated claimants can have the whole amount of their appropriation. At a time when we are advancing the salaries of pastors, we ought not to forget the veteran and disabled heroes, who have borne the heat and burden of the day. Instead of an abridgement of the rules, I think the sentiment of the Conference would be for an enlargement of the rules. The pension idea is being fostered everywhere. Soldiers, teachers, policemen receive pensions. And not only with public institutions, but even with private institutions, there is a growing disposition to recognize in a generous way the worth of long and faithful service. The church should not permit the activities of the world to outstrip it in benevolent impulses. 15 Protestant Denominations are endeavoring to raise a fund of \$65,000,000 for ministerial relief, but in this particular as a denomination we have no program or at least no formulated program has as yet been announced. I think, however, as an Annual Conference, we should not lose sight of this great need and a vigorous campaign to increase the Invested Fund should be begun at the earliest possible time, consistent with economic conditions and our own pressing Conference activities. I trust the matter will have careful attention when this particular item is under consideration.

CHURCH HOME.—Among our Conference activities, no work is more to be commended than that which is represented in the Church Home. We

must extend a helping hand to the worthy layman as well as to the worthy minister. But the increased cost of living is making a serious problem for the Church Home, even as it is making a serious problem for all of our homes. More income is needed. There are at present 17 inmates. The assessment of \$2000 must be supplemented by donations and more donations than were received last year. 32 churches specially remembered the Home last year. I want to call attention to the importance of every charge electing a Lady Visitor. The Home has only 75 such names on the list. This is only about one-half of the whole number of charges. I have been told the charges which have a Lady Visitor take the most interest in the Home and send donations and especially is this the case when the Lady Visitor has made a visit to the Home. The Annual Visitors' Day is held at the time of the Summer Conference. Cards of invitations are sent to the ministers and to the Lady Visitor of each charge. It would mean much to the Home if there could be a large representation at the annual gathering this year. I hope you will give careful consideration to the report concerning this worthy institution.

THE MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION. This is an organization among us for the expression of a common sympathy, when death shadows gather. And the beauty of its ministry is not so much the financial feature as the fraternal feature. The mortuary dues are only one dollar. The thing which counts is not the meagerness of the gift, but the eagerness of the giver. There have been an unusual large number of deaths this year and many lapses. If the regulations of this worthy benevolence are not altogether satisfactory, they should be changed, so as to embody more popular and workable ideals. Every member of the Conference should be a member of this association. We are insistent on Mutual Rights, let us be consistent in Mutual Relief.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME. The Home at High Point, N. C., is the only home for children in the denomination and it should appeal to the generous sympathy of the whole church. It belongs to all of the Conferences. In these days men are not only putting money into business to make more business, but are putting money into people to make better people. The best investment is the child. I hope our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor societies, in particular, in their benevolent activities and offerings will not forget the Children's Home and its splendid work of training and character-building.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES. St. John's Board of Beneficence, by its numerous responses to church appeals and personal appeals, has rendered timely service in the hour of struggle and embarrassment. The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society has put into my hands on three different occasions, money for distribution among worthy and needy ministers of our Conference. I am sure we gratefully acknowledge these generous gifts

and appreciate, more than words can tell, this expression of vital interest and Christian helpfulness.

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS. Our Church at Georgetown, Del., during the year, has received from the estate of Thomas P. Walls the sum of \$675.20. But people do not have to die in order to give money to the church. Willingness before death may mean more than a will after death. Mrs. Mary A. Jump has given to the Easton Church \$1500. The Church Home is also the beneficiary of her generous consideration to the amount of \$1000. We are always glad to record the benefactions of interested friends.

Enlarging Enterprises.

CHURCH EXTENSION. No denomination can make progress without a vigorous Church Extension program. When we cut out or cut down Church Extension, we have started on the way to church extinction. Only as we add to the number of our churches, can we add to the strength of our constituency and the scope of our influence. By direction of Conference a Superintendent has been put into the field to organize the work on a larger scale, to build new ideals as well as new churches. A beginning has been made in this direction, but it will take time to develop far-reaching plans. In this respect our work will never be done. A finished job means other and larger jobs to finish. If we are to grow, we must face growing opportunities. And if we can get things started right, there will be an increasing momentum of interest through the years.

War conditions may hinder building projects to a certain extent, but while the soldiers are fighting in the trenches, the church at home must not lay down in retrenchments. We add to the morale of the nation when we fortify spiritual vision with strong faith and courageous endeavor. If we are to do our best work after the war, we must do our best work during the war. I hope Church Extension activities will be carried on with increasing vigor. This is a work that ought to appeal to laymen. There are laymen among us whom God has blessed with material things. They can help us with our programs and help us even to make bigger programs.

The Conference Extension Society will report concerning its work. It was found necessary to sell Park Road Church. It was burdened with debt and the field could not be developed. It was sold for \$11,000. All obligations have been paid and there will be about \$500 to go back into the treasury of the society. It ought not to be expected that every enterprise will succeed. We have done wonderfully well even as a business proposition. This is practically our first failure. We must be wise enough to learn new lessons and go on with new undertakings. Last fall a lot was purchased on Falls Road for \$2350. It is well located and is in the midst of a growing development. Plans and estimates have been submitted and a chapel will soon be built. A good Sunday School has been or-

ganized and the people in the immediate community are anxious for a church. Arundel Cove near Curtis Bay, a work started by Rev. J. W. Norris, has made progress. Interested people have offered to donate a lot and quite likely a church will be built in this growing section at an early date. I hope you will give careful consideration to the report of the Board of Managers, noting the amount of money raised and the amount to be raised, if we are to carry on a self-respecting and vigorous work of enlargement. I give my hearty endorsement to the program of the Board.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society will report concerning the churches committed to its care—St. Paul's, Texas, Jones Memorial, Chesaco Park, Waverly. When churches can grow to be self-supporting, it is a good indication of substantial work. I attended the annual meeting of this society. The membership is only 70. I suggested that a big drive be made for 500 members. This is within the range of possibility and it would do much to quicken and popularize the work in our biggest center of Methodist Protestantism.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society has met with reverses. I hope there will soon be a revival of interest. Preliminary plans ought, at least, to be inaugurated, looking toward the development of new fields in the Nation's Capital, when the time is ripe for a forward movement.

And why cannot we have a Peninsula Church Extension Society or units of organization to be auxiliary to the Conference Society? I think the weakness of programs, sometimes, is in their generalization. We succeed best when we concentrate our aims and energies. About $\frac{1}{2}$ of our charges are on the Peninsula, and this particular section of our work needs to feel the necessity of Church Extension in a closer and more vital way. I recommend that the Committee on Church Extension consider and report upon the feasibility of a possible organization. I would like also to call attention to the value of local Church Extension work. Churches on their own initiative might develop new fields, either working alone or in conjunction with other churches in contiguous localities. There is need for more efficient organization in definite plans of procedure. I believe a hopeful beginning toward better things has been made.

MISSIONS.—This is the most far-reaching enterprise of the church. The Gospel must be preached to all nations. The vision of Jesus is the only vision worthy of a universal propaganda. The war is making world problems and the biggest problem is that of world evangelization. Now is the psychological time for the church to take a broader outlook, if it is to save the world and even if it is to save itself. Missionary activities are needed to keep the church from going wrong and to keep it always strong. In these days of world crisis, the church is facing the challenge of a great opportunity. Dr. Klein, our Missionary Secretary, is laboring most earnestly and successfully. I heartily commend his work.

Reports from the Japan Mission Conference are the best that have ever been made in financial, evangelistic and educational results. Statistics for the quarter ending Jan. 1st, 1918, showed 67 Sunday Schools, with 400 scholars, 8 C. E. societies; 1992 full members, 352 probationers. The Yokohama Night School and the Nagoya College, with their large student rolls, are vital factors in our Japan work. The new mission in India includes 4 native preachers, 3 Bible women, 2 missionaries, 3 mission halls, 6 Sunday Schools, the orphanage and girl's school, with 53 scholars. This new mission has been given to the Board without cost and without any debt on the property which is valued at \$10,000. The Board has agreed to enter China and co-operate with the W. F. M. S. by accepting when it is practicable some part or parts of their work.

But the thing which we must stress upon the home base is the financial appeal. The Board must have money to do more work, if the newer problems and larger opportunities are to be met. It would greatly help if the assessment could be forwarded early in the year. The Children's Day service and offering must not be forgotten. And it would be well if these regular activities could be supplemented by special activities. I believe churches will respond better to definite missionary work than to a general scheme of missions which is more or less indefinite and intangible to the average mind. The support of native pastors, theological students, rent of chapels, etc., offer opportunities for special gifts. This would give the Board a more certain income and would deepen missionary interest in the local church. Some churches in other Conferences are supporting a medical missionary. There are many ways to help, if one really wants to be helpful. It might not be an unpatriotic thing if some Liberty Bonds could be put into the Annuity Fund. The Board is about to project a special campaign to widen the scope of its work. May the larger vision stir the whole church to greater diligence and devotion.

I want to commend our faithful women in labors abundant. New interest has come to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. A campaign has begun for the organization of new societies. I was glad to be present at the annual meeting of the Maryland Branch. Woman still proclaims the Glad Tidings.

HOME MISSIONS under the administration of Dr. Beck is making splendid progress. The receipts of the Board last year represented a net gain of over \$4000 beyond that of the preceding year and exceeding the best year of the Board ever had by nearly \$3500. During the present year the indebtedness of the Board has been reduced about \$2500. The Board has been assisting older Conferences in establishing churches in strategic centers, contiguous to our organized work and has been extending our borders in the newer sections of the country. I am glad to report the Board has appropriated \$1000 to Falls Road—the latest enterprise of our Church Extension work. Dr. Beck will be present during Conference and I am sure we will be pleased to hear more fully concerning the important interest which he represents. The largest measure of co-operation should

be given—the assessment in full and always an Easter offering from every Sunday School. I note with pleasure some Home Missionary Societies among the women of our churches. I hope the number of the societies can be very much enlarged during the year. We must save America to help America to save the world.

Young People's Work.

I hardly know how to classify Young People's Work, so I have put it in a class by itself. Here is the greatest field of opportunity for the church. The possibilities of young life are without limit. This is the Young People's age. Young people are in the forefront of the world's work, and the church must learn to use and develop its best asset. That church fails in its divine mission which cannot make its young people feel they have a part in its responsibilities and a place in its activities. The church is not an organization for grown-up people, but for growing people and no people grow so rapidly as young people. Young people must be trained in the elements of efficiency. They must be fitted for leadership and not simply for the church of to-morrow, but for the vision and enthusiasm and strength they can put into the church of today.

The leaders of our Young People's Work have a strong grasp upon the situation. I want to urge upon our pastors and particularly our young men to become affiliated with the Union sympathetically, lining up with its program, even at the point of inconvenience and sacrifice. The vision of Young People's activities is needed to enlarge their outlook and to increase their usefulness. The Salisbury convention revealed vast possibilities. It was a mighty stimulus especially to the churches on the Eastern Shore. The convention was grouped about experts in Missions, Bible Study, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor. The great mass meeting on the last night was one of the largest inspirational gatherings we have ever had. The church can always have a forward movement when the enthusiasm and energies of the young people are enlisted. Specialization and standardization are the modern methods. The Young People's Union is specializing as well as spiritualizing its activities. It is insisting on higher standards. We need standard Sunday Schools and not stranded Sunday Schools. We need well-organized Christian Endeavor societies and not constantly re-organized Christian Endeavor societies. The leadership of our young people is strong and resourceful. The work is being cared for in harmony with the spirit of the age. New ideas are constantly being introduced. Let me call attention to the latest idea. Dr. Straughn, the president of the Union, has gotten out a book for insertion into our Sunday School curriculum. The book deals with the history and essentials of our church. Our young people must not only be loyal, but intelligently loyal. I commend these earnest and constructive efforts toward increased efficiency. The Union will make a detailed report concerning its program. I am sure we will be glad to greet the new secretary of the

Board of Young People's Work, Dr. A. G. Dixon. He will find our people responsive to the highest ideals and the most progressive methods.

Social Service.

MORAL REFORM.—The church must make its influence felt beyond the technical sphere of its activities. We may put emphasis upon modern and intensive methods in the distinctive development of our ecclesiasticism, but spiritual efficiency in the Church means little, if it does not mean moral efficiency in the State. Our first business as Christian people is always the establishment and extension of the Kingdom. Ministers of the Gospel as social leaders are almost facing a crisis and war conditions have not precipitated the crisis, either. War conditions have only attracted attention to modes of procedure in social service activities. Because many have narrowed the mission of the church, numberless organizations have sprung up outside of the church to do the work the church ought to do. The church does not oppose these organizations. Indeed, it rejoices in their ministry. It largely supplies the motive and the money and the men to carry on their benevolent enterprises, but here is the danger zone, when the church loses its social leadership, it must inevitably lose in spiritual leadership. The times are calling for men strong enough to lead the church out of beaten paths. The minister of the Gospel should be identified with civic and social reforms as the accredited representative of the church. The problems of the community are vitally related to the life of his parish and he cannot afford to stand by idly while others are shaping the public spirit and the public conscience. The church must touch life at every point of the circumference. We must make the mission of the Church as broad as the mission of the Christ. If this means more sociology, it need not mean less theology. If it means to magnify the Institutional Church, it need not mean to minify the Inspirational Church. To know how to co-ordinate the distinctive phases of Christ's ministry is the ideal to be worked out in the midst of the difficult problems which have been thrust upon the thought of the world.

I am glad I can call your attention to the wonderful progress of Temperance Reform. It is the most heartening thing in the program for the social regeneration of men. The religious argument, the economic argument, and more lately the patriotic argument have combined their forces in one determined purpose to outlaw the saloon. Eleven States have ratified the Federal Amendment. We are glad the Maryland Legislature has caught the vision of National Prohibition, but regret it cannot see the value and consistency of State Prohibition. However, the tide is rising. No one can stem the outflow of a nation's best thought. Sooner than man expect the banner of a larger freedom will be unfurled. Then Old Glory shall have new glory, for it will mean a stainless flag floating over a saloonless land.

I wish I had time to speak of other great reforms. Never has philanthropic work been so widely organized, but sufficient for me to say the Temperance Reform is the most comprehensive of all reforms. It sets the standard and speed of social progress. Intemperance is peculiarly related to all evils, so that if we strike at the source, the occasion for striking hard at other iniquities may not be so necessary. To solve the problem of drink is to take the longest step that can be taken toward the new regime of righteousness. Due recognition should be given to the Anti-Saloon League, the Lord's Day Alliance, all organizations, whether working in the name of the church or proceeding on their own responsibility, for what they do in the uplift and betterment of the world.

In this connection I would like to recommend that we add to our list of standing committees, a Social Service Committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen and to continue in force throughout the year. The need for such a committee in the interim of Conference is constantly arising. Often we are not represented in important meetings of churches and affiliated organizations, because no one has special authority to act. Social questions are multiplying very rapidly and the church must deal with the vital problems of to-day, if its ministry is to be an efficient force in the work of the Kingdom. Furthermore we have numerous country churches which have not yet worked out their ecclesiastical salvation. The problem of the rural church could well be studied by this committee. A social service committee in the Annual Conference is as vital as a social service commission in the larger life of the denomination as recommended by the last General Conference.

WAR WORK. It is not difficult to find a religious basis for the war. Much is at stake, not only free government, but even spiritual Christianity. Every Christian force must be mobilized and organized for the winning of the war, so that freedom and peace may be the just and permanent heritage of the nations. And we are all related to the common task as vitally and completely as the soldiers in the trenches or the sailors on the ships. We are not to suspend operations. We are rather to extend the principle of co-operation in a new spirit of sacrifice.

Our church as a denomination has no war program. Whatever is done, must be done from the standpoint of Individual Conferences. Our people, no doubt, have been in the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Liberty Loan and Thrift Stamp drives. During the year we have surrendered three men to the call of our country's need,—one to be a chaplain in the U. S. Army and another to do special Y. M. C. A. work in France; a third to be a director of religious work in the home field. Several of our ministers have visited the soldier boys in the training camps, carrying messages of hope and cheer. Special patriotic meetings have been held in the churches. Honor Rolls have been displayed. Service flags have been unfurled. Prayers have been offered. Letters have been written. We have not been altogether unmindful of duty and love in these perilous days, but we ought to do more. And until there is some concerted move-

ment throughout the denomination, I want to call attention to our Odenton Church located under the very shadow of Camp Meade. This church might serve in a double capacity, ministering to both the civilian and soldier life of the community. I would like to have a committee appointed to consider and report upon the feasibility for war service of a local pastorate at Odenton. The situation must be studied from the standpoint of available men, finance, church extension, Government regulations, etc. There is need for churches to re-enforce their activities at the gates of camps and cantonments. While discipline is maintained on the inside, too often deviltry obtains on the outside. During the winter months the Church Extension Society employed a seminary student to re-enforce the work at Odenton, but the situation ought to be coped with on a more permanent basis. We have not done our full duty in these war days until we have thoughtfully endeavored to meet the opportunities, God in His providence has thrust at our very doors.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

Finance.

METHOD.—The problem of the Kingdom is more and more becoming a problem of finance. Many people have no interest in the church, because they give nothing or their gifts are proportionally too small. People as a rule are interested in enterprises in which they have money investments. Other things being equal, that church will succeed best which responds most generally and generously to its financial obligations. And churches should regard these obligations more seriously. If worthy and self-respecting ideals are to be reached, there must be method and the most approved method. The charges which have no financial method are not only behind in finance, but behind in everything else.

During the year increasing emphasis has been put upon better financial methods. If giving were as systematic as getting, there would be big improvement and if giving were in proportion to prosperity, there would be even bigger improvement. The financial scheme in the Forward Movement Program is, without doubt, the best for our churches. The budget plan is businesslike. The envelopé system is an easy and effective way of taking care of the budget. The every member canvass embodies a Scriptural ideal. The gifts of a church have only spiritual significance when they represent the gifts of the largest number of its members. But no plan, however good, will work itself. Special attention should be given to the personnel of boards of stewards. Business men are needed to execute business plans. Stewards should be men of administrative ability, men of vision and vigor, men of faith and enthusiasm. Inefficient men invite failure from the very start. And it need not take a large number of stewards to make a system of finance effective. The great need is not so much for more stewards back of the system as more stewardship in

the system. Our people must be educated and trained in the principles and habits of Christian beneficence. Our churches are not giving enough. Our gifts per capita are not as large as those of most denominations and as a Conference we are not doing as well as some Conferences in our own church.

I am glad there is a quickened interest in better financial plans. The reports which have come to me indicate that 96 charges have the budget and envelope system in whole or in part. Perhaps as many as 40 of our charges have no plan whatever. Some pastors say it is no use to try. One pastor reports the oyster supper plan. One pastor from the water courses, says, catch what you can. Another pastor says—Our plan is buttonholing. But that plan gets nowhere. You may get a button, but you will hardly get the man back of the button. I think the emphasis of the Forward Movement upon better financial methods has been abundantly worth while. New plans have been adopted. Old plans have been enlarged and made more efficient. The good work must continue until every charge in the Conference has converted its financial problems into financial opportunities.

SALARY INCREASE. We have no sustentation fund, neither can we resort to co-erive measures. Pastoral support is a thing to be determined by the voluntary responsiveness of the people, but we are glad in these days the appeal is made on the basis of business and justice. The emphasis upon the subject and the adoption of better methods have given the churches more income and the advancing cost of living has made increased pastoral support imperatively necessary. I fear some will think I have stressed the financial side of the work too strongly, but some one must speak for the pastors. I sent a communication to the first quarterly conference of every charge and another communication to the fourth quarterly conference of every charge which had not reached the minimum salary limit. I have written much about it in the Methodist Protestant and the appeal has not been forgotten in official visits to the churches. I am glad the responses have been most gratifying. 77 charges have increased salary this year to the amount of \$9945. 55 charges have increased for next year to the amount of \$6560. This is the largest number of increases ever made in one year. But the end is not yet. Our standard must be, not increased salaries, but increasing salaries. By action of last Conference a special committee is to consider certain phases of pastoral support. I would like to see the committee review the whole situation of pastoral support. I believe some further suggestions and recommendations can be made. Let us raise the minimum limit and keep pushing the maximum figures beyond all limits.

DEBTS. This has been a good year in the liquidation of debts. War conditions have not as yet affected church finance. People seem to have more money even for spiritual obligations. According to cards returned to the President, \$34,898 have been raised on debt by 65 different charges. The record is almost complete because only five pastors did not return

their cards. The following charges paid \$500 and more on debt: Accomac, Alexandria, Lauraville, Cambridge, Melvin Chapel, Delta, Federalsburg, First Church, Newark, Georgetown, Del., Harrington, Laurel, St. Luke's, Taylor Memorial, Sharptown, Texas, First Church, Washington, North Carolina Ave., Brooklyn, Christ Church, Hampden, Keen Memorial, Lowe Memorial, Starr, St. Johns, Wilton Heights, Rhode Island Ave.

IMPROVEMENTS.—84 charges have been engaged in some kind of church or parsonage improvements. These improvements will total about \$41,340. The following charges have expended \$500 and more in improvements: Bedford, Eutaw, Finksburg, Harbeson, Kemptown, Lisbon, Lynchburg, St. Luke's, Sharptown, Union, Wesley Chapel of Kent, Christ Church, Keen Memorial, Lowe Memorial, South Baltimore, Clayton, Powellville, Rhode Island Ave.

NEW ENTERPRISES.—A new Sunday School room is being added to Jennings Chapel on Lisbon Charge, which will cost between \$4000 and \$5000. The church at Hebron on Union Charge has been raised. A basement has been constructed and with other improvements, the outlay may reach \$1500. The new church at Sharptown was opened for worship last October. The cost was about \$13,000. It is a beautiful church and reflects great credit upon pastor and people. The debt is slightly more than \$2000. Extensive improvements have been made at Lynchburg. The old church has been remodeled and now embodies many new features. The cost was about \$4500. Texas Church, having paid its debt, was dedicated on Thanksgiving day. This church has had a short, but a very successful career. It will pay \$350 next year on pastoral support. A new church will be built this spring at Wattsville on New Church Charge. Much of the material is already on the ground and more than one-half of the money is already in hand. The church will likely cost \$5000. A new pipe organ has been installed in the Lowe Memorial Church at a cost of \$2000. The whole amount has been paid. The organ will be dedicated next Sunday. Keen Memorial has recently bought adjoining lots, looking toward building operations. A new organization of 35 members has been effected at Harmony under direction of Federalsburg Charge and steps have been taken to acquire an abandoned M. E. Church. Congratulations to all pastors who are back of new enterprises. Economic conditions have not been favorable during the year for extended building projects. There are a number of churches, waiting for the psychological time, to enlarge their operations. Such churches should begin to arrange the preliminaries, to buy a lot, to start a building fund, to lay a foundation of interest in bigger undertakings. There need be no delay in the things that can be done now. "The King's business requireth haste." War conditions must serve and even subserve the Kingdom.

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.—Immediately after Conference the President's parsonage was carried through a process of complete renovation under the direction of its genial and efficient agent, Bro. H. K. Muller. The cost was about \$700. The money was borrowed and has

been paid back with the exception of a small balance. The parsonage is now very comfortable and homelike. It is conveniently located. The Parsonage's Guild, composed of interested and devoted women from the Baltimore churches, looks after the furnishing of the home. Their income is limited. The Ladies' Aid Societies of the respective charges are asked to contribute one dollar, but not more than one-third respond. I hope the pastors and delegates will see to it that this particular item is not neglected or forgotten. Individuals may join the Guild by the payment of the annual membership dues which is one dollar. There is need for a quickened interest and I hope the appeal of the Guild will reach the women of our churches.

Spiritual Results.

EVANGELISM. It is almost impossible to estimate the real scope of spiritual work, but some visible results are apparent. This has not been a great evangelistic year. The severity of the winter has very much interrupted special services. A few charges have had a gracious season of revival. As I scan the reports I notice that Pentecostal blessings, with large ingathering, have been witnessed at Hampden, Caroline, Chestertown, Lawsonia, Elizabeth, Federalsburg, Finksburg, Howard, Laurel, Milton, New Market, Northumberland, Rowlandville, Sharptown, Whaleyville, Christ Church, Wilton Heights. Out of 142 cards returned to me pastors have reported 2842 conversions.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE. In many reports the number of accessions is not as large as the number of conversions. Conversion means little if professed converts are not willing to identify themselves with the church. Pastors should be as diligent in teaching the saved as in reaching the unsaved. Believers must be added unto the whole number of disciples. Some pastors meet church rolls with argumentation rather than with augmentation. If they do nothing else they must revise the register, but it is always easier to take names off of the book than it is to put names on the book. We make no distinct gains because the revision of the lists often is too radical and sometimes the revision is not always actuated by the best of motives. Incomplete returns show 2471 accessions. I have been anxious to get the membership increase on a per centage basis. How far have we been reaching toward the 25% goal of the Forward Movement? For the first year of our campaign in the quadrennium, on the basis of reports sent to me, 49 charges have made 6¼% or more net increase in membership. Alexandria, Amelia, Bethany, Chesaco Park, East Baltimore, Starr, St. Paul's, West Baltimore, Buckeystown, Caroline, Lawsonia, Melvin Chapel, Mapleside, Deer Park, Elizabeth, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church, Newark, Frederick, Harper's Ferry, Harrington, Howard, Kennedyville, Laurel, Mardela, Milton, New Market, Nichol's Memorial, Parksley, St. Luke's, Taylor Memorial, Quantico, Rowlandville, St. James, Trinity, Wallace Memorial, War-

wick, Cherrydale, First Church, Washington, North Carolina Ave., Whaleyville, Brooklyn, Christ's Church, Hampden, Wilton Heights, Mt. Nebo, Salisbury, Greenbush & Tasley, Snow Hill.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES. 60 charges report missionary activities. And I notice where missionary work is definitely organized, the best results are secured not only in missions, but in every phase of local activities. The light which shines farthest from home, shines brightest at home. Every church should have a missionary organization. In a certain sense it may be said interest in missions is the real standard of spiritual success and progress. The surest and shortest way to God's heart is the long way around the world, making disciples of all nations.

The Forward Movement.

The Forward Movement Commission will report concerning its work, giving observations and impressions, together with recommendations. According to the scheme of the movement, the program of its activities is to continue during the whole quadrennium. The forward movement idea ought to appeal to us. We should do larger things and in a more efficient way. We must align ourselves to modern methods. We do not have to be back of the times to have God back of us. The Holy Spirit will sanctify methods and organizations when our working regime is worthy of sanctification. Let us bring to God for consecration our maturest thought, our ripest experience. In the activities of the Kingdom, the only efficiency worthy of the name, is the efficiency which comes from Him who is the real leader of men. I like the Forward Movement, because it is creating a new denominational impulse. It is sounding a new note—the note of an optimistic faith and faith can always be depended upon to give the broader vision and the conquering spirit. Let us put more into this movement, if we expect to get more out of it.

Conclusion.

And now in conclusion I want to make grateful acknowledgement to God for His good providence which has enabled me to make an official visit to every charge in the Conference and to some charges two and three times. In committee meetings, in membership gatherings, in quarterly conferences, in Sabbath services, I have endeavored to lift up higher standards for our people. The work has been hard, but you have made it pleasant with your sympathy, love and co-operation. For the privilege of a deepening acquaintance with the preachers and laymen, for the wider opportunity of laboring together in the Master's service, and for all the kindnesses and courtesies of the year, I am thankful from the bottom of my heart.

Praying God will bless our fellowship and give us vision, wisdom and love in the transaction of Conference business, I am

Very Sincerely,

Your brother in the Gospel,

L. F. WARNER.

Of the Committee on President's Report.

We have carefully considered the President's report, which is a most forceful and comprehensive review of the Conference interests and activities. It is full of very gratifying and encouraging information and beautifully expresses a large vision of the great possibilities of our Conference work. The high aims he sets before us challenges our best endeavors.

We express the sincere sympathy of the Conference to all those who have been called to mourn the departure of loved ones, and pray that God may sustain them in their dark and lonely hours.

We note the grateful recognition given by the President of bequests from Brother Thomas P. Wells to our church at Georgetown, Delaware, and of Sister Mary A. Jump to our Church Home and the Easton Church.

There are several matters to which the President calls special attention and makes recommendations as follows:

1. The President reports there are eleven closed churches in the District and that steps should be taken to consider their condition; we, therefore, recommend that the Superintendent of Church Extension be a committee to ascertain their legal status, carefully study their particular problems, and have power to dispose of the properties under the supervision of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.

2. We concur in the recommendation that the names of Revs. Ronalds Taylor, J. E. Massey, and Allen Haldeman be taken from the Conference roll, they having legally withdrawn.

3. We most heartily endorse the recommendation that the First and Second Sundays in May next be fixed as the time for a whirlwind campaign for the building fund of Westminster Theological Seminary as planned by its President, Rev. H. L. Elderdice, and further that his plans be given the fullest co-operation by the pastors and churches throughout the District.

4. The President has called attention to the need of a larger cooperation in the attendance and support of the Summer Conference. We therefore recommend that the Conference pledge its support in attendance, that we discontinue the payment of dues and that an appropriation of \$300, or such part of that amount as may be needed to meet the needs of the program, be made from the collections for Conference expenses.

5. We concur in the President's recommendation that the Third Sunday in October be put permanently into our calendar of Special Days to be known as Methodist Protestant Day when there shall be a concerted emphasis upon the claims of the Church paper.

6. The suggestion of the President relative to printing cuts of our deceased ministers in the Conference minutes in connection with their obituaries, also cuts of the Conference church and other institutions in so far as practicable, is heartily approved, and we recommend that it be done.

7. We note with pleasure the President's report of the Deaconess work and purchase of the Home, and concur in the recommendation that an assessment of \$2000.00 be laid upon the District for the Deaconess work.

8. We concur in the President's recommendation relative to the Superannuate Fund.

9. We approve the recommendation that the Conference Church Extension Committee consider and report upon the feasibility of organizing a Peninsula Church Extension Society.

10. Believing in the mature judgment of the President we concur in his recommendation that a Standing Committee on Social Service shall be appointed of 3 ministers, 3 laymen. We further recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider the Odenton Church in connection with war work at Camp Meade.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TROUT.

E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.

VANCE W. MILES.

T. J. WILSON.

Agent of President's Parsonage.

Receipts.

1917.			
Recd. Rev. J. S. Bowers, ex-President	\$	99.93	
Recd. Baker Watts Co., net proceeds of note		581.50	
Recd. Mr. Johnson, repairs to fence		2.00	
Oct. 3, Recd. Sale gas stove		3.00	
Nov. 14, Recd. Rev. L. F. Warner, President		250.00	
Dec. 27, Recd. Rev. L. F. Warner, President		9.00	
Mar. 15, Recd. Rev. L. F. Warner, President		200.00	\$1145.43

Disbursements.

1917.			
Apr., Paid J. C. Muller, papering	\$	120.00	
Apr., Paid J. C. Muller, scraping		30.00	
Apr., Paid J. C. Muller, staining of floors		35.00	
Apr., Paid J. C. Muller, kalsomining cupboards		5.00	
Apr., Paid J. C. Muller, Formaldehyde disinfecting..		1.50	
Apr., Paid J. E. Norris, carpentering		26.50	
Apr., Paid E. Epler, sink in kitchen		16.00	
Apr., Paid E. Epler, gas fixtures and repairs		25.00	
Apr., Paid H. K. Muller, 24 shades, 2 trans.		35.00	
Apr., Paid Wm. Ohm, furnace and range work		66.00	
Apr., Paid Wm. Ohm, repairs to roof and painting...		157.00	
Apr., Paid Wm. Ohm, gas range		35.00	
Apr., Paid Wm. G. William, painting outside and in- side of house		124.00	
Apr., Paid paving tax		4.46	
June 22, Paid E. Epler, repairs to bath		2.20	
June 22, Paid E. Epler, 2 spigots in bath		3.70	
Nov. 14, Paid discount on note \$360.00, renewed ...		7.20	
Nov. 14, Paid Baker Watts on acct of note \$600.00..		240.00	
Dec. 27, Paid German Fire Ins. Co., furniture		9.00	
1918.			
Mar. 15, Paid Baker Watts Co. on acct. note \$360.00..		200.00	
Mar. 15, Paid Baker Watts Co. int. on note \$16.00...		.84	\$1143.40
April 8, Balance			\$ 2.03

 \$1145.43

Submitted,

H. K. MULLER, Agent.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va.	J. N. Link	1	Caroline	W. L. Jump	2
Alexandria, Va.			Cecil	L. E. Haddaway	2
R. W. White (Supply)		2	Centreville	G. Q. Bacchus	1
Amelia, Va.	W. C. Mumford	6	Chestertown	J. L. Ward	3
BALTIMORE—			Chincoteague, Va.		
Alnutt Memorial..	F. T. Little	7	H. F. Butler (Supply)		1
Bethany	V. A. Miller	1	Clayton, Del.		
Broadway	G. L. Curry	1	E. C. Graham (Supply)		3
Brooklyn	S. W. Coe	5	Concord, Pa.		
Calvary	H. S. Johnson	6	C. M. Jenkins (Supply)		1
Chesaco Park			Conquest, Va.	J. F. Wooden	3
G. E. McDorman (Supply)		1	CRISFIELD—		
Christ Church..	E. L. Beauchamp	2	Crisfield	C. M. Elderdice	2
East Baltimore	G. A. Ogg	2	Lawsonia	To be supplied	
Eutaw	E. A. Sexsmith	2	Mariner's	C. M. Adams	2
Evergreen ..	K. K. Haddaway	2	Crumpton	To be supplied	
Hampden	E. D. Stone	6	CUMBERLAND—		
Keen Memorial...	A. S. Beane	11	First Church..	J. W. Balderston	3
Lauraville...	G. H. Stocksdales	2	Mapleside & Fairlew		
Lowe Memorial..	W. A. Melvin	3	J. Tracy Fenby (Supply)		1
N. Baltimore..	W. H. Litsinger	4	Melvin Chapel...	J. L. Green	2
Payson Street			Deer Creek..	W. A. Sites (Supply)	1
E. Lester Ballard (Supply)		1	Deer Park	C. H. Dobson	1
S. Baltimore...	W. F. Wright	2	Delmar, Del.	E. H. Jones	1
Starr	G. W. Haddaway	17	Delta, Pa.	Carroll Maddox	2
St. John's	J. W. Kirk	11	Denton	T. O. Crouse	4
St. Paul's	F. D. Reynolds	1	Dorchester	D. W. Anstine	1
Trinity & Texas			Dover & Leipsic...	P. W. Crosby	1
R. E. Brooks (Supply)		1	Easton	N. O. Gibson	1
Violetville	W. B. Judefind	2	Elizabeth, N. J....	F. A. Holland	2
Waverly..	W. D. Short (Supply)	1	Fairfax, Va...	S. C. Wood (Supply)	1
W. Baltimore	J. M. Gill	3	Fawn Grove, Pa..	H. L. Schlincke	3
Wilton Heights..	G. M. Clayton	2	Federalsburg..	J. McLain Brown	2
Baltimore Circuit...	S. F. Cassen	6	Felton, Del.	J. T. Moore	1
Bedford, Pa.	C. W. Cole	1	Finksburg	N. C. Clough	2
Belair	B. W. Kindley	4	1st Ch. Newark, N. J.		
Bivalve..	H. E. Norris (Supply)	1	E. C. Makosky		6
Buckeystown	R. L. Shipley	4	Franklin City, Va.		
Cambridge	W. L. Hoffman	3	A. W. Betts (Supply)		1
Campbell, Va. ...	To be supplied		Frederick	G. J. Hooker	4
Cannon, Del.			Georgetown, Del....	J. T. Bailey	1
T. E. F. Morton (Supply)		1	Georgetown Circuit, Del.		
			H. H. Carroll (Supply)		2

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Greenbush & Tasley, Va.			Parksley, Va.....	H. B. Jester	1
	G. S. Ross	1	Patapsco	To be supplied	
Greensboro	To be supplied		PHILADELPHIA—		
Greenwood, Del.			St. Lukes	J. W. Trout	15
	H. W. D. Johnson	3	Taylor Memorial.	Louis Randall	3
Grove			Pipe Creek	R. K. Lewis	2
Alfred Scarborough (Supply)		1	Pittsville	W. P. Roberts	5
Harbeson, Del. ...	H. L. Murphy	1	Pocomoke City....	J. A. Dudley	1
Harmony, W. Va.			Pocomoke Circuit..	J. P. George	2
	W. S. Simms (Supply)	1	Potomac	C. K. McCaslin	3
Harper's Ferry, W. Va.			Powellville	J. H. Lynch	3
	A. W. Ewell	3	Quantico		
Harrington, Del.....	C. C. Day	2		C. S. Larrimore (Supply)	3
Howard	B. A. Bryan	1	Queen Anne	C. R. Dutton	2
Hurlock	W. M. Snyder	2	Reliance	T. C. Jones	3
Indian River.....	To be supplied		Rowlandville ..	W. N. Sherwood	1
Kempton	A. H. Green	2	Salem	To be supplied	
Kennedyville....	P. M. R. Schauer	3	Salisbury	A. N. Ward	2
Kent Island	W. S. Hanks	2	Seaford, Del.	B. F. Ruley	1
Laurel, Del.	J. H. Straughn	7	Selbyville, Del....	To be supplied	
Laurel Circuit, Del..	C. M. Cullum	4	Sharptown	C. P. Nowlin	1
Leeds	A. B. Dupuy	2	Snow Hill	H. O. Keen	3
Lewes, Del.	To be supplied		Stewartstown, Pa.		
Lewistown				G. R. Donaldson	1
	G. E. Turner (Supply)	1	St. James	Avery Donovan	1
Liberty	W. F. Bauscher	1	St. Michaels	Dorsey Blake	1
Linthicum Heights			Susquehanna	F. S. Cain	3
	E. H. Van Dyke	1	Talbot	To be supplied	
Lisbon	C. R. Strausburg	4	Trinity	E. L. Bunce	5
Lynchburg, Va....	George Hines	3	Tyreanna, Va....	To be supplied	
Mardela	I. S. Owens	2	Union	J. A. Wright	1
Marley	To be supplied		Union Bridge	F. M. Clift	3
Middleway, W.Va.	To be supplied		Wallace Memorial..	F. McCorkle	1
Milford, Del.	C. E. Dryden	2	Warwick	Ziba Adams	1
Milton, Del....	M. E. Hungerford	2	WASHINGTON, D. C.—		
Mt. Nebo	J. W. Parris	2	Cherrydale	G. J. Hill	1
New Church, Va. .	E. W. Simms	6	First Church....	C. M. Compher	3
Newmarket	C. N. Alexander	1	Georgetown	G. E. Brown	3
Nichols Mem....	R. Y. Nicholson	1	Mt. Tabor	J. P. Adams	1
Northumberland, Va.			N. C. Ave.	J. F. Bryan	2
	F. J. Phillips	1	R. I. Ave....	G. I. Humphreys	3
Oak Grove & Prince George			Wesley Chapel of Kent		
	W. C. Bowden (Supply)	1		A. F. T. Raum	1
Oxford	J. L. Elderdice	1	Westminster	E. T. Read	5

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Wilmington, Del.			J. A. Weigand		30
R. W. Sutcliffe (Supply)		1	J. M. Holmes		2
W. Wilmington, Del.			F. H. Mullineaux		2
To be supplied			F. T. Tagg		2
Whaleyville.....	E. T. Kirkley	2	J. S. Bowers		2
Wye	L. W. Gordon	1	J. G. Sullivan		19
Special Appointments.			W. R. Graham		3
Pres. W. M. C.....	T. H. Lewis	33	P. L. Rice		3
Prof. W. M. C....	E. A. Warfield	12	A. A. Harryman		1
Pres. W.Th.Sem..	H. L. Elderdice	22	G. F. Farring		1
Editor "M. P."....	F. T. Benson	2	C. E. McCulloch		1
Sec.Treas.Bd.For.M...	F. C. Klein	10			
Supt. Ch. Ex.....	J. M. Sheridan	1	Left Without Appointment At Own Request.		
Loaned.			Clayborne Phillips		2
Bd. Home Mis...T. R. Woodford		3	G. A. Morris		1
Bd. Home Mis.....	L. B. Smith	2	Lorenzo H. Davis		1
Superannuates.			L. A. Bennett (to engage in Evangelistic Work)		2
J. G. Gray		7	J. R. Wright, Assigned work as Army Chaplain		1
A. W. Mather		4	J. L. Nichols, Loaned Y. M. C.		1
J. W. Norris		4	A. War Work		1
W. D. Litsinger		15			
J. L. Mills		5			
W. M. Strayer		13			

Report B

THE SECRETARY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

Dear Brethren:

As Committee on Credentials I report: That credentials for the election of delegate have not been received from the following charges: Greensboro, Grove, Indian River, Lewes, Middleway, Oak Grove and Prince George, Texas, Park Road.

That the credentials from Lawsonia, Nichols Memorial, Lewistown, Patapasco, Queen Anne and Marley are irregular.

As Committee on Publication of Minutes I report herewith my financial statement; also that there is no change in contract price for 1918.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.	
Balance in hand last Conference	\$191.24
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas. 1917	\$634.00
Reported last Conference	94.00
	<u>540.00</u>

From C. P. Nowlin, Treas., Advanced assessments.....	174.00	
From sale of Minutes, Book Rooms	8.50	
From sale of Minutes, Secretary	1.00	
From sale of Manual .....	.50	
	<hr/>	
Total receipts for the year	\$915.24	\$915.24

Expenditures.

Publication and Distribution of Minutes, J. W. Stowell, contract price, 2000 copies, 150 pages	\$225.00	
50 additional pages, at \$1.50	75.00	
100 extra copies	7.50	
Mailing Minutes	18.48	
Conference programs 1917	5.90	
	<hr/>	
Total		\$331.88
To C. P. Nowlin, Treas.:		
Conference entertainment 1916	106.00	
Compensation	50.00	
Expense of office	4.36	
	<hr/>	
Total		160.36
To Methodist Protestant Book Concern for Bibles, Cre- dentials, etc.	46.20	
Postage for communications and reports	20.98	
Apr. 18, 1917, Ella B. Robson, stenographer	12.00	
May 3, Secretary's compensation	50.00	
July 7, J. R. Wright, Steward	25.00	
July 28, Conference expense	12.55	
August 20, Conference Stationery	33.70	
Sept. 12, Fidel. & Depos. Co. bond, Treas.	12.50	
Feb. 18, 1918, T. O. Crouse, Commit. exp.	7.00	
Feby. 20, J. H. Straughn, Commit. exp.	4.75	
Feby. 23, J. W. Stowell, printing	13.50	
March 18, T. P. Fisher, commit. exp.	15.00	
March 19, J. A. Prettyman, printing	3.50	
	<hr/>	
Total expenditures for the year	\$748.92	\$748.92
		<hr/>
Balance in hand		\$166.32

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report C

THE TREASURER.

1918.

President's Salary.

Apr. 4, Amount from District	\$3,127.00	
Apr. 8, To Vouchers from and Cash to Rev. L. F. Warner, President		\$3,127.00

Conference Expense.

Apr. 4, Amount from District	\$ 665.00	
Apr. 8, To Rev. J. H. Straughn, Secretary		\$ 665.00

Seminary.

Apr. 4, Amount from District	\$1,756.00	
Apr. 8, To Rev. H. L. Elderdice, President		\$1,756.00

College Endowment.

Apr. 4, Amount from District	\$1,697.00	
Apr. 8, To Rev. T. H. Lewis, President		\$1,697.00

Church Home.

Apr. 4, Amount from District	\$1,960.00	
Apr. 8, To Vouchers and Cash to J. P. Wantz, Treas..		\$1,960.00

Deaconess.

Apr. 4, Amount from District	\$ 943.00	
Apr. 8, To Vouchers and Cash to H. K. Muller		\$ 943.00

General Interests.

Apr. 4, Amount from District for Ministerial Education	\$ 630.00	
Amount from District for Home Missions....	2,400.00	
Amount from District for Foreign Missions..	2,839.00	
Amount from District for Children's Day....	4,523.00	
Amount from District for Special For. Mis....	1,735.00	
Amount from District for Easter Offering ...	1,571.00	
Amount from District for W. Lafayette Col..	735.28	
Amount from District for Budget	1,021.50	
		\$15,354.78
Apr. 8, To Vouchers from C. H. Beck, Treasurer and others		\$7,208.53
Cash to C. H. Beck, Treasurer		\$8,146.25
		<hr/>
		\$15,354.78

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Apr. 5, Amount reported to Conference	\$3,139.00	
To accounted Vouchers		\$3,139.00

Anti-Saloon League.

Apr. 5, Amount reported	\$2,255.00	
Accepted vouchers		\$2,255.00

Miscellaneous.

Apr. 5, Amounts reported	\$10,898.00	
Vouchers accepted		\$10,898.00

Church Extension Fund.

Receipts.

1917.

April 15, To Balance	\$ 479.39	
----------------------------	-----------	--

July 11, To Loan from F. A. Holland	300.00	
---	--------	--

Sept. 20, To Loan from 1st Nat. Bank, Have-de-Grace	587.70	
---	--------	--

1918.

April 5, To Cash from District	5,844.55	
--------------------------------------	----------	--

April 8, To Annual Dues	104.05	\$7,315.69
-------------------------------	--------	------------

Disbursements.

May 1, 1917 to April 8, 1918, By Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe

Claim	\$ 240.00	
-------------	-----------	--

Balto. City Church Ex. Society, \$350.00; Bethany,

\$150.00; Cannon, \$50.00; Centreville, \$100.00;

Cherrydale, \$100.00; Conference Ch. Ex. Society,

\$1840.00; Conquest, \$100.00; Crumpton, \$50.00;

Deer Creek, \$29.17; Delmar, \$100.00; Dover,

\$150.00; Evergreen, \$200.00; Fairfax, \$50.00;

Georgetown, Del., \$100.00; Kent Island, \$100.00;

Lauraville, \$200.00; Linthicum Heights, \$100.00;

Lowe Memorial, \$250.00; Mapleside & Fairview,

\$150.00; N. Car. Ave., \$250.00; Payson Street,

\$116.66; Quantico, \$150.00; St. Michaels, \$100.00;

Sharptown, \$125.00; Taylor Memorial, \$250.00

Violetville, \$100.00; Wilton Heights, \$100.00;

Ch. Ex. Society Debt to Wm. A. Melvin, \$337.00;

Loan of F. A. Holland, \$315.00

6,062.83

Note of \$600.00 in 1st National Bank of Havre-

de-Grace, Md.

600.00

Balance

412.86

\$7,315.69

Superannuated Fund.

Receipts.

1917.

July 24, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas. \$ 1,300.00
 Oct. 19, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas. 1,900.00

1918.

Jan. 10, To Check from Rev. L. B. Smith 15.00
 Jan. 28, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas. 1,300.00
 Mar. 29, To Check from T. R. Woodford 25.00
 Apr. 4, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas. 2,034.99
 Apr. 5, To Collection from District 4,716.00
 Apr. 5, To Special Collection from District 1,130.66
 Apr. 8, To Check from Rev. L. B. Smith 35.00
 Apr. 8, To Annual Dues 106.50
 To Deficit 915.72 \$13,478.87

Disbursements.

1917.

April 15, By Deficit \$ 1.19
 July 24, By 1st Distribution 1,278.00
 Oct. 19, By 2nd Distribution 1,869.00

1918.

Jan. 28, By 3rd Distribution 1,278.00
 Apr. 8, By 4th Distribution 8,943.10
 Apr. 8, By Expense Corresponding Secretary 3.08
 Apr. 8, By Investment from Annual Dues 106.50 \$13,478.87

Respectfully submitted,
 C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treas.

Report D

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully present the following report:

First:—The following are now members of the board, J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and T. A. Murray, whose terms expire in 1920; F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr, whose terms expire in 1919; A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1918, and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference.

Second:—The \$1000.00 legacy of Mrs. A. S. Eversole has been invested and the income therefrom used for church extension purposes in accordance with the provisions of the said legacy.

Third:—We submit herewith the annual report of the Treasurer of the Board showing the receipts and expenditures from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and now subject to disposition by the Board of Trustees as the Trustee under the will of Dr. Drinkhouse in accordance with the terms created by the said will.

Fourth:—We report that the books and accounts of the Board have been audited and found correct in every particular 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, 1917-1918.

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

GENERAL FUND.

To balance per last report		\$ 280.61
To Rent (less repairs—McQueen Property)	\$ 265.50	
To Interest on deposits	7.13	
To Commissions on Income Drinkhouse Trust Estate.	53.60	\$ 326.23
		<hr/>
		\$ 606.84

CR.

By Taxes paid on McQueen Property	\$ 45.81	
By Expenses of Management (including travelling expenses of members attending Board Meeting).	24.76	
To Balance on deposit	536.27	\$ 606.84
		<hr/>
		<hr/>

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE.

To Balance per last Report		\$ 902.16
To Income from Investments	\$1053.00	
To Interest on Deposits	19.37	1072.37
		<hr/>
		\$1974.53

CR.

By Rent Safe Deposit Box	\$ 5.00	
By Trustees Commissions on Income credited to General Fund above	53.60	
By appropriations from Income made by Trustees and paid as follows:—		
To Baltimore Book Directors for use of "The Methodist Protestant"	\$1000.00	
To Maryland Educational Endowment Society, for Ministerial Education	500.00	
By Balance on deposit	415.93	\$1974.53
		<hr/>

EVERSOLE TRUST FUND.

To amt. said Trust Fund as per last Report	\$1000.00	
To Interest on same	30.00	
		<hr/>
		\$1030.00

CR.

By amt. loaned to Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference per order of Trustees to be used for Falls Road Mission	\$1000.00	
By Balance on hand	30.00	\$1030.00
		<hr/>

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.

ROWLAND WATTS,
T. W. DONOHO,
Auditing Committee.

Report E

OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance has completed its work, after having given to every minister and delegate an opportunity to appear before the Board and state the instructions of their respective Quarterly Conferences. The

action of the Conference in increasing the budget of assessments about \$3400.00 has necessarily increased the assessments upon each charge.

We herewith submit the list.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman,
 W. P. ROBERTS, Secretary.
 H. L. SCHLINCKE.
 J. H. ROBERTS.
 W. E. SHEPPARD.
 W. ALBERT BANNISTER.

Report F

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

Of the Committee.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders respectfully submits the following as a partial report:

We report that H. F. Butler and W. C. Bowden have been placed in the Preparatory Class; C. N. Alexander, J. T. Moore, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, L. E. Haddaway, J. P. George, C. H. Dobson and Frank K. McCorkle are passed to the Second Year's Class, except that Frank K. McCorkle and L. E. Haddaway are continued in the First Year in Homiletics. C. N. Alexander and A. F. T. Raum received 100 in Broadus' and 100 in Sunday School Management; P. M. R. Schauer, L. E. Haddaway, J. P. George, C. H. Dobson and J. T. Moore received 100 in Sunday School Management; I. S. Owens and W. L. Jump are continued in the Third Year because they did not appear for examination, and did not send a syllabus according to requirements. E. T. Kirkley was passed through the course.

We report further that Seminarians of the Third Year are requested to forward to F. T. Benson, a thesis on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st.

We recommend

1. That Gilbert S. Ross be admitted into the Conference, and that he be ordained, he being a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary.
2. That J. P. George, C. N. Alexander, and P. M. R. Schauer be ordained, they having preached three years under the stationing authority of the Conference: provided they give the usual pledge to continue their studies.

Additional Report:—

We report that Frank K. McCorkle and I. S. Owens passed in Sunday School Management, Frank K. McCorkle receiving 100. W. L. Jump

received 100 in Miller's Christian Ministry. J. H. Lynch is passed to the First Year's Class. H. L. Murphy is continued in the First Year's Class.

We report further that H. L. Elderdice has been requested to prepare a book on "Homiletics" for our Course of Study.

We recommend:

1. That W. A. Sites, R. W. Sutcliffe, E. C. Graham, W. S. Simms and C. S. Larrimore be placed in the hands of the President.

2. That H. F. Butler, W. C. Bowden, Frank K. McCorkle, S. C. Wood, W. D. Short, A. W. Betts, H. E. Norris, C. M. Jenkins, G. E. McDorman, R. W. White, J. L. Green, H. H. Carroll and Alfred S. Scarborough be placed in the hands of the President, and be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment.

3. That J. T. Moore, J. H. Lynch, C. H. Dobson, H. L. Murphy, L. E. Haddaway and A. F. T. Raum, be given license to administer the ordinances.

4. That the transfers of L. W. Gordon, from the Eastern Conference, and of G. L. Curry from the North Carolina Conference, be accepted.

5. That the publication of the book on "Homiletics," for the Course of Study, be published by the Book Directory.

6. That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to have printed two hundred copies of the blank forms which are used by candidates in their application for admission into the Conference.

7. We request the President of the Conference to appoint an examiner on Historical Geography.

J. L. MILLS, President.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

Report G

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Of the Committee.

We recommend that the same assessment as last year be laid upon the Conference District for Church Extension.

We commend the work of the Church Extension Society of this Conference for the year. We note with pleasure the purchase of the lot on Falls Road and 42nd Street, at a cost of \$2350.00, and the prospect of a new building on said lot in the near future.

After fully considering the problem of the Park Roads Church, we heartily concur in the sale of the same.

We note with pleasure that nearly forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500),

were secured by the efforts of the Superintendent of Church Extension during the eight months of his incumbency.

This Conference is engaged in no more important work than that of Church Extension, and, in harmony with the request of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, we recommend the reassignment of Rev. J. M. Sheridan for the work of Superintendent.

We rejoice in the continued good work done by the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and we recommend:

FIRST: That Chesaco Park and Jones Memorial Churches constitute a charge, to be known as Chesaco Park, and be supplied by a pastor.

SECOND: That Texas and the new enterprise on Falls Road, which is named "Trinity," constitute a separate charge, to be known as Trinity and Texas, and be supplied by a pastor.

Both of these charges to be under the supervision of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of this Conference.

THIRD: That Indian River Mission be placed under the care of the pastor of Lewes Charge.

FOURTH: That Dagsboro, on Selbyville Charge, be supplied by the pastor of Georgetown, Delaware.

FIFTH: We recommend that Linthicum Heights and Severn Churches be detached from Nichols' Memorial Charge, and constitute a new charge, to be known as Linthicum Heights.

SIXTH. We recommend that Liberty Church, on Northumberland Charge, be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society, for such distribution as is deemed wise by said Board.

SEVENTH. We have carefully considered the report of the special committee on the Wilmington Churches, and heartily concur in their recommendations concerning our work in the city of Wilmington.

In view of the fact that many of the members from the churches of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, move annually to this city, without adequate church accommodation; we recommend:

First, That steps be taken at once to raise at least \$25,000 for a new church enterprise in Wilmington, Delaware; and that the Church Extension Superintendent be authorized to proceed to raise the said amount, by such plans as may be deemed wise by the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of this Conference.

Second, We further recommend that all of our churches in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, heartily co-operate in the raising of the above fund, and in the establishing of said church.

With reference to the paper referred to this committee, concerning the purchase of Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church, in Caroline County, Maryland, and the sale of our Second Methodist Protestant Church, Wilmington, Delaware, to the Wilmington M. E. Conference, we recommend that this matter be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of this Conference.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore City Church Extension Society, for Chesaco Park Charge, if supplied, \$100; for Waverly, on pastor's salary, if supplied by regular pastor, \$200	\$300
Bethany, on pastor's salary, if supplied with married man.....	200
Calvary, on debt, provided balance of indebtedness is raised	250
Cannon's, on pastor's salary	50
Cambria, provided they raise \$250	100
Centreville, on salary, provided they raised total salary to \$800.....	100
Cherrydale, provided they raise \$300 on debt	100
Conference Church Extension Society, on account of salary for Superintendent of Church Extension, \$1000; and on the purchase of a lot in a new section of West Baltimore, \$500	1500
Conquest, on salary	100
Deer Creek, on salary	100
Dover, on interest, provided they raise \$300 on debt	150
Evergreen, on pastor's salary	200
Fairfax, on pastor's salary	50
First Church, Washington, D. C., provided they raise \$1000 on debt, \$250 in two annual installments	125
Greenbush & Tasley, on pastor's salary	100
Harmony, on pastor's salary, if supplied with married man	100
Kent Island, on pastor's salary, if total salary is made \$800	50
Linthicum Heights, on debt, provided they raise \$300	100
Lynchburg, on debt, provided they raise \$800	200
For Mrs. Thomas Lowe's annuity	240
Lowe Memorial, second payment, on purchase of ground	250
Mapleside & Fairview, Cumberland, on pastor's salary, if supplied with regular pastor	100
North Carolina Avenue, last installment on conditions specified a year ago	250
Payson Street, on pastor's salary, if supplied with regular pastor..	200
Quantico, if supplied with married man	200
St. Michael's, on debt of Fannie Lowe Mem. Church	100
Sharptown, third installment on \$500 appropriated	125
Violetville, if supplied with married man	100
Wilton Heights, third installment on \$500 appropriated	100

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

Of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society,

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society respectfully submits the following report.

While we have not accomplished during the year all we had hoped we are gratified to know that some progress has been made in the work as-

signed us. The Treasurer has received \$825.00, the most of which has been disbursed.

The three churches placed under our care, Texas, Jones Memorial and Chesaco Park, have each been supplied with a pastor. Brother R. E. Brooks has had charge of Texas and Jones Memorial for the entire year, while Brother Edwin McDorman, another student, was employed for Chesaco Park beginning with July and has continued until the close of the conference year. At Texas the balance of the debt amounting to \$334.00 has been paid. On Thanksgiving Day this church was dedicated with the President of the conference in charge of the services. It is a two room edifice with a splendid basement and will meet the needs of the community for years to come. The congregation has assumed \$350.00 for pastoral support for the ensuing year.

Jones Memorial has paid \$200.00 toward the support of the pastor and met its other obligations.

Chesaco Park has become better organized and the outlook is hopeful. They have assumed \$150.00 on pastoral support. Heretofore these churches have not been well arranged as to pastoral supply. It is a long distance from Jones Memorial to Texas. It is necessary to make the trip by way of Baltimore. We therefore recommend that Chesaco Park and Jones Memorial constitute one charge and be supplied with a pastor, and that Texas and the new point on the Falls Road (which has been named Trinity, Baltimore) constitute the other charge.

Two years ago the first three named of these churches were placed under our care. Through the force of circumstances this Society secured the pastoral supply. We feel the time has now come for this supply to be made by the conference and we do so suggest. Some of us have longed to see more circuits established around the suburbs of Baltimore and the contiguous districts of the counties. As the city extends these will become strong churches. Hampden, Eutaw and Brooklyn are proofs of this.

Waverly has not made much progress. We stated a year ago that steps had been taken looking to the changing of the location of this church. Nothing definite has been done although it is still under consideration and we trust it will finally be accomplished.

We request that Waverly be continued under the care and supervision of this Society with such an appropriation for salary as may be found necessary.

The continued growth of St. Pauls is gratifying to the entire conference. Forty-one new members have been received this year, making three hundred and six in all. They have an enrollment of three hundred and fifteen in the Sunday School. The congregation is paying the pastor eleven hundred and forty-four dollars and parsonage. The amount raised for all purposes this year is three thousand dollars. It will soon be one of our strong stations. We regret that on account of war conditions they were not able to proceed with the Sunday School building. It is greatly

needed. When conditions change and they feel justified in launching the movement we feel sure they will have the support of the conference.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society was organized thirty-one years ago. While its work has been done in a modest way and it has never had the full support of our city churches, it has accomplished much in the sphere of its activity. With one or two exceptions it has assisted all of the seventeen new churches which have been established in Baltimore and vicinity since its organization. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these new enterprises. There is still a wide field of usefulness for it. We have recently elected several prominent business men on the Board of Directors and if they will give us their support we believe there will be larger results for the advancement of the Kingdom and the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

Report H

SUPERANNUATES.

Of the Committee.

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

FIRST: We recommend that \$6000.00 be assessed on the District.

SECOND: We report that S. B. Tredway, D. L. Greenfield, J. L. Straughn, E. O. Ewing, and Mrs. W. T. Dumm deceased during the year.

THIRD: We report that at the request of Dorsey Blake, his name has been transferred to the active list.

FOURTH: We recommend that A. A. Harryman, G. F. Farring, C. E. McCullough, and Mrs. G. R. Hodge be granted superannuated relations.

FIFTH: We report that Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no claim for this year.

SIXTH: We report that the Fund paid one hundred per cent. for the year.

SEVENTH: We recommend the following appropriations:

	Invested		Amount Allowed
	Fund	Collections	
J. W. Gray	\$480	\$ 20	\$500
W. D. Litsinger	410	90	500
A. W. Mather	490	10	500
J. L. Mills	510		510
J. W. Norris	300	60	360
W. M. Strayer	480	20	500
J. G. Sullivan	290		290
J. A. Weigand	150	150	300
W. R. Graham	430	70	500
P. L. Rice	90	260	350
J. M. Holmes	520		520
F. H. Mullineaux	440		440

	Fund Invested	Collections	Allowed Amount
F. T. Tagg	470	30	500
J. S. Bowers	360		360
A. A. Harryman	470	30	500
G. F. Farring	300		300
C. E. McCullough	290		290
Mrs. D. Bowers	60	15	75
Mrs. C. P. Cochell	95		95
Mrs. H. C. Cushing	65	135	200
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice	45	180	225
Mrs. S. G. Ferguson	100	50	150
Mrs. D. M. Gilbert	15	110	125
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell	210	40	250
Mrs. J. B. Jones	115	35	150
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore	90	35	125
Mrs. R. L. Lewis	115	85	200
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. Miskimon	60	40	100
Mrs. W. J. Neepler	155		155
Mrs. W. S. Phillips	115	285	400
Mrs. R. S. Rowe	205	45	250
Mrs. G. J. Smith	105	45	150
Mrs. S. J. Smith	10	90	100
Mrs. S. J. Valliant	15	110	125
Mrs. A. J. Walter	75	125	200
Mrs. R. S. Williamson	35	100	135
Mrs. H. F. Wright	65	185	250
Mrs. J. M. Yingling	15	35	50
Mrs. F. L. Stevens	95	205	300
Mrs. R. T. Tyson	45	105	150
Mrs. S. B. Tredway	190	100	290
Mrs. D. L. Greenfield	100		100
Mrs. E. O. Ewing	195	30	225
Mrs. G. R. Hodge	135	165	300
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$9275	\$3745	\$13020

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.
 S. W. COE, Secretary.
 F. A. HOLLAND.
 L. H. LECATES.
 DR. J. B. JONES.
 W. H. WOMERSLEY.

Report I

LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

Of the Committee.

I. LITERATURE.

It is gratifying that there is no deficit in the total income of our Book Concern notwithstanding the conditions introduced by the war, resulting in decreased sales, increased salaries and operating expenses, as well as an increase in the cost of Sunday School literature. The agent of the Book Concern is to be congratulated for the efficient management which makes possible such a showing.

We rejoice to report a net gain in the subscription list of The Methodist Protestant of 2290, or "an average monthly increase of 115 subscriptions since Dr. Benson took charge of the paper July 1, 1916." Dr. Benson not only maintains the high standard set up for our church paper but labors unceasingly for its improvement and for a greater interest upon the part of our members who should put forth every effort to increase the circulation of The Methodist Protestant.

Last year the conference fixed a Methodist Protestant Day, which proved a great success. We respectfully suggest that a similar day be fixed for this coming conference year and name as such day the third Sunday in October 1918.

II. EDUCATION.

We congratulate Western Maryland College on the celebration last June of its fiftieth anniversary, the continued good attendance of students, the successful completion of the campaign for the raising of a \$50,000 Golden Jubilee Fund, and the payment of all indebtedness on the bonds issued in 1898, thus placing the College entirely free of all indebtedness.

The president in his report expresses his interest in increasing the number of students preparing for the ministry and indulges the hope that some way will open in the near future to establish at the College a number of scholarships giving free board as well as free tuition to such students. The committee desires to call special attention to this item in the President's report.

III. WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

It is gratifying to learn that notwithstanding the Volunteer and Draft movements which have cut the registration in other Seminaries there has been no falling off in attendance, the total number being 38, an increase of 1 over the year previous. The supplemental course of lectures delivered by ministers in our own and other conferences and denominations has been continued.

We urge our people to heartily co-operate with the efforts of fifty Seminary graduates and other leading pastors in their concerted drive on the first and second Sundays in May next, in the \$50,000 campaign for new buildings and endowments. We direct attention to the General Conference endorsement of this movement.

We recommend that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year and that young men seeking admission in this conference be urged and advised to take the full College and Seminary courses before making such application.

We have carefully considered a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education of the General Conference and recommend that the amounts named upon the charges at its last session to pay the indebtedness of West Lafayette College be continued on those charges which have not paid the amount in full and urge upon the pastors and charges that provision be made for the payment of same as early as possible.

We regret that the conditions brought about by the war have interfered with the Ministerial Education Department of the Board's work but we congratulate the Secretary and the Board upon the good showing which the department makes notwithstanding.

We recommend that some Sunday in November be observed as Educational Day for the purpose of creating a more general interest upon the part of the membership of our churches in the cause of Christian Education.

F. T. LITTLE,
J. L. ELDERDICE,
F. G. USILTON,
T. P. FISHER.

Of the Baltimore Book Directory.

Dear Brethren of the Maryland Annual Conference of the
Methodist Protestant Church:

Our Agent, Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., will submit for your information a Financial Report of the Baltimore Book Concern for the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1918, and this paper you will accept as explanatory of that Report.

The Financial Report shows that the profits from the several departments were not as great during the past year as in the preceding year. This is due to several causes, among which may be mentioned the following:—

First, The War has had the effect, so far as our business is concerned, in decreasing the quantities purchased by our patrons and at cheaper prices. Economy seemed to be in the mind of our purchasers.

Second, The price of Sunday School Literature was increased by a bare majority of the Board of Publication which has brought about the

result that our profits in this particular Department show a decrease of \$142.30. Our patrons reduced the quantities that had been formerly ordered by them. There was an increase in the demand for Graded Lesson Helps which was not met in our own literature, but of course, this had to be supplied from sources which brought us less profit than we had been formerly receiving from "our own" literature. This profit went into our Merchandise Account at the expense of our Sunday School Department.

Third, The conditions introduced by the War caused a decrease in sales and an increase in salaries and operating expenses.

It is with pleasure that we point to the progress made by our Church Paper "THE METHODIST PROTESTANT" under the energetic and skillful management of our Editor, Dr. Frank T. Benson. The subscription list has increased from 2731 to 5021, thus showing a net gain of 2290, or an average monthly increase of 115 subscriptions since Dr. Benson took charge of the paper, July 1, 1916. The Book Concern has co-operated in every possible way with Dr. Benson and we feel confident that the Conference will feel gratified at the above showing. Dr. Benson has unceasingly worked for the improvement of our paper and for increased interest on the part of the members of our Church. While the paper is still published at a loss when looked at solely from a financial viewpoint, yet the skies are becoming brighter each day, and we ask the Conference to give Dr. Benson every thought and help in his effort to increase the subscriptions.

Last year the Conference fixed a Methodist Protestant Day which proved a great success. We respectfully suggest that a similar day be fixed for the coming Conference year.

While our gross profits for the year amounted to \$4,911.07, yet, we have been unable to do as formerly, namely, to transfer any amount to our Sinking Fund Account. We have had to meet extraordinary expenses, such as the installation of a complete heating plant and the construction of the ladies lavatory; also contributions were made to the operating expenses of the Forward Movement. The Financial Report will give you the cost of all the above mentioned items of expense, as also the details of the business of our Book Concern.

In concluding we would like to testify to the loyalty, faithfulness and energy of our Editor, Dr. Frank T. Benson, and our Agent, Charles Reiner, Jr., as also our several employees, and to state further that harmony and good-will prevails in all our work; also do we wish to thank the Conference for its support in the past year, earnestly soliciting a continuance of its patronage.

Yours truly,
By order of the Board,
N. T. MEGINNISS,
JAMES W. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Executive Committee.

April 3d, 1918.

Financial Statement of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern Feb. 28-'18.

Assets.

Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 594.17	
Suspense Account Methodist Protestant	46.62	
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant	36.26	
Trustees Md. Ann. Conference	229.66	
Baltimore Post Office (deposit)	27.00	
Accounts Receivable	6,352.85	
Interest Accrued on U. S. Liberty Bonds	53.33	
	<hr/>	
Total Current Assets		\$7,339.89

Reserve Fund:

Baker, Watts & Co. (deposit)	\$3,096.84	
U. S. Liberty Loan 4% Bonds	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	
Total Reserve		\$7,096.84

Working and Trading Assets:

Paper, Methodist Protestant	\$ 501.23	
Sunday School Periodicals	279.81	
Merchandise	16,883.31	
	<hr/>	
Total Working and Trading Assets		\$17,664.35

Fixed Assets:

Furniture and Fixtures		\$ 100.00
------------------------------	--	-----------

Deferred Charges to Expense:

Merchandise Expense	\$ 144.68	
General Expense	380.82	
Salaries (Paid in advance)	109.70	
Property, Improvement and Expenses:		
Taxes, Water Rent, Ins., unearned ..	\$637.78	
Improvements	\$1500.00	
Less—written off	839.26	660.74
		<hr/>
Total Deferred Charges to Expense		\$1,933.72

TOTAL ASSETS		<hr/>
		\$34,035.80

Liabilities and Capital.

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$4,865.00
Methodist Protestant Subscribers	1,314.75
Sunday School Periodical Subscribers	627.00
Donations for Meth. Prot. Subscribers	5.15
Reserve for Bad Accounts	127.06

Total Current Liabilities	\$6,938.96
---------------------------------	------------

Surplus:

Emergency Fund	7,096.84
Capital	20,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$34,035.80
-------------------------------------	-------------

CHARLES REINER, JR., Agent.

General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ending
February 28, 1918.

Income.

Methodist Protestant:

Sales	\$6,145.74
Suspense Account (over)	15.15
Advertising	263.21
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy	700.00
Commission and Discount	22.43

Total Income from Methodist Protestant	\$7,146.53
--	------------

Sunday School Periodicals:

Sales	\$15,089.86
-------------	-------------

Merchandise:

Sales	\$29,454.10
Discounts	204.84

Total Income from Merchandise	\$29,658.94
-------------------------------------	-------------

Income from other Sources:

Interest	\$ 298.45
Profit and Loss Items	63.50

Total Income from other Sources	\$ 361.95
---------------------------------------	-----------

TOTAL INCOME	\$52,257.28
--------------------	-------------

Expenditures.

Methodist Protestant:

Paper	\$2,151.90
Postage	373.61
Expense	336.17
Printing	3,550.95
M. P. & Meth. Rec. Comb. Allowances	2.87
Salaries	2,659.92
General Expenses	398.57

Total Expenditures Methodist Protestant \$9,473.99

Sunday School Periodicals:

Purchases	\$10,487.99
Postage, Exp. and Freight	498.26
Expense	269.03
General Expense	398.57
Salaries	1,743.55

Total Expenditures S. S. Periodicals \$13,397.40

Merchandise:

Purchases	\$20,881.70
Salaries	2,905.92
Expense	2,210.53
General Expenses	398.58
Post., Exp. and Frt. (out)	405.55

Total Expenditures, Merchandise \$26,802.28

General Expenditures:

Expenses on Property	\$1,523.05
Furniture and Fixtures	144.31
Forward Movement	739.19
Reserve for Bad Debts, 2% Acc. Res.	127.06

Total Expenses other than operations \$2,583.61

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$52,257.28

CHARLES REINER, JR., Agent.

Of the President of Western Maryland College.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—I have the honor of submitting my thirty-second Annual Report as President of Western Maryland College.

Two events should be given special mention. First the celebration

last June at our Annual Commencement of the fiftieth anniversary of the College. It was in every sense a great success. Notwithstanding the unsettled state of affairs due to the war, the attendance was larger than had ever been known, and the exercises were enjoyed with unexampled enthusiasm. It will be a pleasant memory for the many friends who were present for years to come. Secondly, we have had the great pleasure of completing the campaign for an addition to our endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars, realizing a few hundred dollars in excess of the amount aimed at. A good part of this subscription has been paid in, and the remaining payments are confidently expected at maturity. And so we are so much nearer the goal of a minimum endowment fund of two hundred thousand dollars.

Another matter of interest to report is that we have paid off the remaining indebtedness on the bonds issued in 1898, and the College is now entirely free of debt of every kind.

The attendance this year has been astonishingly good, in fact we have enrolled one more student than we had last year, and the boarding students have numbered the same as last year. We expect, therefore, to close the year without deficiency after paying off the bonds.

After so much encouraging facts of our situation it will not be out of place to remind the Conference that the coming year is likely to be a more trying year financially than the past. It is altogether likely that the enrollment will be reduced although we will make every effort to keep it up to the mark. I make an especial plea to the pastors to help us in this particular by keeping us informed as to prospective students.

I am interested especially in increasing the number of students preparing for the ministry. The special rates we offer to such students give us no profit, but it is probable that we could get more students if we had scholarships to offer them. I trust some way will open in the near future to establish at the College a number of scholarships giving free board as well as free tuition. I hope those who have money to invest in the future of the Church will remember this appeal and give me a chance to explain it to them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, President.

Of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary.

With gratitude to God and man for the peace and prosperity of another year, the Westminster Theological Seminary submits its thirty-sixth annual report.

STUDENTS.

The Volunteer and Draft movements, which have cut the registration in some Seminaries 47%, has handicapped our enrollment. Some students who graduated from College last June had been booked to enter

the Seminary in September, but were swept into the training camp, and others after registering were drafted. Yet we close the year with one more student in attendance than at the close of last year. The roster shows the following distribution as to conferences: W. Va. 1, N. Ill. 1, Alabama 2, N. C. 4, Ohio 4, Eastern 7, and Maryland 16; United Brethren 1, and Methodist Episcopal Church 2; total 38. The 10 graduates are 3 from the Eastern Conference, 3 from the N. C., 2 from the Ohio, 1 from the Alabama, and 1 from Maryland-Gilbert Sylvester Ross, of Hallwood, Va.

SPECIAL LECTURES.

The war pressure has not been sufficient to interfere with the Special Course of Lectures annually added to the regular curriculum. One lecture each has been delivered by President Warner, Editor Benson, and Secretary Klein; one each by Mr. George R. Gehr, and Revs. Mowbray and Walck of Westminster, and Secretary Miller of the Board of Education; five by Editor Wilbur and ten by Dr. Tagg.

\$50,000 CAMPAIGN.

At the Seminary Commencement two years ago the Board of Governors authorized a campaign to raise \$50,000 for a new building, equipment, and endowment. The General Conference two weeks later gave this plan its unqualified endorsement. In June of that year the Seminary was ready to launch the campaign in Maryland but The Western Maryland College had decided to begin a similar campaign for a similar amount with which to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Knowing that each plan would fail if both were worked simultaneously, and desiring to aid rather than hinder the College enterprise, the Seminary stepped aside from Maryland and was active only in sister Conferences. Now that the College campaign is over the time has come for the Seminary to complete its work in Maryland. Accordingly, nearly 50 of our graduates and other leading pastors have volunteered their services for a concerted "drive" on the first and second Sundays in May next. The territory not covered by them at that time will be visited by the President of the Seminary or some other Seminary agent as soon thereafter as possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year.
2. That young men untrained, seeking admission into the Maryland Conference, be advised and urged by the Faculty of Instruction to take the full courses of study in The Western Maryland College and then in The Westminster Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MILLS,
President of The Board of Governors.

Report J
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.
Of the Committee.

Your committee has carefully read the report of the President of the Union of Young People's Work, and we desire to express our appreciation of the fine work being accomplished through that efficient organization of young people connected with our beloved church. There is everything to indicate progress in this department of our work, and we rejoice in the prospect of an ever-awakening consciousness to the importance of the work assigned them on the part of the young people of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Our young people are not behind the times in which we live. In every way they are the equal of the same number of young people found in any denomination. They ask for work to do, commensurate with their powers and abilities, and they will follow any leadership that is abreast of the times. They are not content to mark time, in these days when the whole world is on the march; and failing to lead them with a leadership that looks forward, and not backward, would result in a sad day for the Methodist Protestant Church. The mill will not grind with the water that is past, and our young people are anxiously waiting the call to more strenuous endeavors and to more heroic achievements on the part of those who would be worthy sons of those men in the past who "never turned their backs, but marched breast-forward," and who, from their sure place in the history of our church, are calling out loud to us who have taken their places, and are being held responsible for the success or failure of the church we have in these great days. We believe that the leadership in this department of our work is in competent hands, and we ask that they go forward along the lines announced by them, and we pledge them our loyal and continuing support.

We endorse the recommendations of the President of the Union in the following items, and we urge their adoption, namely:

I. That the charges of this Conference set aside some Sunday of November as a day of prayer that God will call laborers into the harvest.

II. That on the day thus set apart, a special program provided by the Union of Young People's Work, shall be used in the Sunday Schools on our charges.

III. That every member of the Conference shall be required to observe this day on his charge, and that he shall certify on his personal report blank that he has done so.

A. N. WARD,
J. FRANKLIN BRYAN,
R. Y. NICHOLSON,
GEO. K. MATHER,
G. W. LEWIS.

Of the President of the Union of Young People's Work.

The Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

We who are about to live, salute you! Recognizing the perils of the present we are likewise sensitive to its vast privilege, and though some of us may die it is that the most of us may live. As the world may emerge from its heat, chastised, purified, we are most desirous that henceforth God may have more of our life and that it may best be expressed in devoted service to our fellows; that the ability to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ shall match the heroism of those who for sake of country risk their all. Prophets tell us of political, social and economic changes to come; that this will be a different world. In this new world we want to take our place and ask no greater boon than the opportunity of projecting the spirit of Jesus across the pathway of men's lives.

This report is in the nature of conclusions reached:

1. That the efficiency of the present day pastor is largely in terms of acquaintance with work dealing specifically with the youth of the church. We magnify the preaching of the Word; it is superlatively supreme. But we must insist that the preaching of the Word reaches the farthest audience through the younger life. To this end we challenge the ambitions of the younger men of our Conference and of those who knock at its portals.

2. That the efficiency of the present day church is here; that the church which seeks to foster a program for its young; which provides an equipment at whatever cost; which through its official life prides itself in its children; unto this church thus saith the Spirit, Thou art wise; thou art laying up treasure for many years to come; faithful indeed is thy witness; thy record is on high and no man taketh from thee thy crown.

There is a fascination in young people's work. What among us can evoke such enthusiasm and attract such interest. The latest witness to this fact has abundant voice in the Salisbury convention. In that city, heartily supported by the pastor and that church of young people, we reached a wide field and brought together large numbers. No meeting in our history has surpassed the largeness of that last night when into the Armory 1400 people crowded, coming from many miles around. The influence of that convention will live for years in an aroused denominational feeling and quickened activity for the kingdom.

I bring you the same problems as last year, except that we are a little further on. The first had to do with the publication of a booklet outlining our denominational life and origin for use primarily in the Sunday School. I am happy to say that most of the material is in hand and that it is the product of leading minds of our church. It should be ready for distribution in the Fall.

The second proposition is that of candidates for the ministry. We feel it is distinctively our problem. A crisis is upon this conference and upon the Christian church everywhere; we must have more and better equipped men for these tremendous times or we must abandon much of our work. We are being driven upon some hard alternatives. During the Civil War we lost large sections of our church; fields we have never recovered. Men went into the war and never came back and when the reconstruction days came, urgent with their demands for salvage, we were unprepared to meet the conditions. Some of our men are gone out now; most of us are restless and many more may have to go before this dreadful thing is done. Certainly all of us will be impatient with slow measures after awhile and a virile message must be heralded by those creeds which continue to live.

I therefore recommend:

1. That this conference set aside a day in the early Fall which shall be a day of prayer; when we shall humble ourselves before God and entreat the Lord of the harvest for laborers.
2. That as a part of that day's work a special program, arranged by the Union of Young People's Work, shall be used in some service, preferably in the Sunday School.
3. That every member of this Conference shall be required to observe this day on his charge and shall certify on his personal report blank that he has done so.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, President.

Report K

MORAL REFORM.

Of the Committee.

A comprehensive review of the stirring events of the last four years, together with a candid appraisal of the present situation, must convince the thoughtful student of affairs that we are entering upon another important transitional period, such as constitute the great epochs of history. The age-long battle between right and wrong, old as the world itself, continues unabated. The forces of righteousness are still arrayed against the hosts of evil, and the conflict is being waged with ever-increasing intensity. There are two particular phases of this conflict which are predominant today. On the bloody battlefields of Europe men and nations are contending for great political issues. In our own country, centering around our halls of legislation, a stupendous struggle in which mighty moral principles are involved, is in progress, and gathers momentum with every passing year. The two are co-related, of course. The

political issues underlying the great World War are vitally important because of the moral element contained in them; and the moral principles at stake in our varied legislative contests assume a new significance because of the fact that they are dependent upon political action for their practical expression. At any rate, the question in either case, is whether good or evil, right or wrong, shall triumph. As Christian citizens, we are interested in both phases of this conflict, though we regard the realm of moral principles as more fundamental, and, for that reason, give it more careful consideration.

One of the greatest reform movements of our day is the agitation for the prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic. The Church of Jesus Christ wasted many precious years before she finally threw herself into the struggle for the complete destruction of this unmitigated evil, during which time the abominable thing, like a loathsome octopus, entwined itself about the very heart of the nation. But we are in the fight at last, and we are in it to stay, until this hydra-headed monster shall be totally exterminated. We are fully persuaded that we cannot afford to deal with this unscrupulous enemy upon any other terms than absolute and unconditional surrender. The only peace we will accept is peace with victory. And we can well refuse to compromise, for victory is even now in sight.

The past year has been the most fruitful in the history of the temperance reform. Recent developments along this line, following each other in rapid succession and with cumulative forcefulness, have astonished our friends and dumbfounded our foes, and constrain us to thank God and take courage. The present Congress has distinguished itself and earned our eternal gratitude, by the enactment of more practical prohibition legislation than had been secured in any generation previous. Laws prohibiting the shipment of intoxicants into dry territory, empowering the President of the United States to curtail or suspend the manufacture of certain liquors during the period of the war, and closing up all the saloons in the District of Columbia and the National Capital, have all been passed within the last few months. But the crowning achievement, and the greatest triumph the cause has ever known, was the final passage of the resolution submitting to the States for their ratification, a prohibition amendment to the Constitution, which, when adopted, will destroy the iniquitous traffic throughout the entire nation. Already, eleven states have ratified, and it seems certain that the amendment will be adopted long before the expiration of the seven years of grace. All honor to the Senators and Representatives who are responsible for this happy consummation.

We desire to express our appreciation of the noble stand which the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels, has assumed and maintained on this question. In spite of the sneers of a subsidized press, and the open opposition of many of his associates, he has been true to his convictions, and has had the courage to use the power and authority of his position in the interest of temperance and sobriety. And he has been

abundantly vindicated, and more than justified in the course he has taken. It is very gratifying indeed to know that in this critical period in our history our splendid Navy is ready; every ship, every man, every gun is ready, and thoroughly equipped for the most vigorous service. We believe this is largely due to Mr. Daniels' efforts to protect our officers and men from the insidious temptations of intemperance. We commend him for his recent order closing all saloons within a radius of five miles of Naval training stations and bases, and rejoice that the Capital of our own state, and the seat of the great Naval Academy, has been made dry by this action. The Government is indeed fortunate in having such a courageous Christian man at the head of one of its most important departments; a man who has not only proved himself worthy, but efficient, as well. We pledge him our hearty support and co-operation.

We respectfully petition the President of the United States to use the authority recently conferred upon him by Congress, and prohibit the further manufacture of any intoxicating liquors during the period of the War. It has been estimated that sufficient grain is consumed every day in the making of beer to provide bread for the combined armies of England, France, Belgium and the United States. Professor Fisher is authority for the statement that the closing of the breweries in this country would mean the production of 8,000,000 more loaves of bread a day. It is a well known fact that during the distressing coal shortage last winter, when thousands of families suffered acutely with cold, when public schools were closed for days at a time, and when even some church services were suspended, the breweries of the country were burning millions of tons of coal, and doing business as usual. It is not conducive to patriotic selfdenial to know that while we are asked to conserve the wheat, that our Allies may be fed, the liquor interests are permitted to use such immense quantities of precious grain in the making of beer, a German drink. Neither does it inspire us with cheerful confidence to recall that when homes, schools, churches and important industries were crying in vain for coal, the breweries were always able, by some mysterious means, to secure an abundant supply. Our people are willing to sacrifice in the matter of food and fuel, but they could do so more cheerfully if such conditions did not prevail. We are willing to do all we can, in response to the appeals of the Government, to win the war, but we do not feel that the breweries, with their tremendous wastage, are bringing victory any nearer.

We rejoice that the Maryland Legislature ratified the prohibition amendment by such decisive majorities. The liquor interests had counted on this state as one which would vote against the measure, and the victory is all the more gratifying on that account. We desire to thank those noble men who resisted the terrific pressure brought to bear upon them by the corrupt influences of this state, and voted right on this and other moral questions. They deserve, and they shall receive, our loyal support. It is to be regretted that the State-Wide Prohibition bill was not

passed. We would have felt so much better if we had cleaned up on our own initiative, without waiting for the tidal wave of prohibition which is sweeping over the whole country to engulf us. But we are proud of the fact that Maryland is among the very first of the thirty-six states to ratify, and we can all hold our heads a little higher on that account. We congratulate our sister states of Delaware and Virginia for taking similar action.

We express our appreciation of the splendid work of Mr. Crabbe, the efficient superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. He has been uniformly courteous, tactful and resourceful, and has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. The same thing can be said of Mr. J. Bibb Mills, the faithful attorney for the League. We urge our pastors to open their pulpits to these men and their associates, and to co-operate with them in every possible way. There must be no cessation of effort on account of successes achieved, but rather a more determined drive for final victory.

We heartily favor legislation providing for the reading of the Bible in the public schools. We are a Christian nation, in our adherence, at least, and the Bible is the very basis of our civilization. Our system of jurisprudence is founded upon it, our ethical ideals are derived from it, and our standard of morals is inspired by it. It certainly is not religious bigotry to insist upon it that a book which has given us so much that is worth while in our national life shall be given proper recognition by being read in our schools. We regret that such legislation was not enacted by the last Legislature.

As a Christian nation, we also stand for the proper observance of the Sabbath Day. One day of rest in seven is God's plan for the refreshment of the body, the relaxation of the mind, and the development of the soul. Its observance is absolutely essential to the health and morals of the community. We deplore the tendency to commercialize it, or to prostitute it by sinful indulgence. We must resist with all our power the persistent and vicious attempts to break down the laws safeguarding it, and must exert ourselves more energetically to curb the pernicious element which is seeking to destroy its sanctity. It is a deplorable fact that many Christians are not entirely blameless in this matter; for they encourage the violation of Sunday laws by patronizing stores and refreshment stands which keep open on the Sabbath, going to places of amusement which cater to Sunday trade, and by leaving their churches on the Lord's Day to go on private or public pleasure excursions.

The failure of the Legislature to pass the Anti-Race Track bill is a source of keen disappointment and regret. The evils associated with professional racing, as now conducted, are too well known to require review. The members of the Legislature must have been perfectly familiar with them. In view of that fact, it is difficult to understand how they could vote to perpetuate an institution which is such a prolific source of immorality and corruption, and which takes from the people of this state,

through the process of legalized gambling, millions of dollars every year. The only thing to be done, under the circumstances, is to continue the agitation of this question, and see to it that other men, with a clearer vision on great moral questions, are elected to represent us in the next General Assembly.

In this connection we wish to express our appreciation of the splendid work of Dr. W. W. Davis, of the Lord's Day Alliance, and his associate, Dr. Howard Kelly. With self-sacrificing zeal and unqualified heroism they have labored to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath Day, and to secure the enactment of beneficial reform measures. We must stand with them in this fight.

We note with alarm and grave concern the rapid growth of the deadly cigarette habit. A more earnest campaign of education should be inaugurated to combat this evil, and more restrictive legislation should be demanded.

In conclusion, we suggest that a more active participation in political affairs on the part of Christian citizens would go far toward improving these unfortunate conditions. It is not enough for us to merely adopt resolutions. We must rally to the support of good, clean men, whenever they can be found, and refuse to support the moral renegades and political degenerates who have had their own way so long. We have the balance of power: let us use it.

F. T. TAGG,
H. O. KEEN,
C. M. ELDERDICE,
M. A. DAVIS,
DR. E. B. FENBY,
T. E. HARRISON.

Report L

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Of the Committee.

We have examined the very encouraging report of the Board of Deaconess Work, and note the following:

FIRST: The Board has been singularly fortunate in enlisting the services of four young ladies of conspicuous piety and competence, three of whom have completed their hospital training at the Methodist Hospital in this city: Miss Mary E. Ford, of Keen Memorial Church, Baltimore; Miss Sara E. Cullen, of Hampden Church, Baltimore, and Miss Myrtle Baus, of our Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia. The fourth deaconess secured is Miss Dot Emmert, a young woman of approved competence and efficiency, of Indiana, who has already done considerable good

work in the Conference. In this connection, we dare not overlook Miss Lillian H. De Moss, who for a long time was our lone deaconess, and who has continued to do a most useful and efficient service.

SECOND: The Board has purchased a beautiful and eligibly located property, in splendid repair, located at 2512 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, for a Deaconess' Home, at a cost of \$4250.00, in fee. Your committee approves the plan adopted for the furnishing and management of the Home.

THIRD: We do further endorse the magnificent work of the Maryland General Hospital, and here record our appreciation of the splendid courtesy of the Hospital, and of Miss Hutton, the Superintendent of Nurses, to our nurses in training.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

FIRST: That an assessment of \$2000.00 be laid on the district.

SECOND: We endorse the present policy for the immediate organization of Deaconess Circles in the churches of the Conference.

THIRD: The work of Rev. Dr. J. M. Stick, of the Maryland Tract Society, and the Rev. J. H. Hyatt, of the Maryland Bible Society, is most gratifying, and we heartily commend this work to the Conference.

H. S. JOHNSON, Chairman,
J. L. WARD, Secretary,
G. M. CLAYTON,
JAMES H. CARTER.

Of the Board of Deaconess Work.

Our report to the Conference last year was not sufficiently encouraging to excite a very large degree of interest or enthusiasm in the work that had been accomplished. We had but one deaconess, and while she had done her work with the most commendable activity and efficiency, and while the Board had done all that a wise and discriminating policy warranted, still we felt that the conference expected more progress than had been made. The Board had been authorized to purchase a home, by the action of several previous conferences, but we could find no property that justified the Board in purchasing. The price was too high, the location unsatisfactory, or the property in bad repair.

During the past year a property was found that in quality, repair, location and price met with the unanimous approval of the Board, and the purchase was promptly effected. It is located at 2512 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, where property is not likely to deteriorate, and where the environment is morally and physically healthful. The property was purchased in fee at a cost of \$4250.00. It was necessary to spend about \$300.00 in repairs. It was necessary to borrow \$3000.00, which was kindly loaned by Brother James H. Roberts, a member of the Board, and upon which, of course, interest must be paid. If some gen-

erous friend of God, and of the church, would make the home a gift of that amount, it would relieve the Board of very considerable anxiety, and it would be a tremendous impulse in advancing our work.

The home has been fully furnished with a satisfactory and substantial outfit of furniture, through the generosity of churches and friends.

The Board has been singularly fortunate in enlisting the services of four young ladies of conspicuous piety and competence, three of whom are now in hospital training at the Methodist Hospital in this city. They are under the instruction of Miss Hutton, superintendent of nurses, who has shown the most generous and unselfish interest in preparing them for their work. The Board hereby acknowledges its appreciation of the generosity and kindness of the hospital authorities, and Miss Hutton. The fourth deaconess we have secured is Miss Dot Emmert, a young woman of proved competence and efficiency, of Indiana, who has already done considerable good work in the conference.

In order that the conference may become acquainted with the names of our deaconesses we give them in this report, as follows: Miss Lillian N. DeMoss, who for a long time was our lone deaconess, and who has continued to do a most useful and efficient service. Her work is telling for "Christ and the church" wherever she has been employed.

Miss Dot Emmert, who was mentioned above, is well trained for the work of a deaconess, and is ready to serve in any capacity in which she may be appointed.

Miss Mary E. Ford is from our Keen Memorial Church, Baltimore; Miss Sara E. Cullen is from our Hampden Church, Baltimore; and Miss Myrtle Baus is from our Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia. All three of these young ladies are making rapid progress in their preparation, and bid fair to make especially efficient deaconesses of our denomination.

The three last named young ladies will now have to be instructed in diaconate work, under a method which will be explained to the conference. This school must be opened at an early date, and as we now see it, will have to be conducted by the ministers and others of our church in Baltimore and vicinity.

The purchase of the home, the increased number of deaconesses, and the additional expenses made inevitable thereby, will demand a considerable increase in the conference appropriation.

The monthly expenses will be as follows:

Salaries of deaconesses	\$ 60.00
Interest on Mortgage	15.00
Upkeep of the home	30.00
Coal	10.00
Incidental expenses	10.00

Total\$125.00

The additional appropriation necessary to gradually pay for the Home will require an assessment of \$2500.00 a year.

In order to avoid the cost of a matron, the Board is anxious to enlist an executive committee, composed of ladies from each of our churches, who will agree among themselves to assign to a single church the care and upkeep of the home for one month. Then to assign this duty to another church for the next month, and thus keep up the rotation throughout the year. If the conference has a better plan to propose the Board will most cheerfully accept it.

We have now come to the place where good work can be done; we have the most promising young women to do it, and we have provided sufficient facilities to make the work orderly and effective. We must now have the continuous and generous support of the conference; the fire is now made, but it will not continue to burn unless the conference furnishes the fuel.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire with this conference, and their successors must be elected: Rev. J. F. Bryan, Rev. A. S. Beane, Mr. A. J. Williar, Mrs. T. W. Donoho, and Mrs. L. B. Shockley.

F. T. TAGG, President.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

Of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Home.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Receipts.

Balance	\$	36.25	
From Apr. 17, '17 to Apr. 8, '18, Received from all sources		1,641.77	\$1,678.02
			<hr/>

Disbursements.

Cash paid out during the year from Apr. 17, '17 to Apr. 8, '18	\$	917.35	
Apr. 8, To Balance		760.67	\$1,678.02
			<hr/>

FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

From Nov. 20, '17, Cash received	\$422.43
--	----------

Disbursements.

Apr. 6, 1918, MacCarthy & Harper, hardware	\$	7.56	
Balance			\$414.87
			<hr/>

HOME ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1917.

Apr. 17, To Balance	\$1,014.88	
June 30, Interest on deposit	7.57	
Sept. 26, Recd. from J. H. Roberts, loan	3,000.00	
Sept. 26, Recd. from Baker Watts, discount	500.00	
Sept. 26, Rebate from Mrs. Youse, paving alley	25.00	
Oct. 3, From Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Treas., for house... 1918.	11.00	
Jan. 7, Recd. from Mrs. Kate Layner for home.....	5.00	\$4,563.45

Disbursements.

1917.

Sept. 26, Mrs. C. J. Youse, purchase of home	\$4,250.00	
Paid Taxes 3 mos. and 4 days.	35.09	
Title Guar. Co., examining title	25.00	
Acknowledgement .....	.70	
Recording, \$2.25—\$3.50; Lien, \$0.50	6.25	
German Fire Ins. Co., (\$1500.00 for 5 years).....	15.00	
H. C. Forrester, drawing deed	5.00	
Baker Watts Co., discounting note	16.92	
Oct. 29, H. K. Muller, papering house	99.00	
H. K. Muller, painting and cementing	33.00	
Paid to Expense current account	77.49	\$4,563.45

Submitted,

H. K. MULLER, Treasurer.

Report M

OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

Of the Committee.

Examining the official reports we find a manifest disposition to fill them up correctly and to comply with the requirements they indicate. The exceptions are few, but, therefore, all the more conspicuous. Nine pastors report not having given disciplines to new members. Several have not elected a lady visitor to the Church Home.

The reports, together with a statement from the Secretary of the Board, bring us the information that nearly all of those indebted to the Board of Education are gradually reducing their obligations. Some of these claims are of long standing. We call attention to the grave importance of meeting all these debts in full, and promptly.

It is pleasant to note that nearly every pastor reports new subscriptions to The Methodist Protestant.

The great work being done by T. R. Woodford, in Columbus, Ohio, and L. B. Smith, in Seattle, Washington, gratifies the Conference. We recommend that they be loaned for another year to the Board of Home Missions, to continue therein.

We are glad to report that Dr. T. H. Lewis is engaged in successful Christian work in the army, the College trustees having granted him three months' leave for this purpose. We recommend that his request to be excused from attendance on the sessions of this Conference be granted.

We hail from afar our Brother J. L. Nichols, who has gone to France for work among the soldiers at the front. We recommend that he be loaned to the Y. M. C. A. for one year.

We have read with pleasure the letter of Chaplain J. Ralph Wright. We recommend that he be assigned to the work of an army chaplain, and that the Secretary of the Conference be asked to write a letter to Dr. Lewis and to Brother Nichols, Smith, Woodford and Wright, saying that we miss them from this session of the Conference, and pray for them the continued favor of God upon their labors.

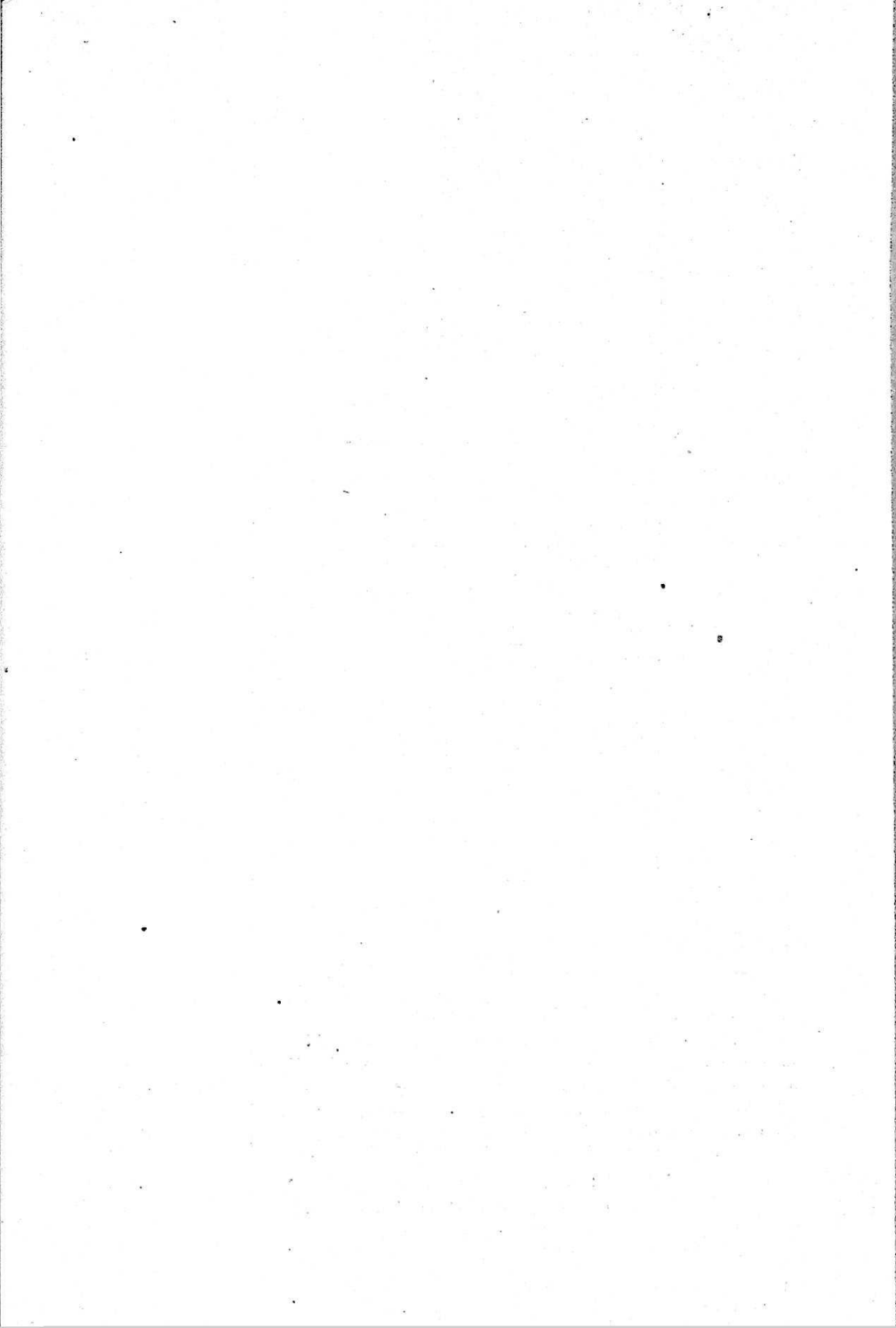
We recommend that the requests of Clayborne Phillips, G. A. Morris, and L. H. Davis, to be left without appointment for one year, be granted.

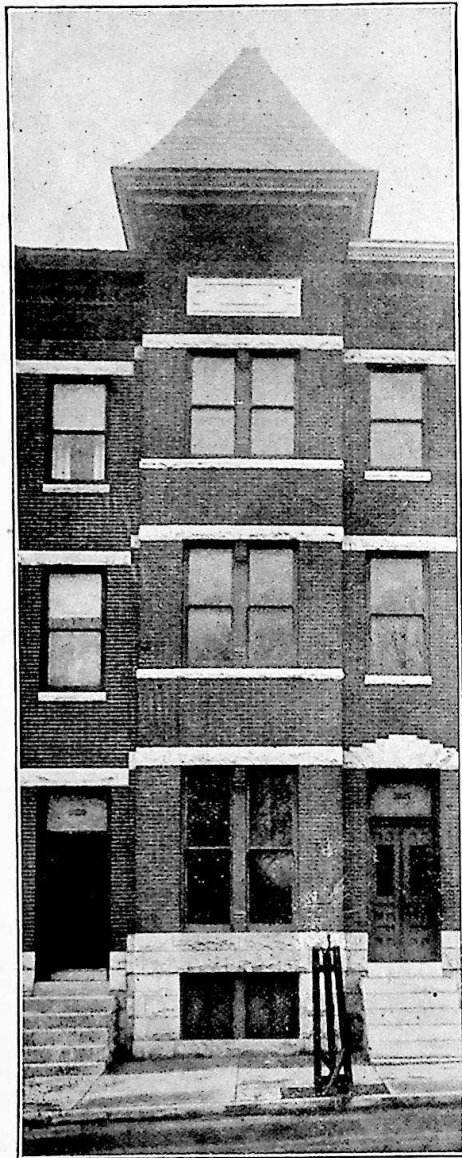
We recommend that E. A. Warfield be loaned to Western Maryland College.

L. A. Bennett is hereby given the same relation as last year, left without appointment to engage in evangelistic work.

We report that the following named 103 charges have paid the assessments in full and are entitled to be placed on the Honor Roll:

Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, Alnutt Memorial, Bethany, Broadway, Brooklyn, Calvary, Christ Church, East Baltimore, Eutaw, Evergreen, Hampden, Keen Memorial, Lauraville, Lowe Memorial, North Baltimore, South Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, St. Paul's, Violetville, West Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Baltimore Circuit, Bedford, Belair, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Caroline, Cecil, Centreville, Chestertown, Conquest, Crisfield, First Ch. Cumberland, Mapleside and Fairview, Melvin Chapel, Deer Creek, Delmar, Delta, Denton, Dover, Easton, Elizabeth, Fawn Grove, Federalburg, Finksburg, First Ch. Newark, Frederick, Georgetown, Del., Harpers Ferry, Harrington, Howard, Hurlock, Indian River, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Laurel, Leeds, Leipsic, Lisbon, Lynchburg, Milford, Milton, New Church, New Market, Nichols Memorial, Oxford, Parksley, Patapsco, St. Lukes, Taylor Memorial, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Potomac, Powellville, Reliance, Salisbury, Seaford, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Michaels, Susquehanna, Texas, Trinity, Union Bridge, Warwick, Cherrydale, First Church, Washington, Georgetown, D. C., North Carolina Ave., Park Road, Rhode Island Ave., Wesley Chapel of Kent, Westminster, Wilmington, Whaleyville, Wye, Wallace Memorial.





THE NEW DEACONESS HOME
2512 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

We recommend the passage of the official character of all the ministers and preachers of this conference.

The Conference is grateful to the pastors and members of Broadway Church for their kind and delightful entertainment, the Royal Type-writer Co., Burroughs Adding Machine Co., and all others who have contributed to the pleasure and comfort of our session.

WM. H. LITSINGER,
C. E. DRYDEN,
B. F. RULEY,
C. A. HASTINGS,
F. M. WILSON,
W. W. SMITH.

Report N

MISSIONS.

Of the Committee.

Your committee having given due consideration to the papers and subjects referred to us in connection with the great subject of missions, reports as follows:

FIRST: The evidences of increased and increasing prosperity which have attended the efforts of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society—especially as they are represented in the Maryland Branches—as shown by the various reports, notwithstanding the exigencies of the times, call for great rejoicing and profound thanksgiving.

SECOND: We commend the work of our Boards and Societies, Home and Foreign, as worthy of our utmost endeavor, and pledge to the cause they represent our best efforts in releasing and placing at their command the spiritual and material forces in and about us.

THIRD: We give ourselves to prayer for the enduement of grace upon all our charges that shall bring them into vital touch with the passion of Jesus for the lost of God's Israel, everywhere, and into the fellowship of Christ's suffering and agony over the blight and devastations of a sin-cursed world. We covet for all a richer heritage in the unspeakable sweetness of that joy which springs from the fountain of tears gushing from the smitten rock of compassionate sorrow for our sin-maimed fellows, who, having eyes to see, see not, and having ears to hear, hear not.

FOURTH: We give unqualified indorsement to the sentiments so forcibly expressed in the preamble to the resolution referred to us, and signed by A. N. Ward, J. M. Gill and E. D. Stone, and which resolution we embody in this report, to wit:

"RESOLVED, That the charges of the Maryland Annual Conference make a special effort this coming year to double their Foreign Missionary offering, and that a committee of six be appointed—three ministers and three laymen—whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions in stimulating the charges in any way possible to realize this result. This resolution does not seek to change the regular assessment to be levied for missions, but the effort is to be directed in making the collection for every Foreign Missionary interest twice as much as for the year just closing."

FIFTH: We hail with joy the opportunity to take our place with our sister denominations in projecting a vigorous and comprehensive program of missions, and herewith call to all sister conferences in our own denomination to join us in a concerted effort to sustain the Boards in inaugurating and successfully consummating a denomination-wide drive for missions; and that the committee provided for above be the accredited representatives of this Conference, to co-operate with similar committees of other conferences, in carrying into effect this purpose. It is a matter of interest and commendation that the Board of Foreign Missions has already projected its program, and is rapidly developing its plans.

SIXTH: We ask instruction for the Secretary of the Conference to make provision in the report blanks for the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

SEVENTH: The ladies of the Maryland Branch of the W. F. M. S., working in harmony with the Forward Movement Commission, having elected the following ladies, namely:

Mrs. L. F. Warner
Mrs. W. E. Kindley
Miss Florence Hammond
Mrs. J. L. Nichols
Mrs. Henry Hupfield
Mrs. E. B. Marley

to visit the charges where there is no organization of the Woman's Branch, and to stimulate the weak organizations, we request the pastors to open their churches, and, whenever necessary, provide entertainment for them; their purpose being, not to get collections, but to organize for effective work.

EIGHTH: We recommend that the Conference insist that every charge in the Conference District hold an Easter Service in behalf of Home Missions, and stress the importance of that interest.

E. H. VAN DYKE, Secretary.
J. M. GILL, Chairman,

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 in session in Baltimore, Md., and begs leave to submit a report of our work the past year.

The reports that have come to us are encouraging and we feel that we have made progress. Our aim has been to enlist more women of our church in this great work of sending the "Light" to those in darkness, we need the help of every woman. It is with pleasure we report the organization of five (5) new auxiliaries in the past year.

Miss Olive Hodges spent a while in Baltimore, visiting various auxiliaries and churches and aroused greater interest in our work.

We appreciate the hearty endorsement of the President of the Conference, Rev. L. F. Warner, and would be glad to have an auxiliary in every church in the Conference, and solicit the co-operation of every pastor.

Miss Elizabeth Dawson, our Missionary, has returned. We expect to support another Missionary and are still supporting some scholarships, in connection with the other phases of the work.

Our receipts for the past year were \$2828.44, a gain of \$551.21 over last year.

Yours for the Master,

MRS. W. E. KINDLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Resolution Referred and Approved.

If this war has any message for mankind it must be that the great need of the world is its evangelization. We are at the beginning of a new dispensation along many lines. A new world is being created out of the old and all things are becoming new; and we face the new order with the conviction that the world will never again be what it has been. And lifting up our eyes we see the times in God's hands, and the day for march has come to the hosts of the Lord. God's hour has come for the evangelization of the world with the only Gospel that can ever make the waste places of earth to blossom into sweetness and light.

The conviction is being forced upon the minds of many that it ought not to take so long to save the world. If the church had done its full duty the world's evangelization would have come about long ago. The church is moving too slowly in carrying out the command of its Founder, and the heart of the Son of God must be saddened because of the long refusal to let Him come into His own and be crowned "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." It has been the refusal of the world to accept His teachings and adopt His standards that has brought about this awful war among the nations. And there is no hope for civilization unless the teach-

ings of the Man of Galilee are incorporated into the life of the peoples of the earth. The chaos into which sin has drawn all mankind in these days ought to set our minds upon finding the remedy for the ills of mankind and the application of the same to the life of the nations. The Church has been commanded to go into all the world and tell the story of the Gospel of Christ to every living creature. And we have not done it. The world for Christ has scarcely been more than a motto for church gatherings, and the pitiful response to the appeals sent forth for money and men for the mission field brings the blush of shame to the church in its waking moments. If we believe that the Gospel is the only hope for the world it follows that the most determined effort should be made to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The time has come for the greatest advance step to be taken in mission work. The close of the present war will offer the greatest opportunity to the Christian Church for the evangelization of the world. The nations will be ready as never before to listen to the story of the Cross, and the hearts and minds of men will answer more readily than ever to the call that promises a real salvation not only for individuals but for nations as well.

We can no longer live an isolated life. The ends of the earth are coming together. Political events and economic conditions are opening doors everywhere. The great war is revealing the weakness as well as the strength of society and government. So close together are being brought the causes of mankind and so intimate are all the relations that bind the world together that the fact should be faced that the world cannot continue much longer half Christian and half heathen. The great necessity of these days is the Gospel of Christ.

The evangelization of the world in this generation is not impossible of realization. The church must move faster because the world is moving faster, and to proceed as slowly as in the past will mean the betrayal of the Master in the hour of His possible triumph. It seems to many of us that the supreme hour of the Church has come, and to fail now may mean pushing the world back a thousand years.

Our beloved Church must answer the call. We can do greater things in missions than we have been doing. Other churches are sounding the call for many millions—the Methodist Episcopal Church calling for eighty millions of dollars for their missionary propaganda—and we must do our part or face the sad day when the Master will take from us even that we have and give to some other who will use the gift for a worthy purpose. The best preparation for the day to come at the close of the war will be for us to create a more intense missionary atmosphere in our churches, to teach the people the great reasons for missionary activity in the church especially in these times, and to make a great drive for money for our missionary boards. To take a first step in this direction looking for an increased missionary spirit in our church the following resolution is offered:

RESOLVED, That the charges of the Maryland Annual Conference make a special effort this coming year to double their foreign missionary offering, and that a committee of six be appointed—three ministers and three laymen—whose duty it shall be to cooperate with the Board of Foreign Missions in stimulating the charges in any way possible to realize this result. This resolution does not seek to change the regular assessment to be levied for missions, but the effort is to be directed to make the collection for every foreign missionary interest twice as much as for the year just closing.

A. N. WARD,
J. M. GILL,
E. D. STONE.

Report O

OUR CHURCH HOME.

Of the Committee.

Your committee on Our Church Home begs leave to submit the following report:

It is gratifying to note from the reports of the Board of Managers and the Board of Lady Visitors, the excellent condition of the institution. During its career of nearly a quarter of a century, the Home has been a blessing to many, and a credit to us all.

Some improvements have been made this year, which add to the value of the property and to the comfort of the inmates.

It is also gratifying to learn that an increasing number of churches are remembering the Home in substantial donations, from time to time. Many other churches should become more interested in this beautiful charity.

The cost of maintaining the Home has greatly increased in recent months. Your committee, therefore, recommends that an assessment of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00), be laid on the District for next year.

Your committee has carefully considered the recommendations of the Treasurer's report, and do recommend the following:

FIRST: That the present entrance fee of \$300.00 be not increased.

SECOND: That the form of application submitted by the Treasurer be approved, provided the wording thereon be changed to conform to the rules regulating the Institution.

The special case referred to this committee was thoroughly investigated, and satisfactorily explained.

G. E. BROWN, Chairman.

P. W. CROSBY, Secretary.

Of the Church Home Board.

At this session of the conference it is just twenty-five years since the first resolution was adopted, looking to the organization of a Church Home to care for worthy aged members of the Methodist Protestant Church. After two or three years of consideration and planning for the work, a property was purchased, and then repaired and improved, so that by the 15th of July, 1896, the institution was ready to receive applicants for admission to the Home. A Board of Managers was elected by the conference, composed of twelve, of whom only five are now living.

On April 24th, 1895, the Board was incorporated, and a charter secured, the legal work of which was done by Mr. T. A. Murray. The property was purchased at a cost of \$1831.60. Repairs and improvements cost \$625.11. Examination of titles, incorporation, insurance, etc., \$46.75., making a total of \$2503.53. The furniture was partly donated by generous friends, and the balance was purchased from time to time as the needs of the Home required.

The Home was opened by impressive religious services July 15, 1896, and immediately afterward two applicants were received into the Home. Since then 30 inmates have been entered, of which 16 have died, 3 removed, and 17 are now under its care.

Our financial situation at the present time will appear in the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Pearre Wantz, which should command the most thoughtful consideration of the Conference, and which the board requested the Treasurer to read to the conference.

The Board cannot too heartily commend the generous and intelligent activity of the Board of Lady Visitors, whose tireless interest and oversight provided the needs of the Home, maintained the morale of the institution, and looked after the personal comfort of the inmates. They have exhibited a beautiful example of unselfish devotion and sympathy in the discharge of their delicate duties.

The Board has great pleasure in commending the matrons. For 12 years or more, they have conducted the domestic life of the Home with rare faithfulness, for a small compensation, without once asking for rest or vacation.

The Board also recognizes with grateful appreciation, the numerous and useful donations, sent to the Home by generous individuals, and by churches, all over the conference district. Without this very substantial aid, our financial situation would be far less satisfactory than it is now. We take this occasion, and this method of recording our heartfelt thanks to all who have thus remembered the Home, and to assure them that no act could be more timely, or more beneficent than this unselfish method of aid in the care of these honored wards of the church.

The great advance in the price of food-stuffs, and such other articles as are absolutely necessary to the conduct of a home of twenty persons, makes it impossible for the Board to meet the necessary expenses, with its present financial income.

This is a charity that appeals strongly to men and women who are beneficently inclined, and an appeal to which the church MUST respond if it expects to live up to the heart of Christ, and show the love for our neighbor which His kingdom demands. It should be an attractive appeal to men and women who want to leave post-mortem legacies as a thank-offering to their Lord; and it should appeal with equal force to men and women who would be pleased to make substantial donations to a noble and beautiful charity while they are yet in the world. All this can be presented in the pulpit without the embarrassment of taking a collection. Those who actually want to do good with their money, will be glad to have their attention directed to worthy objects.

We must kindly insist upon a thoughtful consideration of our financial problems. Having assumed the care of these aged ones, and having accepted them upon OUR conditions, and having made ourselves legally responsible by a corporate act, we are compelled to meet the obligations in good faith. Increased expenses are inevitable, and increased assets are unavoidable. We venture to affirm that no institution of the kind in this country has been more satisfactorily, or more economically conducted. Not a member of the Board has ever asked for a dime in defraying their personal expenses. They pay their own way, and cheerfully do their duty in the work assigned them without compensation or complaint. So far as the Board knows, not a penny is wasted that can possibly be saved. One thing however is as certain as that day follows night, "A growing family demands a growing income."

Another condition is gradually confronting us that it will be well to mention, and that is, that the time is not far distant when we must enlarge our property. The number of applicants increases with each succeeding year. We will soon require more room, or we must refuse to receive new applicants. Can we, dare we, to refuse the application of worthy persons? Every new applicant is a challenge from God to the church for a greater faith and a more liberal spirit. And we must meet it with a generous welcome, or we must tell the Church, AND TELL THE LORD, that we have reached our maximum willingness and ability, and cannot possibly undertake any more. Our willingness to go on will stimulate and develop new friends, and larger means, and assure the blessing of God. While a wavering faith and an unwilling spirit will turn friends away, and dry up the fountains of charity in ourselves, and make us barren and unfruitful, and our entrance into the everlasting kingdom of Jesus Christ somewhat vague and uncertain.

E. O. GRIMES, President.

F. T. TAGG, Secretary.

· Of the Board of Lady Visitors.

The Ladies' Board held its regular meeting at the Home the second Wednesday of each month, and it was frequently necessary to meet

several times during the month to assist the matron in her housekeeping and various other duties. Our President, Mrs. Billingslea, has been ill the past six months, but we are happy to report that she is now convalescing. Our Vice-President, Mrs. Gehr, has been acting President during the time, and under her able leadership, our work has progressed as usual.

It gives us great satisfaction to report the building and grounds in good condition. Our new meat house is a great improvement. This year, we put up for winter use, three hogs and four extra sides; and it was a great convenience to have a suitable place for curing and smoking the meat.

With the exception of the papering of several bedrooms and putting new matting and oilcloth where they were needed, the repairs were few this year.

Considering the advanced age of the majority of the inmates, there has been very little sickness. We have had one hospital case, one of erysipelas, and one broken arm; but to our great surprise, the rest of the old folks stood the severe winter better than most of us younger ones. There were no deaths this year, and with one admission, the present number of inmates is 17. With the addition of the Matron, her assistant and colored boy, our family numbers 20.

It is gratifying to report the increased interest in the needs of the Home as shown by the generous response of the Churches and individuals in sending donations. In former years, donations came in around Thanksgiving and Christmas time only; but this year, they commenced coming early in the Fall and are still coming in. Lists of these have been published several times during the year in The Protestant and county papers. Cards of thanks have been sent immediately upon receipt of donations with the exception of one, which had no name of shipper or other means of identification. The greater number of freight and express charges have been prepaid by shippers, which helps us materially. In cases where the donation must travel over several railroads or boats, and the amount of freight cannot be prepaid, the shippers have requested us to send the receipted freight bill which amount they refund.

The donations include jarred fruit and vegetables, canned vegetables, groceries, flour, sugar, candy, fresh fruit, and vegetables, cakes, hams, poultry, money, books, etc.. Thirty-nine (39) churches sent donations this year, which is a substantial increase over last year's number—twenty-two. Is your Church on this honor roll?—New Church, Lapidum, Woodensburg, Flunksburg, Pittsville, Mt. Hermon, St. Pauls, Harrington, Christ Church of Chestertown, and St. James of Kent; Central, Lowe Memorial, Milton, Liberty, Wye, Pipe Creek, Harmony, Park Road, New Market, Evergreen, Wilton Heights, Trinity, St. Johns, Grace Church of Belair, Brooklyn, Cherrydale, Georgetown, D. C., W. Baltimore, Taylor Memorial, Lafayette Ave., Westminster, Chesapeake, Salisbury, Laurel, Mardela, Parksley, Brookville, Providence, and one not identified.

Annual Visitor's Day was held August 1, during the Minister's Summer Conference at Western Maryland College. The attendance was very

good, but we are hoping to have many more present on next Visitor's Day, due notice of which will be given. Lady Visitors and friends from other charges were delighted with the House and its surroundings. The Matron takes especial pride in her flowers and garden which add much to the attractiveness of the place.

Christmas was a happy time for the old folks. In spite of War-times generous friends requested their gifts to be used for Christmas cheer. This enabled us to give them their treat as usual. Each one received a goodly supply of candy, oranges, apples and a dollar bill; besides the good things of the season added to the menus. They were very appreciative and as pleased as children over their gifts.

Much credit is due Miss Murray and her assistant, Miss Stewart, for their untiring efforts to make all comfortable and happy. We are grieved to say that they are neither one in very good health and undoubtedly perform their daily tasks at times with great effort. We recommend a small increase in their salaries.

Respectfully,

The Board of Lady Visitors,

MRS. CHAS. BILLINSLEA, President.

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, Vice-President.

MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH, Recording Secy.

MRS. T. H. LEWIS, Corresponding Secy.

MRS. GEO. K. MATHER,

MRS. J. PEARRE WANTZ,

MRS. H. L. ELDERDICE.

Of the Treasurer.

I herewith submit my annual report of receipts and disbursements as Treasurer of the Home for the Aged of the M. P. Church of Baltimore City at Westminster, Maryland, and as I have been requested by the Board of Managers at their annual meeting, to make to your Conference a number of suggestions, I have also included a number of suggestions which we consider necessary for the better management of the Home, and which we hope you will see your way clear to approve.

My report will show (an itemized statement herewith attached) that we have received during the year \$3647.85 and have expended \$3637.59 which leaves a balance at the close of the year of \$10.26.

We have found that conditions caused by the war and unusual times have made it necessary for us to use more than was appropriated by your Conference of \$1500.00 and it was necessary to take this \$1500.00 from the permanent investment fund, which fund has been created by bequests from the deceased members of the M. P. Church, and which has been considered by your Board of Managers a fund that should be left intact both as to principal and interest, in order to have an endowment fund to take care of any emergency such as increased rooming space to

take care of additional inmates and many other things that we feel might occur. And as we have had to pay more for every thing used in the Home, although many hundreds of donations have come in, in the form of cash, green groceries and fruit, both fresh and canned, which have helped to a very great degree in keeping down the cost of running this Home, and as we feel that the cost this coming year will not be decreased, and as we feel that the amount taken from the permanent investment fund should be replaced, we earnestly suggest that the Maryland Annual Conference make an additional appropriation to this Home this year.

As the war and present conditions continue we have every reason to believe that we will have an unusual number of applicants for admission into this Home as is already the case, and if they come under the rules and regulations of the Home, they will have to be received under the Charter of the Home, and as additional food will have to be used, and additional fuel furnished, you can well see that by spending \$1500.00 or \$2000.00 per year more than is provided by the Conference, it will mean in the near future financial ruin.

Right here I would call your attention to the manner in which the Lady Board of Managers have conducted the Home for the past year, giving it their undivided attention in every particular, and well deserve the vote of thanks from every member of the M. P. Church for the part they have contributed to this beautiful charity. It has been necessary to provide heat, a comfortable room and three meals per day for twenty people (20) and have spent \$3637.59 for all purposes including funerals and other extra expenses, but to divide the total number of inmates in the Home into the total cost, shows that they have run this Home on a very small amount for each inmate, the amount being \$181.87, which is the next thing to wonderful we think.

Another thing that I would call to your attention and which we think is very important to the successful management of the Home, is that every member of this Conference should feel that he personally is a part of this beautiful charity which is being made possible by the assessments of the members of the M. P. Church, and that they should do every thing they can to help the active management and help them solve the many problems they have to confront.

We have a book of rules and regulations which state most clearly just what is required of an applicant for admission into the Home and the contents of this book should be applied to every applicant, except where it has been made a special case and is passed upon by the Board of Managers. In one case this year we accepted an applicant with the understanding that she sign the bond which compels her to turn over every thing which she now has or which she will hereafter have, except \$200.00 which she and several members of this Conference demanded that it be retained by her, and on account of the threat that she would go to some other Home, was accepted on the condition that she be allowed to retain the \$200.00. This applicant then paid her fee of \$300.00 and an addi-

tional amount of \$700.00 We have since learned that a short time before she made application to the Home she gave to her church \$1500.00 and also gave her Pastor several hundred, and she has told several members of this Board that she did not have to come to the Home as she had enough money to keep her, and has told of a number of donations made before she entered the Home. If this be true and we have every reason to believe it is, we frankly admit that this should not be tolerated one minute, for it certainly is not right for the members of the M. P. Church to be called upon to furnish heat, light, a comfortable room and three meals a day for the rest of this inmates life, and when death takes her away she will have a decent funeral, and yet her church and her Pastor will permit themselves to receive more cash without any strings tied to it, than was turned over to the Home. We suggest that this Conference appoint a committee to look into this case and decide what should be done.

This is not the feeling we would like to see exist regarding this Home, and instead of the members of this Conference and the inmates of the Home trying to see how much they could keep out of the treasury, they should feel enough interest in this charity, which is intended to take care of the helpless old people of our church, to see to it that every applicant absolutely turns over to the Home every thing they now, or will hereafter possess, and make it possible to make the running of this Home as light a burden as possible for the people who are paying the bills.

We also feel that the entrance fee of \$300.00 is too small during these times, and as nearly all such Homes have increased their entrance fee we suggest that you increase the fee of entrance to our Home.

We have had a sad case this year of an applicant being admitted to the Home and in three months became so very much insane that we were compelled to have her removed. We suggest to the members of this Conference that special attention be called to the matter of making applications for the members of their respective churches, and to make sure that the applicant is perfectly well in every respect and that the application blank which has been drafted and will be presented to you for approval, is signed with the best intent by all parties. Some members of this Conference have led us to believe that they think of the Home as a sort of hospital or a place for old people who are sick in one way or another, and we are at a loss to know how an impression could have possibly gotten into their minds, for it is not intended for either of these purposes, and it is quite necessary that every inmate of our Home be well in every respect.

We herewith submit a form of application which we think should be adopted by this Conference to be used by all applicants, and as human nature will permit of a doctor stretching his conscience in signing a certificate of health for an applicant whom they know is in bad circumstances and might be kept out of the Home if their answers were correct

to the letter, we also suggest that all applicants be examined by two doctors selected by the Board of Managers.

Our investment account shows that we have had five bequests this year amounting to \$1795.00, two admissions amounting to \$600.00 and accrued interest on investments of \$360.91, making a total which should be added permanently of \$2755.91, but we have been compelled to use \$1500.00 to be added to the general fund as explained above.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

1917	
March 13, Balance as shown by Conference minutes last year...	\$ 14.04
March 17, Cash from I. S. Owens of Bivalve, Maryland	4.00
March 17, Cash from Mrs. George Selby, Uniontown, Maryland..	7.50
April 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	51.00
April 7, Cash from Ladies Aid Society of Finksburg Church	20.00
April 19, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	1437.50
May 16, Cash from Mary M. Thompson	8.55
June 18, Cash from Mrs. Chas. Billingslea for Ham sold	1.00
June 22, Cash from Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa..	12.00
July 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	25.00
Aug. 23, Cash from Mrs. C. Anders, Union Bridge, Md.	5.00
Aug. 27, Cash from Invested Fund loaned to general account....	500.00
Aug. 31, Cash from T. A. Murray, Attorney, Beaver Int. collected	9.00
Sept. 4, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	56.00
Oct. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	17.00
Oct. 2, Cash from Telephone call refunded .....	.45
Nov. 8, Cash from Invested Fund loaned to general account	500.00
Nov. 15, Cash from St. Pauls M. P. Church, Balto. Harvest Home Collection	5.50
Nov. 22, Cash from Refund of freight donation of Sharptown Ct.	3.25
Nov. 27, Cash from Harmony Charge, Falling Water, W. Va., Rev. W. D. Short	5.00
Dec. 1, Cash from Libertytown Church, Libertytown, Md.	5.00
Dec. 12, Cash from Freight refunded from Milton, Del.	3.50
Dec. 12, Cash from Invested Fund loaned to general account....	500.00
Dec. 15, Cash from H. K. Muller, Treasurer, for Christmas Dinner	10.16
1918	
Jan. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	20.00
Jan. 2, Cash from Telephone call refunded .....	.25
Jan. 21, Cash returned by Matron of Home, Miss Murray	1.25
Jan. 21, Cash from Taylor M. P. Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1.00
Jan. 16, Cash from Potatoes sold by Matron	23.90

Feb. 4, Cash from St. Lukes M. P. Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	100.00	
Feb. 25, Cash from Mrs. W. A. Miller, Washington, D. C.	1.00	
Feb. 25, Cash from Rev. E. T. Read, Westminster, Md.	32.00	
Feb. 25, Cash from M. A. Dodge, Washington, D. C.	12.00	
Feb. 25, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	15.00	
March 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	241.00	
Total amount of all receipts		<u>\$3647.85</u>

Disbursements.

Which includes all items of expense for the maintenance of the Home for the year, and itemized in report to Conference	\$3637.59	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	10.26	<u>\$3647.85</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT FROM MARCH 13, 1917 TO MARCH 12, 1918.

Receipts.

March 13, Balance as reported in Minutes last year.	\$1616.67	
June 2, Interest on investment bonds	30.00	
July 13, Legacy of Mary Ann Grillet	950.00	
July 30, Interest on investment coupons	120.00	
Sept. 29, Bequest of Avis Vannort	50.00	
Nov. 20, Fee of Mrs. Mary A. Jump	300.00	
Nov. 20, Amt. given to Home by Mrs. Mary A. Jump.	700.00	
Nov. 30, Interest on investment Coupons	30.00	
Nov. 30, Interest on deposit in bank	60.91	
Dec. 13, Fee of Mrs. Sarah V. Beggs	300.00	
Dec. 31, Bequest of Mary L. Wheeler	95.00	
Feb. 4, '18, Interest on investment coupons	120.00	
Total amount of receipts		<u>\$4372.58</u>

Disbursements.

1917.		
May 29, Elk Horn Coal Corp. 6% Bond purchased ..	\$1035.00	
Aug. 27, Amt. loaned to general running account ...	500.00	
Nov. 8, Amt. loaned to general running account ...	500.00	
Dec. 12, Amt. loaned to general running account ...	500.00	
Balance in cash on deposit in Union National Bank of Westminster drawing 4% per annum	1837.58	<u>\$4372.58</u>

INVESTMENT FUNDS.

\$4000 Consolidation Coal Company 6% Bonds at market price..	\$4080.00
\$1000 Elk Horn Coal Corporation 6% Bonds at market price...	980.00
\$1837.58 in cash in Union National Bank at 4%	1837.58
	<hr/>
	\$6897.58
Total amount of investment fund March 12th, 1918	\$6897.58
Amount as reported in last report to conference	5796.67
	<hr/>
Net gain for year	\$1100.91

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

Westminster, Maryland,

March 12, 1918.

We, the undersigned executive committee for the Home for the Aged beg to report that we have examined the account of the Treasurer, Mr. Jas. Pearre Wantz, and have found them correct and supported by the proper vouchers.

ELIAS O. GRIMES,

F. K. HERR,

T. W. MATHER.

Report P
AUDIT.**Of the Committee.**

At the last session of the Annual Conference your committee examined as far as it could the Cash and Disbursement accounts in the Conference Treasurer's Report, and same appeared to be correct.

On May 15, 1917, when the books of the Treasurer were closed for the year, a more careful examination was made and all items were found to be correct in every particular. All money has been duly accounted for and properly disbursed.

On the above date the balance in hand in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Maryland was \$736.25, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$257.00, leaving a net balance of \$479.25 to the credit of the Conference Treasurer.

W. P. ROBERTS,

E. L. BUNCE,

FRED P. ADKINS.

Supplemental Report.

Your committee has carefully examined the report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference; the report of the Secretary of the Forward Movement Commission; and the Financial Statement in the report of the Conference Secretary and find all these accounts correct.

The Treasurer of the Conference has not been able to submit his report as yet, but as soon as he does a complete audit will be immediately made and report submitted to the next session of the Conference.

W. A. MELVIN,
W. F. WRIGHT,
T. IRVING ROTHEL,
Committee.

Report Q

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The Program Committee submits its report in the printed program herewith provided.

We invite the attention of the Conference to three matters:

1. A particular effort is made to interest the conference more largely in the morning devotional services, printing the names of the leaders with the themes they shall employ. As a further means,

We recommend, that Rule 7, Section 1, be suspended for this session, effective Thursday, and that the hour for beginning the morning session shall be 9:30 o'clock instead of 9:00, the session to continue to 12:30 o'clock. This recommendation is made with the view of accommodating those members of the Conference who may be lodging at a distance from the church.

2. No provision is made for the Friday evening service; and no hour is designated for the ordination of elders.

3. At the suggestion of the President the list of Standing and Special Committees is printed in the program.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Report R

COMMITTEE TO SELECT PLACE OF MEETING FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Your Committee to Select Place of Meeting for The Annual Conference, composed of the President of the Conference and the Standing District Committee, herein submits its report.

After due deliberation and conference with interested parties, we selected as the meeting place for the session of 1918 our Broadway Church, located at the northeast corner of Broadway and Monument street, Baltimore, Md., and notified the Secretary of the Conference of our decision before the first day of January, 1918, in accordance with the requirement of resolution 9, page 125 of the printed Minutes of 1917.

Your committee respectfully calls the attention of the Conference and all the charges composing the same to the fact that there is nothing in the action adopting the paid entertainment plan, that limits the committee to any particular city or section of the district covered in our Conference territory in selecting the place of the annual meeting.

We beg, therefore, to suggest that invitations from any locality within the bounds of the Conference will receive sincere, sympathetic, Christian consideration at the hands of your committee.

L. F. WARNER,
President of Conference.

F. T. LITTLE,
Chairman Standing District Committee.

Report S

THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City, herein respectfully presents its report for the year ending April 1st, 1918.

The personnel of the Board of Directors is the same as reported last year. There has been no change in the relations of the Board with Western Maryland College and Westminster Theological Seminary.

The income from the Henrietta Gibson legacy has been promptly paid over to the Board of Governors of the Seminary and used for the education of young men for our ministry.

The sum of five hundred dollars placed at our disposal by the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, as the Trustee of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, has also been expended by our society in the training of men for our ministry in the Seminary at Westminster, Md., in accordance with the requirements made of such beneficiaries in the will of Dr. Drinkhouse.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

J. W. CHAPMAN, JR., Secretary.

Report T

COMMITTEE OF VISITATION TO METHODIST HOSPITAL.

Your committee has not made any formal visits to the Hospital during the Conference year. But the personal visits of the members from time to time during that period, especially those of the chairman, justifies the report that the institution is making splendid progress in every department of its work. New rooms have been added, the interior of the entire structure has been brightened, decorated and in many ways made decidedly more attractive, modern and comfortable.

It is officered by faithful and efficient men and women who are devoting their time and talents unstintedly, and almost constantly, to the perfecting of the buildings and equipment for the largest possible success in caring for the afflicted, and in the treatment of the many different forms of injury and disease placed in their hands. The hospital is in every way worthy of the full sympathy and financial aid (when necessary) of the Conference.

F. T. LITTLE,
W. H. LITSINGER,
R. N. STEVENS.

Report U

THE COMMITTEE ON THE WILMINGTON CHURCHES.

In submitting our report to this Conference we beg leave to state after thorough investigations into the conditions of our churches in Wilmington, covering a period of several years, during which time we have visited Wilmington and inquired into the affairs of each church, we are fully convinced that the time has come for a new church enterprise in that prosperous and rapidly growing city. It is also a city to which many Methodist Protestants from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware are constantly moving. In fact we believe that in proportion to population more of our church people are going there than to any other city in this country.

To this end we recommend to the two churches there that steps be taken looking to the sale of their properties and the consideration of our work in a more desirable section of the city.

That for West Wilmington this action be taken at once and that no pastoral supply be given it at this session of the Conference.

That in the case of the First Church a pastor be appointed for this year with the request that the congregation prepare to co-operate with this Conference in whatever plans may be inaugurated in the future for the accomplishment of the work indicated above. The sale of these properties will greatly assist in the erection of a new church.

In this step taken by this conference we assure the membership of both churches that this is not to be taken as indicating a lack of interest in them, nor for the purpose of in any manner severing the relation of the members with us. On the other hand it is the spirit and purpose of this Conference to afford them more inviting and encouraging surroundings in their church life in advancing the denomination and the Kingdom of Christ.

We further recommend that this Conference hereby appeals to all of our charges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware and also the churches in Philadelphia, Newark and Elizabeth to unite in and also the churches in Philadelphia, Newark and Elizabeth to unite in and also the churches in Philadelphia, Newark and Elizabeth to unite in one great forward movement to raise within the next twelve months not less than twenty-five thousand dollars toward this new enterprise, and that an Eastern Shore Church Extension Society be organized, or some plan of co-operation be effected with the purpose of putting the Church's resources back of this movement.

We further recommend that the coming year be spent in preparing the way for the assigning of an experienced man as pastor of Wilmington at the next session of this Conference, and that as the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society is the recognized head of the church extension work, any society organized or work undertaken as above indicated shall work with the Board of Managers and as much of the time of the Superintendent be given by the Board as may be necessary in carrying to successful completion the plans outlined in this report.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
J. H. STRAUGHN,
T. A. MURRAY.

Report V

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT COMMISSION.

The Commission met soon after the adjournment of the Conference. When studying the spirit and aim of the Forward Movement a program for the work of the year was outlined, which was to be projected by a series of campaigns, by correspondence and by the publication of articles in the Methodist Protestant. For convenience in communication the territory of the Maryland Conference was divided into 23 units and a captain appointed for each.

The first campaign was conducted during the week beginning May 28th, 1917. The purpose of this campaign was to lay before the churches the general scheme and intent of the Forward Movement and to stress the need of a better organization within the local churches by the adoption of more modern financial methods. The plan was to have teams of speakers cover the entire Maryland Conference and hold meetings in the

most central places of each unit. In this campaign 87 meetings were held with 70 speakers taking part. Offerings were received at the meetings to defray the expenses of the campaign and notwithstanding the many speakers used the deficit was only \$1.34.

It is impossible to determine the results of a campaign of this kind. A postal card questionnaire concerning the matters under discussion brought replies from 85 charges with the following data. On these charges there are 69 churches not using envelopes. Of the 90 churches using envelopes, 42 use the Duplex Weekly, 34 use the single weekly, 6 use the single monthly and 8 use some other form. Of these charges 39 have all expenses counted in a single budget and 43 have no budget. The Every Member Canvass has been conducted in 49 charges. The financial system in 50 charges had been in vogue before last Conference, while 31 charges reported that the system had been changed during the year or was changed at the time the questionnaire was sent out. A parish survey had been taken or was being planned in 47 charges or churches while 54 said no survey had ever been made of this parish.

This information from the field showed, that while many of the churches are well organized, there is a lamentable lack of uniformity in the conduct of the business of the local churches. Too many churches are satisfied with the unchanged and uncertain methods of securing their finances and are subject to the varying quality of pastoral leadership and the moods and tempers of the officary. There ought to be standardization of this work in every charge and church or at least an attempt to lead every church up to a certain standard. The Duplex Envelope and the Budget system of church finance has been proven so successful in churches, large and small, that the Commission believes that the Conference ought to give its strongest insistence upon its adoption and fair trial in every charge and church. We believe that the Faculty of Instruction would do well to include in the course of study a text book on Modern Church Management so that the pastors of the future church may be able to give adequate and intelligent leadership to the efficient organization of their charges.

The Second Campaign was in the interest of an increase of subscriptions for the Methodist Protestant. There was a general exchange of pulpits on October 21st with the visiting preachers soliciting subscriptions. The correspondence for this campaign was done by the Editor and Agent of the Methodist Protestant, who were joined by a Committee from the Forward Movement Commission. The Commission's scheme of division of the Conference territory was used and the Captains of the units arranged the details of the exchange. This campaign resulted in about 800 new subscribers to our church paper.

The Third Campaign was planned for the week beginning November 20th. The purpose was to stress the two main objectives of the Forward Movement, a 25% increase in membership and a million dollars for benevolences in the quadrennium. For many reasons the response on the

In this step taken by this conference we assure the membership of both churches that this is not to be taken as indicating a lack of interest in them, nor for the purpose of in any manner severing the relation of the members with us. On the other hand it is the spirit and purpose of this Conference to afford them more inviting and encouraging surroundings in their church life in advancing the denomination and the Kingdom of Christ.

We further recommend that this Conference hereby appeals to all of our charges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware and also the churches in Philadelphia, Newark and Elizabeth to unite in and also the churches in Philadelphia, Newark and Elizabeth to unite in and also the churches in Philadelphia, Newark and Elizabeth to unite in one great forward movement to raise within the next twelve months not less than twenty-five thousand dollars toward this new enterprise, and that an Eastern Shore Church Extension Society be organized, or some plan of co-operation be effected with the purpose of putting the Church's resources back of this movement.

We further recommend that the coming year be spent in preparing the way for the assigning of an experienced man as pastor of Wilmington at the next session of this Conference, and that as the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society is the recognized head of the church extension work, any society organized or work undertaken as above indicated shall work with the Board of Managers and as much of the time of the Superintendent be given by the Board as may be necessary in carrying to successful completion the plans outlined in this report.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
J. H. STRAUGHN,
T. A. MURRAY.

Report V

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT COMMISSION.

The Commission met soon after the adjournment of the Conference. When studying the spirit and aim of the Forward Movement a program for the work of the year was outlined, which was to be projected by a series of campaigns, by correspondence and by the publication of articles in the Methodist Protestant. For convenience in communication the territory of the Maryland Conference was divided into 23 units and a captain appointed for each.

The first campaign was conducted during the week beginning May 28th, 1917. The purpose of this campaign was to lay before the churches the general scheme and intent of the Forward Movement and to stress the need of a better organization within the local churches by the adoption of more modern financial methods. The plan was to have teams of speakers cover the entire Maryland Conference and hold meetings in the

most central places of each unit. In this campaign 87 meetings were held with 70 speakers taking part. Offerings were received at the meetings to defray the expenses of the campaign and notwithstanding the many speakers used the deficit was only \$1.34.

It is impossible to determine the results of a campaign of this kind. A postal card questionnaire concerning the matters under discussion brought replies from 85 charges with the following data. On these charges there are 69 churches not using envelopes. Of the 90 churches using envelopes, 42 use the Duplex Weekly, 34 use the single weekly, 6 use the single monthly and 8 use some other form. Of these charges 39 have all expenses counted in a single budget and 43 have no budget. The Every Member Canvass has been conducted in 49 charges. The financial system in 50 charges had been in vogue before last Conference, while 31 charges reported that the system had been changed during the year or was changed at the time the questionnaire was sent out. A parish survey had been taken or was being planned in 47 charges or churches while 54 said no survey had ever been made of this parish.

This information from the field showed, that while many of the churches are well organized, there is a lamentable lack of uniformity in the conduct of the business of the local churches. Too many churches are satisfied with the unchanged and uncertain methods of securing their finances and are subject to the varying quality of pastoral leadership and the moods and tempers of the officary. There ought to be standardization of this work in every charge and church or at least an attempt to lead every church up to a certain standard. The Duplex Envelope and the Budget system of church finance has been proven so successful in churches, large and small, that the Commission believes that the Conference ought to give its strongest insistence upon its adoption and fair trial in every charge and church. We believe that the Faculty of Instruction would do well to include in the course of study a text book on Modern Church Management so that the pastors of the future church may be able to give adequate and intelligent leadership to the efficient organization of their charges.

The Second Campaign was in the interest of an increase of subscriptions for the Methodist Protestant. There was a general exchange of pulpits on October 21st with the visiting preachers soliciting subscriptions. The correspondence for this campaign was done by the Editor and Agent of the Methodist Protestant, who were joined by a Committee from the Forward Movement Commission. The Commission's scheme of division of the Conference territory was used and the Captains of the units arranged the details of the exchange. This campaign resulted in about 800 new subscribers to our church paper.

The Third Campaign was planned for the week beginning November 20th. The purpose was to stress the two main objectives of the Forward Movement, a 25% increase in membership and a million dollars for benevolences in the quadrennium. For many reasons the response on the

part of speakers and charges for cooperation was not as large as in the two previous campaigns. There were 68 meetings held with 20 speakers helping. It was possible to arrange for only two meetings in local churches in Baltimore and vicinity.

No one can tell how much good was done in this campaign or what part it may have had in the aggregate of the year's work. Of the \$22,481 assessed to the Conference for General Conference Benevolences, \$9,369.00 has been raised on regular assessments. The following churches have made contributions amounting to \$1032.00 to these interests above their regular assessments as an effort to reach the "goals" set before them by the last session of the Maryland Conference: Calvary \$10, West Baltimore \$50, Buckeystown \$100, Cannon \$40, Conquest \$50, Melvin Chapel \$32, Mapleside \$22, First Church, Newark \$260, Kemptown \$20, Laurel \$25, Milford \$120, Parksley \$72, Patapsco \$3, Salisbury \$160, Snow Hill \$25, Texas & Jones Memorial \$2, Wallace Memorial \$40.

Many circular letters and much printed matter have been sent out by the Commission to explain the General Forward Movement and to urge the definite part the Maryland Conference is to have in its consummation.

In order to meet the expenses of the various campaigns, correspondence and printed matter, and the traveling expenses of the members of the Commission one hundred dollars were borrowed from the Citizens National Bank of Frederick in the faith the Conference would agree to pay the necessary expenditures of the work. The receipts and expenses are as follows:

Receipts.

Loan from Citizen's National Bank, Frederick	\$ 100.00	
Offerings from First Campaign	42.15	
Offerings from Second Campaign	25.36	\$ 167.51
		<hr/>

Expenses.

Printing, J. W. Fahrney, Frederick	\$ 27.10	
Printed Matter, Forward Movement Commission ...	19.50	
Postage	11.14	
Expenses of Campaigns	56.83	
Traveling Expenses of Commission	28.70	
6 month's Interest on \$100.00	3.00	
		<hr/>
	\$ 156.27	\$ 156.27
		<hr/>
Balance		\$ 11.24

Itemized account and vouchers attached.

The work of your Commission has increased the faith of its members in the need and wisdom of the Forward Movement of the Methodist Protestant Church and they are very desirous of doing all that can be done to have the Maryland Annual Conference in the front line of this advance. WE RECOMMEND:

1. That the Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference be instructed to pay any deficit of the Forward Movement Commission out of the Assessment for Conference expenses.

2. That the Maryland Annual Conference reaffirm its sense of obligation to the General Conference in an earnest effort to meet the full amount of the budget apportioned to them for the coming year and that the Board of Finance apportion the difference between the amount assessed by the General Conference to the Maryland Conference and the amount assessed by the Maryland Conference on its various charges to the charges as "GOALS" to be reached, and that the Forward Movement Commission again address its activity to assist the charges reach the "Goals" by a work of education and inspiration.

3. That the Board of Finance be instructed to lay an assessment upon the District for the Board of Young People's Work in the same proportion that the other interests of the General Conference Benevolences are accepted for assessment.

4. That the Conference urge all ministers and churches to cooperate with the Forward Movement Commission in carrying out the work laid upon it and request every minister to answer the Commission's call for service even at the sacrifice of some personal convenience and local plans.

5. That the Conference instruct every pastor and official board of every charge to use their utmost endeavors to put in operation the budget system of finance with the Duplex Envelope system of collection and the Every Member Canvass in every church and that the Forward Movement Commission do all possible in attaining a uniform system of finance throughout the Conference.

6. That the Maryland Conference endorse the standards for the local churches as outlined by the General Forward Movement and request every local church to enroll in the Forward Movement and instruct the Commission of this Conference to give added stress to this feature of the general program for the coming Conference year.

J. M. GILL,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
J. H. STRAUGHN,
G. I. HUMPHREYS,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
WALTER R. GALE,
FRED. P. ADKINS.

Report W

THE HISTORICAL RECORD.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:—I have completed the compilation of the revision of the Historical Record up to the present. I have submitted it for estimate and I have a proposal from a responsible printer to publish it for the following price:

500 copies for \$240.00

1000 copies for \$320.00

If you will decide which of these proposals you will accept I will be glad to have the work done. It will take about six weeks to carry it through the press.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, Committee.

Note: The Conference decided upon 500 copies; distribution with price left with committee and Secretary of Conference, with power to act.

Report X

OF PROTEST AGAINST RACE TRACK TAX.

Your special committee to present the protest of the Conference to His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, against levying a tax on race tracks for the purpose of state revenue, respectfully reports that it discharged the duty imposed upon it by drawing up a strong, dignified protest on the subject, the receipt of which was graciously acknowledged by Governor Harrington.

Your committee cannot refrain from hereby expressing its deep regret, and the deep regret of the entire Conference as well, that the Legislature of our beloved State of Maryland did not by legal enactment exclude the whole iniquitous race track gambling business from our state.

F. T. LITTLE,

R. L. SHIPLEY,

DANIEL BAKER.

Report Y

ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUNDAY LAWS.

Your committee submits the following:

This committee was under the impression that it was raised by a motion, on suggestion and request of the Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Dr. W. W. Davis, that he might have some official representative of this Conference in Washington, with whom he might co-operate.

We beg leave to say that the Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance has never in any wise been consulted with or sought co-operation from this committee. On the contrary your committee is under the impression that, at least on one occasion, Dr. Davis visited Washington to appear before a national committee or its chairman and no co-operation was sought from this committee, but was sought from others. As a committee, raised for a specific purpose and for specific co-operation with a designated organization we have therefore taken no action. We wish to add, however, as ministers and laymen of the Methodist Protestant Church, we have not been unmindful of our obligation towards better observance of the Lord's Day in our Capital City.

The Tri-Methodist Ministers Association of Washington, of which the chairman of this Committee is President, has a standing legislative committee; of this committee two of our ministers are members. That committee is ever alert and active to its duties and has been an agency that has sought and obtained recognition in the good work of looking to a better observance of the Lord's Day in Washington.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,
G. E. BROWN,
J. F. BRYAN,
T. J. WILSON,
T. W. GRIMES.

Report Z

FOR INCREASED ASSESSMENTS.

Your committee appointed at this session to consider appeals for increased Assessments recommend the following:

1. Assessment for Deaconess Home be \$2000.00.
2. Assessment for Board of Young People's Work be \$500.00.
3. Assessment for Ministerial Education be \$800.00.
4. Assessment for Conference Incidentals be \$1000.00.

Concerning the request of the Secretary and Treasurer of the General Conference to add the sum of \$12,000.00 to our present Conference Assessments, your Committee recommend that it is unwise to do so at this time. We recommend the re-affirmation action of this Conference of 1917 in the matter of Budget.

See Report W—page 121 of Minutes 1917.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.
LOUIS RANDALL,
C. P. NOWLIN,
T. J. WILSON,
W. A. MELVIN,
T. IRVING ROTHEL,
M. A. DAVIS.

Report AA

TO CONSIDER THE NICHOLS MEMORIAL CHURCH, ODENTON, MD.

We believe a pastor should be assigned to this Church both for the development of the Christian life of the growing town and also for work in Camp Meade. We are credibly informed that such a pastor would be welcomed to Camp Meade and given every liberty to pursue his calling. Other Churches are doing and preparing to do this kind of important work. We have the equipment already and, being the first on the ground, are peculiarly responsible. There is a parsonage, which with renovation, would be available as a home for the pastor.

It would require a thousand or twelve hundred dollars to finance the enterprise for one year, but we believe the churches of the Conference would gladly and voluntarily raise the sum necessary. An opportunity is here presented that is great as it is unique, an opportunity for the Church as such to prove to our soldier boys that she remembers them and wishes to minister to them.

We recommend that the Conference express itself as to the financial aspect of the matter and that the whole question be then referred to the President and this Committee for action.

(The Conference expressed itself by raising \$1600 in subscriptions for this work.—Secretary).

We further recommend that the Superintendent of Church Extension Society be appointed to receive the subscriptions made for War Work at Odenton, and that the Church Extension Society, through him, shall disburse the same.

WM. H. LITSINGER,
E. A. SEXSMITH,
A. R. LEWIS.

Report BB

ON SUPERANNUATED FUND DEFICIENCY.

Your committee finds that there is a deficiency of \$664.53 of the amount appropriated to our Superannuates.

After careful consideration, we believe it very unwise to carry this deficiency over into another conference year; and we therefore recommend that a public collection be taken during this session of the Conference, to meet the above deficiency.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
J. FRANKLIN BRYAN,
FRANCIS M. WILSON.

Report CC**TO REVIEW RESULTS OF THE MINIMUM SALARY RESULTS.**

Your committee notes with pleasure the fact that the President of the Conference has urged the increase in pastor's salary among all the charges, especially among those not coming up to the minimum of \$800; and also that the secretary has carried out the instruction of the Conference by sending a letter to all the Quarterly Conferences not coming up to this amount.

There have been sixteen charges which have come up to or passed the minimum salary; and others, though we are not informed how many, have promised to increase the salary to \$800 for next year.

There are many charges paying less than the minimum salary, which have largely increased their pastor's salary. This we appreciate.

However, there are still fifty-six charges paying less than \$800, the minimum salary.

We therefore recommend first: That the Secretary of the Annual Conference be again instructed to communicate by letter to each Quarterly Conference where the salary is less than the \$800 urging that it be raised to this amount.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Chairman,
W. ALBERT BANNISTER, Secretary,
P. W. CROSBY,
W. W. SMITH,
J. C. GODWIN.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1.

Outlining the National Situation and Our Responsibility.

We are living in a day of extreme peril and responsibility. There has been no time like this in the history of the world. While we are meeting in this annual session our country is in declared war with the Central Powers of Europe, and more than twenty millions of men are facing each other on the battlefields of Europe; and already there are on the way more than a million of our countrymen who are joining forces with the war-worn hosts of Europe in the struggle for the freedom of the world and for the very life of civilization itself. It is well for us to pause for a few moments at the beginning of our conference session to register our adherence to the cause for which these millions are fighting and to pray for the guidance of our nation across these bloody fields of war through which we are passing. We pray that the scourge of war may soon pass away in the triumph of the cause which we devoutly believe to be the cause of God and of civilization, and we are ready to add to our prayers whatever the Almighty asks of us in the carrying out of His will among the nations of the world.

More than fifteen hundred men from our churches are in this war. They have answered the call of their country and they have gone forth to take their chance of life or death in a most sacred cause; and we owe it to them and to the homes from which they have gone, and to ourselves as well, to think of them while we meet in this conference session, and to pray for their keeping in the faith of the ideals to which their country is committed and in the faith of the Gospel in which they were trained. We hold them lovingly in our thought and we pray for them without ceasing.

There was no escape for our country from the burdens of this war. Watchful waiting at last revealed the will of God for us and our great national leader stepped forth into the place appointed unto him. The contest was such that we had to do more than supply food and munitions and read about the war from day to day, and debate the issues as they advanced from step to step. For three years the Allied Forces of Europe had been fighting our battles, and in a way we knew not at the first had been standing between us and a common enemy of the principles for which we stood as a nation. With the progress of events the issues became more clearly defined. At last the real issue stood out in bold relief to the whole world that this contest was between the reactionary forces of autocratic privilege that have held sway for so long in the government and social life of many countries of the Old World and the ideas and ideals that nations like ours and our allies stand for and expect to main-

tain at any cost; and that this war is to "make the world safe for democracy," and that to win this war means to save the world from the destructive hands of autocracy and militarism.

Our fathers fought in their day to establish a government founded on the right of the people to govern themselves, and they gave us the nation we love and those ideals of government which we shall never surrender. In their light we have seen the light that has made our duty clear in this present emergency. The ideals of our fathers blazed the way for the liberties we possess as a nation and for the liberty of the world. At the naming of these ideals the whole world is beginning to take hope and comfort and to see in the fulfillment of the hopes of our fathers the very hope of civilization itself. Our liberties have enlightened the world and have become the "day-spring from on high" to the nations that sit in darkness. A great and terrible day has come in which every man must give an account of himself before a throne of judgment in which no darkness can hide. These national ideals of ours more and more supplanting the old ideas of privilege and autocracy have grown so powerful that the modern sponsors for autocracy feel the menace of democracy and are making a supreme attempt to stamp it out of the world. If the forces of reaction and autocracy win the future of the world is very dark indeed; it may take a thousand years to get back to the place we are now.

The call for liberty, for justice and "equal economic opportunity for all nations great and small," for the righteousness which is promised to fill the earth, has sounded throughout the nations of the world. This nation has heard that call and has taken up the guage of battle as the last resort in defence of the right as God gives us to see the right. We are laying our all on the altar set in the midst of our day and generation; and with grim determination and an undying faith in the righteousness of our cause we have joined hands with the peoples of the Old World who think much as we think in these matters, and with them we shall win this war for democracy against autocracy.

We are with the President of the United States in the position he has taken in the name of this great country. We shall follow him as he leads in this cause and we pledge him the loyal cooperation of our people in every sacrifice demanded of us to the limit of life and ability. And to this end we offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED:—The Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in Baltimore, Maryland, in annual session, sends greetings to the President of the United States. We represent a constituency of nearly one hundred thousand people who are with you in body and in spirit, and we pledge you the loyal cooperation of our people in all the sacrifices necessary to win this war of democracy against autocracy. Your magnificent leadership has challenged the respect of mankind. May God give you wisdom and strength to lead the people in these times of national stress and discipline!

A. N. WARD,
JAS. H. STRAUGHN.

RESOLUTION 2.**On Superannuate Deficiency.**

WHEREAS, There is a deficit of \$1120.00 in the meeting the claims of the superannuates for the year 1917-18, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Conference Treasurer shall borrow the aforesaid amount in order to meet the claims in full.

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

RESOLUTION 3.**Apportioning President's Salary Assessment.**

That Regulation III section 2 of the manual be amended to read nine tenths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and travelling expenses and one tenth be paid to the agent of the President's parsonage for the necessary expenses on the parsonage as provided in the manual.

H. K. MULLER, Agt.,
R. L. SHIPLEY.

RESOLUTION 4.**Shortening Conference Session.**

RESOLVED, That the Program Committee is hereby earnestly requested to consider the feasibility and expediency of so arranging the program of the session of next year that the Conference may close on Monday evening.

T. O. CROUSE,
F. T. LITTLE,
H. S. JOHNSON.

RESOLUTION 5.**On Closing Saloons of Baltimore.**

WHEREAS, We are living in a time of emergency, when the very life of civilization is at stake, and it is becoming apparent that we cannot win this war of democracy against autocracy without offering all that we are in resources, not only physical, but mental and moral as well, upon the altars of our country, to the end that the nation may be saved in the face of a great peril; and since it is becoming more and more apparent that the nation must lay aside every weight, in order to run the race immediately set before it; and

WHEREAS, The legalized saloon serves no useful purpose whatever in this national emergency, and is a serious drain upon our resources; and

WHEREAS, The saloons of Baltimore City are a menace to the thousands of men in training at Camp Meade, and they are likely to become increasingly detrimental to the welfare of these men, upon whom so much depends in this great war; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session in the City of Baltimore, April Eighth, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen, that the President of the United States be, and hereby is requested, as a war measure, to close the saloons in Baltimore City and vicinity during the period of the present war.

Signed:

A. N. WARD,
J. W. KIRK,
H. S. JOHNSON,
T. PLINY FISHER,
J. M. GILL,
W. E. SHEPPARD,
T. IRVING ROTHELL,
WALTER W. SMITH.

RESOLUTION 6.

Pledging Loyalty to the Nation.

WHEREAS, Our country is in the war with no desire whatsoever to acquire either territory or indemnity, but with the sole purpose of destroying Prussian militarism—the greatest menace to civilization and the liberties of all peoples of earth, and

WHEREAS, This can only be attained by the undivided, unflinching, sacrificial loyalty of all who are under the protection of our flag, and share the inestimable blessings of our national heritage, secured for us by patriot blood and treasure, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session assembled this 8th day of April, 1918, do hereby pledge our steadfast fealty, and our uttermost response and cooperation in meeting the demands to be made upon us as Americans to insure complete victory for our arms, in connection with our allies.

RESOLVED, That we place upon record our abhorrence of all who, enjoying with us the rich privileges and benefits of our great Republic, seek to aid our enemy the Kaiser and his military hosts by pro-German propaganda, by imparting information to our enemies, by seeking to thwart the success of the Liberty Loan, and by monstrous acts of incendiarism and other lawless deeds.

RESOLVED, That we hereby petition the Congress of the United States to enact forthwith such drastic measures, and to provide for their

most rigid enforcement, as will rid us of all such instigators, denunciators of our government, and perpetrators of crimes by their imprisonment, or other punishment.

FRED. C. KLEIN,
J. M. GILL,
F. T. TAGG.

RESOLUTION 7.

Inaugurating a \$100,000 Superannuate Campaign.

Realizing the need of a more adequate support for the superannuates of the Conference, and believing that our people will gladly respond to the appeal to increase the endowment fund of the Superannuate Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference; Be it

RESOLVED, That a committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen be appointed to take steps to launch a campaign for one hundred thousand dollars to be added to the permanent endowment funds of the Society, and that this committee report their plans for this campaign at the next session of the Annual Conference.

A. N. WARD,
T. PLINY FISHER.

RESOLUTION 8.

Concerning Sons of Our Ministers in the War.

WHEREAS, Knowledge has come to the Conference that many of the ministers have sons now serving this country in France and other parts of the world, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we congratulate these ministers, and hail them as fathers of heroes and assure them of the prayers of their brethren that their boys may serve well their nation abroad and when the War is over return safe home to a land made better by their service and sacrifice.

R. L. SHIPLEY,
W. H. LITSINGER.

RESOLUTION 9.

In Appreciation of L. A. Bennett's Work.

RESOLVED, That we give grateful acknowledgement to God for the most fruitful evangelistic labor of Rev. L. A. Bennett who has been left "without appointment to engage in evangelistic work" and we give him the fullest endorsement of the Conference and recommend him as a master workman to all pastors and churches who need assistance in the evangelistic activities of their charges.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
F. T. BENSON.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society

Meeting was opened with F. T. Little in the chair. Report was made by T. A. Murray, Treasurer. Attached to Treasurer's Report was the report of the Auditing Committee which found Treasurer's Report correct. G. W. Haddaway moved that the report be adopted. Many expressions of appreciation for the Treasurer's efforts were heard from members of Conference. A rising vote of thanks for the splendid services of T. A. Murray, son of Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D. of our Conference, was included in the adoption of the Treasurer's Report.

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. Compber.
Corresponding Secretary: A. W. Mather.
Recording Secretary: C. C. Day.
Treasurer: T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers.

Ministers: J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Jude-
find.

Laymen: T. A. Murray, Daniel MacLea, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. B. Mills.

Dr. E. B. Fenby reported no definite action concerning Yearly Renewable Term Insurance. T. A. Murray said that investigation showed plan impracticable.

Meeting was adjourned.

C. C. DAY, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for the Year 1917-1918.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society.

PERMANENT FUND.

To Balance as per last Report	\$ 655.84
To amt. Annual Dues through C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer	\$ 108.00
To amt. legacy from Mary Ann Grillet	950.00
To amt. in redemption Cochel Mortgage	1450.00
	<hr/>
	\$3163.84

most rigid enforcement, as will rid us of all such instigators, denunciators of our government, and perpetrators of crimes by their imprisonment, or other punishment.

FRED. C. KLEIN,
J. M. GILL,
F. T. TAGG.

RESOLUTION 7.

Inaugurating a \$100,000 Superannuate Campaign.

Realizing the need of a more adequate support for the superannuates of the Conference, and believing that our people will gladly respond to the appeal to increase the endowment fund of the Superannuate Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference; Be it

RESOLVED, That a committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen be appointed to take steps to launch a campaign for one hundred thousand dollars to be added to the permanent endowment funds of the Society, and that this committee report their plans for this campaign at the next session of the Annual Conference.

A. N. WARD,
T. PLINY FISHER.

RESOLUTION 8.

Concerning Sons of Our Ministers in the War.

WHEREAS, Knowledge has come to the Conference that many of the ministers have sons now serving this country in France and other parts of the world, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we congratulate these ministers, and hail them as fathers of heroes and assure them of the prayers of their brethren that their boys may serve well their nation abroad and when the War is over return safe home to a land made better by their service and sacrifice.

R. L. SHIPLEY,
W. H. LITSINGER.

RESOLUTION 9.

In Appreciation of L. A. Bennett's Work.

RESOLVED, That we give grateful acknowledgement to God for the most fruitful evangelistic labor of Rev. L. A. Bennett who has been left "without appointment to engage in evangelistic work" and we give him the fullest endorsement of the Conference and recommend him as a master workman to all pastors and churches who need assistance in the evangelistic activities of their charges.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
F. T. BENSON.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society

Meeting was opened with F. T. Little in the chair. Report was made by T. A. Murray, Treasurer. Attached to Treasurer's Report was the report of the Auditing Committee which found Treasurer's Report correct. G. W. Haddaway moved that the report be adopted. Many expressions of appreciation for the Treasurer's efforts were heard from members of Conference. A rising vote of thanks for the splendid services of T. A. Murray, son of Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D. of our Conference, was included in the adoption of the Treasurer's Report.

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: C. C. Day.
Treasurer: T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers.

Ministers: J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Jude-
find.

Laymen: T. A. Murray, Daniel MacLea, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. B. Mills.

Dr. E. B. Fenby reported no definite action concerning Yearly Renewable Term Insurance. T. A. Murray said that investigation showed plan impracticable.

Meeting was adjourned.

C. C. DAY, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for the Year 1917-1918.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society.

PERMANENT FUND.

To Balance as per last Report	\$ 658.84
To amt. Annual Dues through C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer	\$ 108.00
To amt. legacy from Mary Ann Grillet	950.00
To amt. in redemption Cochel Mortgage	1450.00
	<hr/>
	\$3163.84

CR.

By amt. invested in Cochel Mortgage	\$1450.00	
By Balance on deposit	1713.84	\$3163.84
		<hr/>

INCOME ACCOUNT.

To Income received from Investments	\$6838.66	
To Interest on deposits	18.01	\$6856.67
		<hr/>

CR.

By Premium on Treasurer's Bond	\$ 12.50	
By Rent of Safe Deposit Box	5.00	
By 1918 Taxes on Securities	54.18	
By expenses of collections, etc.	250.00	\$ 321.68
		<hr/>

By amts. remitted to Conference Treasurer:

1917, July 23, Check #15	\$1300.00	
1917, Oct. 16, Check #16	1900.00	
1918, Jan. 26, Check	1300.00	
Check herewith for balance	2034.99	\$6534.99
		<hr/>

\$6856.67

Apr. 3, 1918.

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.

G. W. HADDAWAY,

J. W. KIRK,

Auditing Committee.

RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE.

Your Treasurer, in closing this his 25th year in Office and submitting this his 25th Annual Report, begs leave to present the following brief review of the Fund during this period, trusting that the information given may be of interest to the members of the Conference and our Church generally, and to add thereto an appeal for an early and substantial increase of our Permanent Fund.

The Permanent and Invested Fund is now approximately \$125,000.00 of which about \$92,000.00 is invested in well-secured Ground-Rents in Baltimore City, and the balance in Mortgages and other Securities approved by your Board of Managers. The Annual Income therefrom (varying slightly from time to time through necessary changes in investments, and the amount of dividends upon certain holdings) averages about \$6,700.00.

The following additions to the Permanent Fund have been received during the above mentioned period—

From the following Legacies:

1898	Henry Swope	\$ 975.00	
1899	Margaret Gernhardt	7515.73	
1902	Sarah Ehlers	500.00	
1902	Margaret Primrose	200.00	
1903	Fred M. Warner	487.50	
1903	Mary J. Zollickoffer	195.00	
1905	John G. Clarke	975.00	
1906	Jane H. Rupp	400.00	
1907	Richard Thomas	61.67	
1910	John A. J. Dixon	2000.00	
1911	Angeline Drinkhouse	5000.00	
1913	Lydia E. Brubaker	957.66	
1914	Isabella E. Cunningham	4350.68	
1914	Elizabeth Sendorff	500.00	
1917	Mary Ann Grillet	950.00	\$25,168.24

(The amounts above stated are the net amounts received after payment of Legacy Tax; the amount above stated of the Legacy from Mrs. Gernhardt includes therein the estimated value of four houses (Leasehold property) in Baltimore City).

Amount received from Special Canvass made by T. H. Lewis (1909-1911) for increase of Permanent Fund	\$10,519.52
Amount received through Conf. Treas. from Annual Dues, &c.	7,625.64
Total additions to Permanent Fund	\$43,313.40

While it is gratifying to note this substantial increase in the Fund, yet attention must be called to the fact that it has not kept pace with the increasing demands thereon. It represents only an average annual increase of about \$1750.00, which is in itself insufficient to meet the reduced rate of income from well-secured investments. When your Treasurer entered upon the office the Society then held quite a large amount of Securities yielding 7 per cent.; as these matured it became necessary to re-invest at the then prevailing and reduced market rate of income

upon safe investments. When it is considered that during the greater part of this period the rate of Income from first class investments was 4 per cent., your Board of Managers is to be congratulated that it is able to report that the Fund as now invested yields about 5 ½ % per annum.

But the number of our Superannuated Claimants is constantly increasing, and their need of a reasonably adequate support was never greater than at the present time. A glance at the reports from year to year published in our Conference Minutes of the salaries paid to those in the active Ministry causes us to wonder how most of them can make ends meet, and saving against the evil day of superannuation is known to be out of the question by those who are acquainted with the constant appeals for aid to a Pastor which are met in a spirit of self-denial, and of which few ever learn.

We venture the assertion that the larger number of the men in our active Ministry could command a much larger salary in a secular business, and this explains in part the lamentable thinning of the ranks of Ministerial Students in the present day, not only in our Church but generally. Your Treasurer, in connection with assistance rendered Registrants under the Selective Draft in filling up their Questionnaires, found that the larger portion of the colored laborers were receiving an hourly wage of 42 ½ cents. Compare this with the salaries of our Pastors who must be ON THE JOB at all hours, both day and night; or consider that it is not unusual for a mechanic to command from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per day of eight hours. Certainly our membership should be awakened to the fact that providing adequately for our Superannuates is not a charity, but a simple act of justice.

Your Treasurer is often surprised at the seeming apathy manifested by the Ministers of our Conference in reference to this Society, and its conditions, needs and prospects, a matter in which all may at some time be vitally interested. Probably the fact that to some extent its financial affairs require his almost daily attention causes him to expect a greater interest to be manifested by the Conference in its condition as annually reported.

It is in the hope of stimulating a greater interest among the members of the Conference, and through them bringing home to the membership of our Church its needs, that your Treasurer has asked the privilege of adding these words at the end of this his 25th year of service.

If he may be pardoned a personal word, he has found that it only needed a simple suggestion of its needs and demands to secure a response by those contemplating testamentary dispositions, some of which have already been realized and quite a number will at some future day; and he believes much can be accomplished in this way by keeping its claims constantly before the attention of our Church.

THOMAS A. MURRAY.

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

The Church Extension Society convened on Tuesday at 5 P. M. E. C. Makosky, First Vice-President of Society, presided.

Treasurer's report read and adopted, having previously been audited.

Report of the Board of Managers was read and adopted.

Report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia was read by C. M. Compber. (See Report appended).

Motion by J. W. Kirk that we concur in the resolutions and grant the request, the understanding being that this Society pledge itself, and Board of Managers to have the money available whenever it is needed in Washington City for the purpose of Church Extension. And in event the Board must borrow the money to make it available, it shall not become an encumbrance on the Washington work.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following officers: President, J. L. Mills; First Vice-Pres., E. C. Makosky; Second Vice-Pres., J. F. Wooden; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg; Treasurer, W. C. Scott.

Board of Managers—Ministers: G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, S. F. Cassen, G. E. Brown; Laymen: W. C. Scott, T. A. Myers, E. B. Fenby, J. H. Roberts.

Adjournment.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

Report of the Board of Managers.

During the year just closed the Board has earnestly striven to discharge the duties and to meet the responsibilities imposed upon it. We are gratified to note the marked increase of interest in Church Extension throughout the Conference District.

On August 1st, 1917 the new Superintendent, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., appointed by the President as directed by this Conference a year ago, assumed the duties of this office. It required time to inaugurate plans and get the work started, but selection of a site on the Falls Road was made, and, early in September, a tent meeting was held in charge of the Superintendent with Rev. L. A. Bennett as evangelist. This effort resulted in the organization of a Sunday School, which, notwithstanding the difficulties in securing suitable quarters, and having to suspend operations during the extreme wintry weather, is growing. It was thought wise to defer the organization of a Church to a later time. Those who are in charge of the work locally manifest a deep interest. They have obligated themselves for \$200 for pastoral support for the ensuing year. A lot 100x100 feet on the Falls Road at 42nd St. has been purchased for \$2350 and plans have been prepared for a stone chapel to be erected thereon. On account of the war conditions it may be impossible to build at the present time; in this event it is the purpose of the Board to erect a temporary building to meet the present necessities. While the extensive building operations planned in the immediate neighborhood of the Church are held up by the war, the concensus of opinion of our people who are familiar with the location is that it will be a fine opening for a Church. Some plan for pastoral supply will have to be made and for the present this Church and Texas can be united.

The Superintendent is considering other locations and we believe that definite steps will be taken in the near future toward establishing new Sunday Schools in some of these places. This is not to be confined to Baltimore City. He has been in Cumberland and reports a favorable opening there. The one need at this point is funds. Accomac County, Virginia has been visited and it is hoped that some results will come from the investigation made.

He has under consideration our work in Wilmington, and as chairman of a special committee on the Wilmington Churches will have an important recommendation to this Conference. The Board of Managers is in hearty sympathy with this new movement and stands ready to give any assistance possible in carrying to successful completion this new enterprise.

We believe that Church Extension has reached an important epoch in the history of the Conference, and every effort should be made to bring every part of the Conference district in active relation with the work. While we have begun work first in Baltimore there is no disposition on the part of the Board to confine it to the City or to give Baltimore any preference. We all, however, recognize the fact that Baltimore is the center of our Conference work, and every effort should be made to extend our borders in this great and rapidly growing city.

The Park Road Church, Washington, has been a source of deep concern to the Board, and in fact to the entire Conference. The hopes held out to the Conference for the establishment of a strong Church there have not been realized. At three previous sessions of this Conference we have called your attention to the critical condition of this Church. The Church itself has not been able to meet the financial obligations it assumed in the beginning; the District of Columbia Church Extension Society has not been in a position to continue its aid; so the responsibilities have fallen upon the Conference and this Board of Managers. We have taken care of the heavy financial obligations during the year. In October Rev. Dr. Butler, pastor of the Columbia Heights Evangelical Lutheran Church, applied to our Superintendent to purchase the property for his Church. After several conferences and the approval of the sale by the Park Road Church, the property was sold to the said Lutheran congregation for eleven thousand dollars. A cash payment of \$500 was made. On March 26th we received the second payment of \$2500 and gave possession April 1st. On June 1st next a payment of \$2000 will be made with the assumption of the mortgage of \$6000 by the Lutheran congregation; at which time the property will be deeded to it. This sale was the best thing to do under the circumstances. We trust the Conference will approve it.

The Superintendent has secured in cash and subscriptions, including those from the Board of Home Missions and the St. John's Board of Beneficence, \$4348.50, with about \$400 more in sight. This part of the work was not undertaken until the first of December, and considering

the condition of the weather during the winter, making it useless to attempt during a part of this time to visit the churches, we think it shows an excellent beginning. Dr. Sheridan has adopted the wise policy of taking no public collections. He states the principles of Church Extension, when opportunity is afforded, and gives information as to need and plans. Most Churches are glad to have such a presentation of a great interest. The people are thus prepared to intelligently consider the subject and to contribute when called upon.

The securing of funds is by no means all a superintendent has to do; indeed that is hardly the most important part of his work. Watching the trend of population, selection of sites, advising as to new building enterprises in connection with established work, and generally putting the Church in the way of the most aggressive and effective Christian service keep him more than busy. We have demonstrated the fact that such executive supervision of this work is essential and earnestly recommend that Dr. Sheridan be reassigned to the duty.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN B. FENBY, President.

Treasurer's Report.

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 31, 1918.

1917.

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 31, Balance	\$ 181.62
May 15, F. A. Holland (Loan), account Conf. appropriation on Park Road Church salary	250.00
June 4, Conf. Appropriation on Interest, Kent Co. Sav. Bank ..	240.00
June 30, Interest on Deposits	2.45
Sept. 21, C. P. Nowlin, Treas., Conference Appropriation	600.00
Nov. 27, Trustees of the Md. Conf., loan of Eversole Legacy ...	1000.00
Nov. 27, Baker, Watts & Co., loan	1000.00
Nov. 27, Baker, Watts & Co., loan	400.00
1918.	
Jan. 5, J. M. Sheridan, Supt. collection	91.00
Jan. 5, Interest on deposits	3.02
Jan. 30, Conf. appropriation on Church Ext. Supt. salary	600.00
Feb. 4, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., collections	215.00
Feb. 6, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., collections	25.00
Feb. 14, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., collections	115.00
Feb. 14, St. Johns Board of Beneficence	100.00
Mar. 5, J. M. Sheridan, Supt. collections	50.00
Mar. 5, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., on acct. sale Park Road Church..	500.00
Mar. 14, J. M. Sheridan, Supt. collections	134.00
Mar. 26, J. M. Sheridan, Supt. collections	210.50
Mar. 27, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., acct. sale Park Road Church....	2500.00
Total receipts	\$8217.59

1917.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Apr. 14, F. A. Holland,		
12 mo. Int. on \$250.00.....	\$15.00	
12 mo. Int. on \$500.00.....	30.00	\$ 45.00
<hr/>		
May 8, Mrs. J. D. Bowers, int. on note	12.00	
May 17, Park Road Church, int. on mortgage	165.00	
May 23, Park Road Church, renewal of mortgage...	30.00	
May 31, Kent County Sav. Bank, interest	87.00	
June 5, Expenses Committee to Park Road Church..	2.50	
July 19, Rev. G. E. Brown, expenses	2.70	
Aug. 21, Park Road Church, interest on mortgage...	165.00	
Aug. 28, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Sept. 12, Rev. G. E. Brown, expenses	2.45	
Oct. 2, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Nov. 1, Mrs. J. D. Bowers, interest on note	6.00	
Nov. 1, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Nov. 22, Rev. G. E. Brown, expenses	3.50	
Nov. 27, The Frank Novak Realty Co., for Falls Road Church lot	2350.00	
Nov. 27, The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., examining title, recording deed, etc.	12.30	
Nov. 30, Kent County Sav. Bank, interest	87.00	
Dec. 1, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Dec. 15, H. A. Kester, Salary Odenton Church	37.10	
1918.		
Jan. 2, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Jan. 11, M. A. Kester, Salary Odenton Church	37.10	
Feb. 1, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Feb. 7, M. A. Kester, Salary Odenton Church	37.60	
Feb. 18, S. J. Martinel & Co., acct. Falls Road Ch....	10.00	
Feb. 18, Park Road Church, interest on mortgage ...	165.00	
Feb. 27, Baker, Watts & Co., on note.....	\$100.00	
Feb. 27, Baker, Watts & Co., int. on note.	15.50	115.50
<hr/>		
Mar. 2, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	
Mar. 15, G. E. Brown, expenses	1.50	
Mar. 15, Postage and revenue stamps	3.00	
Mar. 26, J. M. Sheridan, Supt.,		
Printing cards	3.25	
Balance acct. Tent Meeting....	12.76	
Traveling expenses	21.45	37.46
<hr/>		
Mar. 27, J. M. Sheridan, Supt., salary	125.00	\$4414.71
<hr/>		
Mar. 31, 1918, Balance		\$3802.88

Total Receipts	\$8217.59
Total Disbursements	4414.71

\$3802.88

WALTER W. SMITH, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

W. A. MELVIN,
T. IRVING ROTHEL,
Auditing Committee.

April 5, 1918.

Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia.

We have cancelled all of our indebtedness, and have met all of our obligations, this conference year; and we report that five churches are sustaining members of the society. There are one hundred and fourteen (114) members of the society.

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers, held on March 15th, 1918, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously, with the request that they be presented to the Church Extension Society of the Annual Conference:

WHEREAS, The Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society has deemed it the part of wisdom and financial policy to sell the property in Washington known as the Park Road Church, to which property said Extension Society held deed and title; and

WHEREAS, During the time since the Park Road Church was begun, the churches of Washington, as church bodies, and many individuals, as such, have made much sacrifice to foster that work—doing this to enlarge our constituency and give prestige to our denomination. And since never before in the history of our Capitol City has there been so many people there to whom to minister, and never before in the history of our Church so opportune a time to emphasize the American Principle of Government in Church organization as today; Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Managers of the Washington Church Extension Society, officially representing six (6) Churches, and voicing the feeling of 1500 members and a constituency of 5000 people, respectfully request and insist that the Conference Church Extension Society shall direct that the net receipts from the sale of the Park Road Church property be placed in trust to be used exclusively for Church Extension in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, That the Conference Church Extension Society authorize its Board of Managers to direct the Church Extension Superintendent to visit Washington and survey the field, getting data as to locations and possibilities for Extension Work, and that the Board and Superintendent begin such plan and program without unnecessary delay, and in co-op-

eration with the Board of Managers of the Washington Church Extension Society which officially represents the Official Boards of our Washington Churches, as also the members of our Church Extension Society.

RESOLVED, That this Board of Managers of the Washington Church Extension Society pledge our sincere and fullest co-operation.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,
JULIAN P. DODGE,
C. MORGAN COMPHER.

March 15th, 1918.

Respectfully submitted,
C. MORGAN COMPHER, President.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Acting Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS.

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

2. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

3. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is continued. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members" at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

4. When any number of the members of any of our Missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to the Discipline for trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by

jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the next session ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

5. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

6. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

7. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

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

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

10. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem 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 Committee of 1907 is hereby reaffirmed as follows. "The Committee on Church Extension shall not report upon any case referred to it by the Conference, except such cases recommended by the President to accommodate the plan of appointments."

The Mutual Relief Association

Baltimore, Md., April 8th, 1918.

The Mutual Relief Association met Monday morning. G. A. Ogg, first vice-president, asked that F. T. Little, who had been presiding over the session of Conference, preside over the meeting. J. A. Weigand, the Secretary-Treasurer, was absent on account of physical infirmities. The Secretary of the Conference was asked to send him a letter of greeting. E. C. Makosky, the assistant Secy.-Treas., read the Treasurer's report. It was referred to an auditing committee consisting of G. H. Stocksdale and F. A. Holland. The auditing committee reported the accounts were correct.

The Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot for the following officers:

- G. A. Ogg, First Vice President.
- J. F. Bryan, Second Vice President.
- C. E. Dryden, Third Vice President.
- J. A. Weigand, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Eugene C. Makosky, Ass't. Secretary-Treasurer.

It was decided by vote of the Association to request the Secretary of the Conference to publish a list of the present membership in the Conference Minutes.

Adjourned.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY,
Assistant Secretary.

We, your committee on Audit of Report of Treasurer for the year ending April 3d, 1918, have examined said report and the vouchers, and find it correct.

G. H. STOCKSDALE,
F. A. HOLLAND.

For the year ending April 3rd, 1918.

Paid out as follows for eight (8) cases during the year:—

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Paid Geo. M. Clark, Executor, for Mrs. M. F. Charlton.	\$ 141.00	
Paid Mrs. S. B. Tredway	148.00	
Paid Mrs. D. L. Greenfield	140.00	
Paid Miss Blanche Straughn	140.00	
Paid Mrs. G. R. Hodge	142.00	
Paid Rev. A. A. Harryman	139.00	
Paid Mrs. E. O. Ewing	139.00	
Paid Mrs. W. W. Johnson	136.00	
Expenses of collecting in eight (8) cases	30.25	\$1155.25

(See receipts in all cases).

Deposited in National State Bank, Newark, N. J. \$142.00

Deceased during year 8
Present Membership 156

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Secy.-Treasurer.

Members of Mutual Relief Association.

Adams, Ziba
Adams, J. Peyton
Alexander, C. N.
Bacchus, Rev. G. Q.
Beauchamp, Rev. E. L.
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.
Balderston, J. W.
Bauscher, Rev. W. F.
Bryan, Rev. B. A.
Bryan, Mrs. B. A.
Bryan, Rev. J. F.
Bryan, Mrs. J. F.
Cassen, Rev. S. F.
Cassen, Mrs. S. F.
Coe, Rev. S. W.

Coe, Mrs. S. W.
 Crouse, Rev. T. O.
 Crouse, Mrs. T. O.
 Clough, Rev. N. C.
 Clough, Mrs. N. C.
 Cochell, Mrs. C. E.
 Cullum, Rev. C. M.
 Cullum, Mrs. C. M.
 Cushing, Mrs. H. C.
 Davis, Howard L.
 Day, Rev. C. C.
 Dobson, H. N.
 Donovan, Rev. A.
 Dryden, Rev. C. E.
 Dryden, Mrs. C. E.
 Dudley, Rev. J. A.
 Dupuy, Rev. A. B.
 Dutton, Chas. R.
 Dutton, Mrs. C. E.
 Elderdice, Rev. J. L.
 Elderdice, Mrs. J. L.
 Elderdice, Rev. H. L.
 Ewell, Rev. A. W.
 Ewell, Mrs. A. W.
 Ewing, Mrs. E. O.
 Farring, Rev. G. F.
 Gill, Rev. J. M.
 Graham, Rev. W. R.
 Gray, Rev. J. W.
 Greenfield, Mrs. D. L.
 Green, Rev. A. H.
 Green, Mrs. A. H.
 Haddaway, Rev. G. W.
 Haddaway, Mrs. G. W.
 Haddawway, L. E.
 Holland, F. A.
 Hanks, Rev. W. S.
 Hanks, Mrs. W. S.
 Harryman, Rev. A. A.
 Hill, Rev. G. J.
 Hines, Rev. G.
 Hines, Mrs. G.
 Hoblitzell, Mrs. S. A.
 Hodge, Mrs. G. R.
 Holmes, Rev. J. M.
 Hooker, Rev. G. J.

Hungerford, Rev. M. E.
 Hungerford, Mrs. M. E.
 Johnson, Mrs. W. W.
 Johnson, Rev. H. W. D.
 Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D.
 Jones, E. H.
 Jones, Rev. T. C.
 Judefind, Rev. W. B.
 Judefind, Mrs. W. B.
 Kindley, Rev. B. W.
 Kindley, Mrs. B. W.
 Kirk, Rev. J. W.
 Kirk, Mrs. J. W.
 Kirkley, Rev. E. T.
 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.
 Makosky, Rev. E. C.
 Makosky, Mrs. E. C.
 Mather, Rev. A. W.
 Mather, Mrs. A. W.
 Miller, Rev. V. A.
 McCready, Mrs. G. R.
 Melvin, Rev. W. A.
 Melvin, Mrs. W. A.
 Mills, Rev. J. L.
 Moore, Jas. T.
 Neeper, 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.
 Parris, Rev. J. W.

Phillips, Mrs. W. S.
Randall, Rev. L.
Randall, Mrs. L.
Raum, A. F. T.
Read, Rev. E. T.
Read, Mrs. E. T.
Rice, Rev. P. L.
Rice, Mrs. P. L.
Ross, Rev. G. S.
Rowe, Mrs. R. S.
Reynolds, Rev. F. D.
Roberts, Rev. W. P.
Roberts, Mrs. W. P.
Sexsmith, Rev. E. A.
Sexsmith, Mrs. E. A.
Shipley, Rev. R. L.
Schauer, P. M. R.
Schlincke, Rev. H. L.
Schlincke, Mrs. H. L.
Simms, Rev. E. W.
Simms, Mrs. E. W.
Sheridan, Rev. J. M.

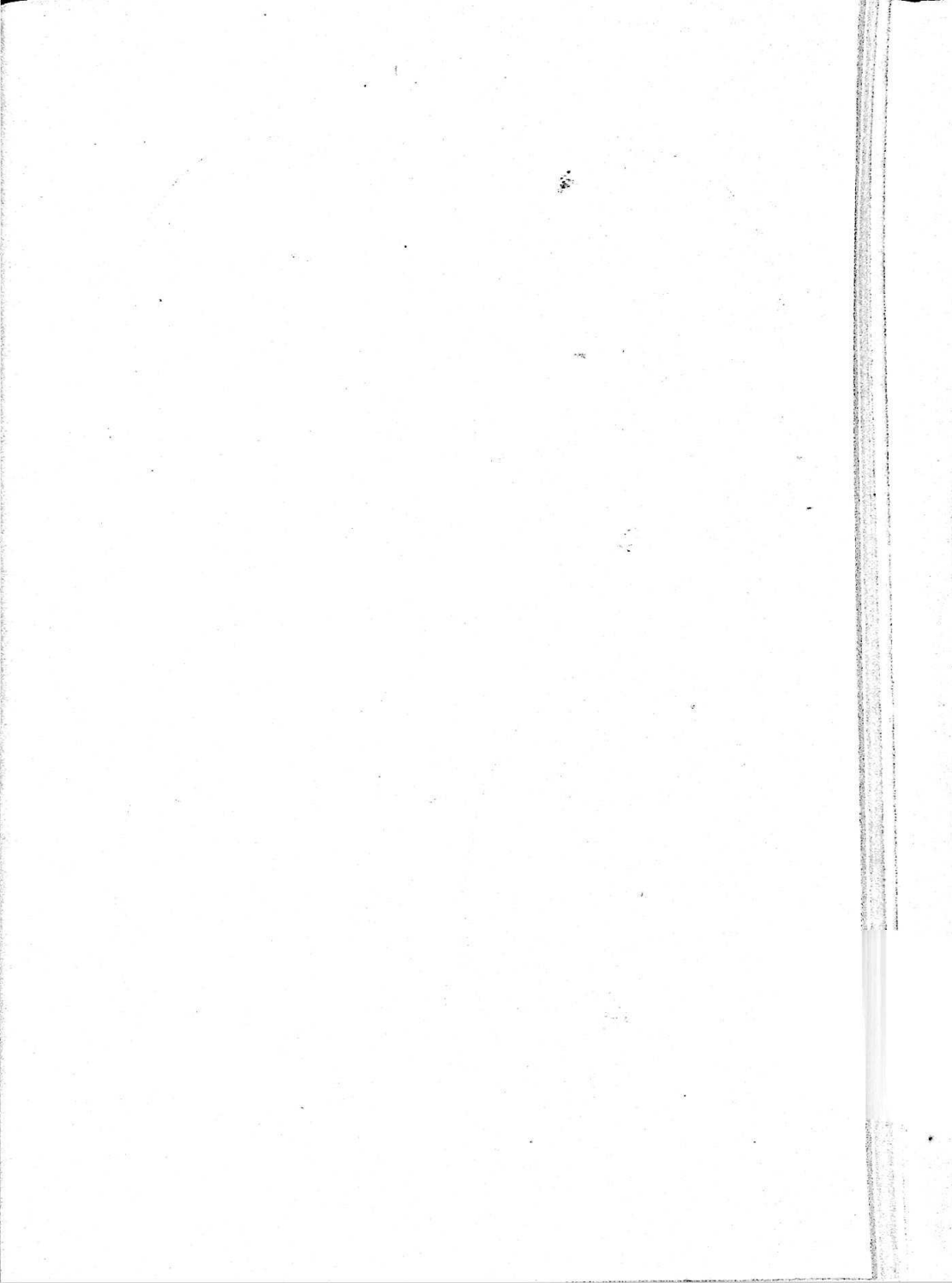
Smith, Rev. L. B.
Smith, Mrs. L. B.
Stevens, Mrs. F. L.
Stocksdale, Rev. G. H.
Straughn, Rev. J. H.
Straughn, Mrs. J. H.
Strayer, Rev. W. M.
Tredway, Mrs. S. B.
Trout, Rev. J. W.
Van Dyke, Rev. E. H.
Van Dyke, Mrs. E. H.
Walter, Mrs. I. S.
Ward, Rev. A. N.
Ward, Mrs. A. N.
Weigand, Rev. J. A.
Weigand, Mrs. J. A.
Williamson, Mrs. R. S.
Wooden, Rev. J. F.
Wooden, Mrs. J. F.
Wright, Rev. J. A.
Wright, Mrs. J. A.
Yingling, Mrs. J. M.

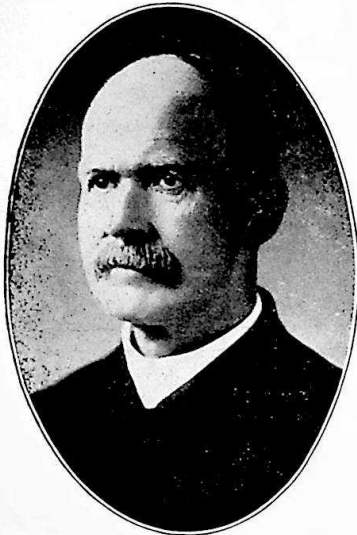
THE MEMORIAL ROLL.

"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	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson	.....	1829	1834
William Kesley	.....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger	.....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh	.....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.	.....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux	.....	1838	1844
William W. Ball	.....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley	.....	1842	1844
Samuel D. Norwood	.....	1843	1846
Isaac Webster	.....	1820	1844
Levi Rogers Reese	1787	1829	1851
Frederick Stier	1806	1832	1851
Richard Adkinson	1783	1830	1851
Levin A. Collins	1817	1841	1851
John Smith Reese, M. D.	1814	1837	1853
Francis George Wright	1790	1829	1855
Neville Steele Greenaway	1823	1849	1859
William Turbert Wright	1824	1862	1861
Washington Roby	1808	1845	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell	1816	1839	1862
Josiah Varden	1832	1856	1862
George D. Hamilton	1806	1831	1863
Reuben Tyler Boyd	1798	1831	1864
Thomas Hart Benton Austin	1794	1833	1865
James Francis Whiteside	1842	1863	1865
Eli Henkle	1828	1850	1866
Francis Waters, D. D.	1787	1829	1867
Thomas H. Burgess	1792	1838	1867
Thomas Mahlon Wilson	1828	1861	1868
Luther J. Cox	1814	1842	1870
Christian Eversole	1791	1869	1870
Daniel Bowers	1820	1852	1870
John Morgan	1832	1854	1871
Henry C. Hayghe	1811	1844	1871
John Elderdice	1844	1869	1871
John Robers	1814	1838	1874
Amon Richards	1818	1843	1875
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.	1787	1870	1876
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.	1813	1839	1877
Samuel Guest Vallant	1810	1830	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.	1852	1870	1877
John Edgar Read	1839	1869	1878
Thomas M. Bryan	1846	1865	1878
William Corrie Lipscomb	1818	1846	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore	1792	1869	1879
David Norwood Gilbert	1824	1845	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins	1851	1873	1881
Thomas Lee	1808	1865	1881
Peter Light Wilson	1821	1857	1882
Thomas McCormick	1822	1842	1882
Charles Theodore Cochell	1792	1869	1883
James Martin Elderdice	1817	1859	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray	1817	1840	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon	1856	1879	1884
Joseph Alexander McFaden	1845	1866	1885
Alfred Baker	1825	1847	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton	1813	1841	1885
William Thomas Dumm	1854	1876	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.	1817	1843	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.	1824	1844	1886
	1817	1839	1888

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
Charles McCasely Thompson	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1900
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., E. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1833	1850	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1833	1837	1896
John Robert Nichols	1815	1858	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killigore, D. D.	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
George Roberts McCready	1850	1880	1915
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 Neepier	1848	1871	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D.	1817	1841	1907
Jacob Matthias Yingling	1847	1873	1907
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell	1865	1889	1908
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D.	1828	1853	1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D.	1836	1866	1909
John Bayley Jones	1833	1860	1909
Benjamin Parker Truitt	1861	1887	1910
Solomon Asbury Hoblitzell	1836	1859	1911
John David Kinzer, D. D.	1841	1863	1911
William Sherman Phillips	1838	1869	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
John Carter Poston	1833	1913	1916
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens	1866	1896	1916
Robert Thomas Tyson	1867	1908	1916
Thomas H. Wright	1840	1895	1916
Silas Baldwin Tredway	1846	1872	1917
David Lee Greenfield	1848	1868	1917
John Lee Straughn	1848	1870	1917
George Robert Hodge	1862	1889	1917
Edwin Oliver Ewing	1851	1884	1917





REV. SILAS BALDWIN TREDWAY



REV. JOHN LEE STRAUGHN



REV. EDWIN OLIVER EWING



REV. GEORGE ROBERT HODGE

OBITUARIES

Rev. Silas Baldwin Tredway.

Rev. Silas Baldwin Tredway was born in Baltimore County, Md., October 25, 1847. He entered the Maryland Annual Conference in 1872, and was sent to Dorchester Circuit as associate pastor. From that time on, without a break, he continued in his work until last April, when he accepted a superannuated relation. He died July 7, and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Govans. The funeral services were conducted by the President of the Conference, and the pastor of North Baltimore Church. Many of his friends from charges that he had served attended the funeral. The second address was delivered by Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D. As the chairman of this committee delivered the first address, which was printed in *The Methodist Protestant*, he feels that this obituary should reflect the expressions of the other members of the committee.

Rev. J. W. Trout, D. D., writes:

"The life a man lives in this world is his truest and noblest eulogy. It comprehends what it is impossible for others to observe and express concerning him even though they may be aided by most intimate associations, and gifted with the keenest powers of description. There is a depth of human character that is beyond the ability of the most versatile pen to describe; it is like the atmosphere, we may feel and enjoy its congenial existence, but it is too incorporeal to be delineated by words and phrases.

"Silas Baldwin Tredway was one of the most ingenious natures that it has ever been my lot to know, and yet there were depths in his great character which I could not fathom. I found him always sincere and guileless, even to the degree of implicit confidence, but I was always conscious of the fact that there was a vast expanse of his nature that was not subject to human exploration. As a companion he was congenial to a delightful degree; his benevolent nature beamed graciously on those with whom he associated and made them feel that it was both pleasant and profitable to be with him. The great purpose of his life was to make others happy, and in executing that purpose he manifested those amiable traits which constituted his character. Thus did contact with his fellow men reveal to them in part what he was, but there was another, and a higher association which he experienced and it was this which exhibited him in his full orb. I have listened to him as he communed with his God, and I have seen him transfigured on those occasions to a splendor of manhood and Christian fervor such as earthly friends could not arouse. I have seen his soul enlarge under the aflatus of divine unction as he talked with his Lord, until it reminded me of the swell of a great organ responding to its full gamut pressure.

"Dr. Tredway merited many encomiums; he comprised those virtues which both enlarge and ennoble human character. He was a patriot brave and true, and bore in his body the marks of his devotion to the 'land of the free, and the home of the brave.' He was a citizen of noblest instincts, and of highest ideals; he was not a partisan in any sense except

that he maintained those principles which 'exalt a nation,' and uncompromisingly denounced all customs that impeach human integrity, and infringe human rights.

"Although Dr. Tredway was not an alumnus of any institution of learning, he was undoubtedly an educated man. Rarely does one meet a man of more scholarly attainments than he possessed. That he had an unusual mind both in vigor and application is evidenced by what he accomplished and the way in which he did it. He had however, a holy purpose in his educational and literary development; he did not seek knowledge as a mere mental possession, neither did pride of intellect cause him to acquire learning for the sake of being called 'learned.' On the other hand, 'The love of Christ constrained him,' and hence he had the utilitarian idea of education, that is, he got for the sake of giving. His motto was 'usefulness to men,' and his insatiate thirst for knowledge was that he might serve them more efficiently in this capacity.

"As a friend, his gladdening countenance was like the sunshine, and his presence was always a medicine for sadness. Surely he was 'sent' among his brethren on the errand of friendship and helpfulness, for 'he was the kindest man, and in doing courtesies his spirit was unwearied.' Nothing delighted him more than to prove his friendship in the crisis of necessity, and the willingness of his aid attested the magnanimity of his nature in giving it. No man ever entered the Maryland Annual Conference to become an itinerant co-laborer with him, who did not receive his fervent affectionate solicitude that he might become 'a good soldier for Jesus Christ,' and no man greeted his brethren with a holier affection when he met them, than that which beamed from his face. And now that he has been called away from these earthly associations so pleasant and helpful to us, his memory is fragrant with good deeds and kind words and cheerful smiles, and it lingers with us like the mellow rays of the departing sun, and tenderly comforts our saddened hearts."

Rev. W. H. Litsinger said:

"Relative to Dr. Tredway's obituary, there is little that I can say compared with others who were privileged to know him more intimately. I was impressed with his culture, his erudition, and his faith. This faith related itself to the great hereafter and enabled him with confidence to face its issues, and also to the immediate future so that he accepted without question the Lord's leading."

Dr. Vallie Hawkins wrote:

"I always found Dr. Tredway to be a very sincere man, who took unusual interest in all lines of work that tend to the uplift of mankind. He was an unusual man in a great many respects, and formed very close friendships with those with whom he came in contact. He was a man of extraordinary mind and thought, which made him one of the most desirable conversationalists that I have ever met. I had a letter from him, dated December 27, 1916, written just after the death of my father-in-law—Rev. T. H. Wright. In this he expressed the idea that, when his

time came to leave this world, he would be glad to avoid any long spell of sickness, and said, 'If the Lord is willing, I want to say and do say:

“ “Life, we've been long together,
Through sunshine and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part; give little warning;
Say not Good-night, but, in some happier clime,
Bid me Good morning!” ”

“I shall always have a very fond recollection of my acquaintance with Brother Tredway, and am glad to know that friendly relations existed between us.”

Brother P. M. Spencer writes:

“S. B. Tredway, D. D., served Susquehanna Charge for six years, and a more loyal friend and true minister of the gospel could not be found. Living up to the doctrine as he declared it from his pulpit, never afraid to speak the truth. One to be trusted and to demand respect from every one with whom he came in contact. Giving wise counsel, sowing, sowing precious seed by the wayside to bear fruit as a monument to his memory. In all things he has been a most wholesome example of Christian charity toward all men.

“His visits to our homes, his bright smile and cheery words we will never forget, for no one could be with him without gaining something.

“God has called him to another field but his memory will linger with us always. May God comfort his dear wife and children. Their loss is his gain.

“ ‘Life's labor done, as sinks the day
Light from its load, the spirit flies
While heaven and earth combined to say,
“How blest the righteous when he dies.” ’ ”

For the Committee:

F. T. TAGG, Chairman.

Rev. David Lee Greenfield.

David Lee Greenfield was born August 7, 1848. He joined the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1868, and after a life of usefulness and honor, he was permitted by his Lord to enter into the fullness of God's life on Sunday, July 15, 1917.

He is not dead, and never will be. We should never allow ourselves to think or speak of any of those who belong to Him who said, “I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth on me though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?” as being dead. Not dead for a day nor a month, nor for a century. Never die, means not at all.

As we lay aside our heavy garments when the winter is past so he has laid aside his robes of flesh and gone into the blossoming springtime of eternal life where he can wear pure white with comfort and propriety.

He was born because God wanted just such a man as he was in this world. So He sent him, qualified him, commissioned him, and trusted him to help others see, and feel, that which God wanted to reveal to them through His words.

He was a preacher; only and altogether a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. A preacher through whom God's great thoughts like pure sunlight shone through the prism of his mind and speech and threw the rainbow tints of hope and trust on the dark clouds of human sin and suffering.

A great mind is generally known by the concentration of all its powers on one subject, and he did not desire to know, nor do, everything, but was satisfied to use all his powers on his one great gift of clear, comprehensive, beautiful thought on spiritual subjects, expressed in language so rich, and yet so simple, that you could not separate the thoughts from the words, nor fail to feel that the gospel, luminous with the love of God in Christ, lifted you out of your own misery or doubt into soulsatisfying rest in the divine presence.

Sometimes at the meeting of the Annual Conference when the occasion was sad, and he was called on to pray for those who were bereaved or in great personal suffering, the voice, the thought, and the words would blend like mournful music till the heart felt it was a luxury to weep.

God cannot be satisfied to be alone. Life always wants a responsive life, to see, appreciate, and enjoy that which it delights in. No artist paints a picture to hang in a dark closet; no author writes a book to remain unopened on the shelves of a library; and the Infinite mind and heart feel the need of appreciation, companionship and joy reflected from others to whom His glory is revealed.

All worship in heaven and earth is that response, and our brother was one of the leaders for many in the silent songs of the heart, and the unexpressed emotions of the soul, which they felt when he led them to see the tenderness of the heart of God, and the fathomless love he felt for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

No labor was too great nor time too long to prepare for his sermons. They were never sudden thoughts thrown off carelessly but his manuscript must be perfect before he laid it as an offering on God's altar. God sent him to do His work, and took him to Himself when it was done. He now enjoys the heavenly privilege of talking face to face with the men who wrote the Bible which he so eloquently preached.

Committee:

J. M. HOLMES,

F. T. TAGG,

T. H. LEWIS,

W. W. HUBBARD,

E. B. FENBY,

W. R. McDANIEL.

Rev. John Lee Straughn.

Rev. John Lee Straughn was born in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, October 16, 1848; was born again in 1860; was received into the Maryland Annual Conference in 1870; was married to Roberta E. Ackworth, September 1, 1874; was superannuated in 1908; was after seven years of suffering, interspersed with many hours of agony, released from his pain and entered into rest August 1, 1917—when his loved ones entered the room early that Wednesday morning they found him "asleep in Jesus."

The first time we saw him was at his father's home, and that night he gave his heart and life to God, a black-haired boy about 12 years old.

The next time we saw him after leaving the circuit, was at the Conference ten years afterward, when he came asking to be received into the itinerancy.

The last time we saw him was the Thursday before his decease, and then as if he had a premonition of his death, he rehearsed it all, including the event of his marriage and of his wife's conversion, and said some time soon you will hear that I have gone to rest. He also told of the wonderful vision the hour of his wife's death, when he saw her in his room radiantly beautiful, and although he could not explain it, how it had comforted him and strengthened his faith in these hours of bereavement and suffering, and how his soul longed to be released from his afflicted body to join her in the spirit land.

As husband and father he was very kind, indulgent and affectionate, and this loving nature made him intensely loyal to his kindred and friends. It made him rejoice in the career and success of his sons with a commendable fatherly pride, and unselfishly exult in the success and popularity of his brethren in the Conference and give them unstinted praise.

His hospitality knew no bounds and the door of his heart like the door of his home was always open to his friends, in whose presence he seemed to bask as a bird in the sunshine.

As he was everybody's friend, he had no enemies, and with this spirit of love and cheer, his work as a pastor was a delight to himself and a blessing to his people, and as he sang and prayed in every home he was the peer of any of his brethren in true pastoral visiting.

Endowed with a pleasing personality, a good voice, a poetic temperament, a distinct enunciation, facility of expression, with a heart burning with zeal for the salvation of souls and full of faith in Christ's power to save and the efficiency of prayer, he was very successful in persuading men to be reconciled to God. Many are the sheaves he won for the Master.

He was unusually successful in saving men who became pillars in their respective churches, many are still living and working for Christ, and many were in the glory land awaiting the coming of their spiritual father.

Deeply interested in filling the ranks of the ministry, he was ever alert, and God permitted him to be the instrument in turning quite a number of young men to this greatest of all vocations—that of calling sinners to their Savior.

He was educated for the ministry as was most of our preachers before we had either college or seminary, in the college of the itinerancy, with the pastor as the president and teacher, and the Bible, the hymn book and the books in the Conference course as text-books and exhortation, preaching and holding revival meetings as exercise. If added to this he could have had college and seminary training without impairment of his zeal, he would have been a wonderful power as an evangelist.

He was a good preacher, successful always; at times he was eloquent in his fiery denunciation against sin and his tearful pleadings with the sinner. He was gifted in exhortation, orthodox to the core, a believer in and practiser and singer of

“ 'Tis the old-time religion,
And 'tis good enough for me.”

For thirty-eight years, beginning his ministry among the hills of Frederick, continuing it on the circuits and stations of the Eastern Shore and in and around Baltimore, he closed his active work at Evergreen, preaching as long as possible, a part of the last year being able to preach only in a sitting posture. The great work he accomplished eternity alone can reveal.

Then followed the years of suffering in his Bethel, as he called the chamber of affliction, in which he continued to preach, by his life of submission and resignation and implicit faith, a continuous sermon on “the sustaining grace of God,” far more eloquent than could fall from human lips, for like his Master, he was made perfect through suffering.

Four children mourn the loss of their loving earthly father—Mrs. L. L. Jones, of Delmar; Dr. William, the president of the normal school in Mansfield, Pa.; John Lee, Jr., and Miss Blanche, the constant ministering angel to her father in all the years of his affliction. Yet their tears of sorrow mingled with tears of joy that he has gone to the tearless, sinless, painless land.

On Friday, at 3 P. M., funeral services were held at the home, conducted by L. F. Warner, President of the Conference; J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Little, J. H. Straughn, and K. K. Haddaway.

On Saturday morning the body was taken to Salisbury, to be laid in the tomb by the side of the remains of his dear Roberta, whose spirit seemed often to be with him in his sufferings, and was now really with him “in the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” upon which they have entered.

"How sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain;
With songs on our lips, and with harps in our hands
To meet one another again."

J. L. MILLS,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
K. K. HADDAWAY,
W. I. SIMPSON,
W. E. SHEPPARD,
W. C. RICHARDS,

Committee.

Rev. George Robert Hodge.

Rev. George Robert Hodge was born February 11, 1862, in Cecil County, Md. He was converted when a boy and united with the Methodist Protestant Church. His religious character grew with his physical and mental development. He was industrious and studious. He graduated with credit from the public schools. He then attended Nottingham Academy, and graduated with distinction. Having determined on the ministry as his lifework, he attended the seminary at Westminster, and impressed the faculty and student body with his manly qualities and studious habits. He united with the Maryland Conference in 1889, and was ordained in 1891. On the same day he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Florence Lyne. He departed this life September 10, 1917, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at North East.

He left a widow and seven children to mourn his death, perpetuate his memory and project his splendid character into future generations. Every member of this committee and a multitude of others have written to me and to the family in praise of his Christian character, his pastoral fidelity and the helpful influence of his teaching as a preacher.

I cannot publish all the splendid tributes to his worth that have come into my hands, for it would swell this obituary to the dimensions of a small book. Therefore as chairman I will edit what they have written in the light of my personal and intimate acquaintance with this beloved brother. I came very near to him in his early ministry. As president I ordained him in the Buckeystown Church, and immediately united him in marriage with the lovely girl who accompanied him to the ordination service and has been to him a helpmeet and joy through life. He and his wife have been to me as my own children, and as a mark of affection one of their children bears my name.

In stature Brother Hodge was tall, erect and dignified.

Mentally he was a man of superior endowment. Acquisitive, discerning, retentive and judicial. He was one of the best-furnished men in our ministry. His preaching was instructive and impressive. He was not an entertainer, but an entertaining teacher. From letters I have received from men and women, old and young, he left on mind and heart an im-

pression that will never be effaced. People grew in all the elements of Christian character under his ministry. He was loyal to God and to Jesus Christ. He did not pose as a critic, he simply preached Jesus as the power of God and the wisdom of God. He never speculated in the pulpit—he preached. He read widely and wisely and reduced what he read in his own mill. You could not tell whether the grain grew in his own field or another's, but when the grist came out it was his own and it was good for food.

He was a master of good English and his clear thought was not load-
ed with ambiguous words or vague phraseology. A child could under-
stand him and mature and cultured minds listened with joyful apprecia-
tion. He was brave. He did not know how to flinch. His determination
to secure an education that would fit him for usefulness compelled him
to walk six miles out and six miles back every day while he attended the
Nottingham Academy. This fidelity to high purposes was characteristic
of his whole life.

All who knew George Robert Hodge admired and loved him. He
was so balanced that he always seemed to work with ease, but he was
always under strain, and the overdrawn bow at last lost its spring and a
victim of tuberculosis he died alone in the State Sanitarium one evening
between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Alone? No, not alone, for though neither wife nor children, nor
any human friend was with him, the Lord whom he so faithfully served
was there and lifted the curtain and let his spirit through into life eternal,

W. M. STRAYER, Chairman;

J. McLAIN BROWN,

E. H. JONES,

WM. TYNDAL,

W. P. WHALEY,

E. T. PARSENS.

Rev. Edwin Oliver Ewing.

Rev. E. O. Ewing was born in Harford County, Md., August 29, 1852
and died in Baltimore Dec. 6, 1917. He was converted when young and
united with Wesleyan Chapel Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. W. S.
Walker, a member of the committee and a life-long member of the same
church, says "he was useful in the Sunday School and took an active
part in all the work of the church. He later went to Western Maryland
College to study for the ministry. He preached his first sermon in his
home church. He was a sturdy Christian and always did his work in a
quiet and unassuming manner." After a three years' course at College
he united with the West Virginia Conference and spent a number of years
as an itinerant in that Conference. In 1884 he returned to his home state
and was received into the Maryland Conference by transfer and continued
in the active ministry until April, 1917, when, because of affliction, he
was transferred to the superannuated relation.

On December 17, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Michael, daughter of Owen and Mary Michael, of Harford County. His wife survives him and mourns the loss of a husband whose life was largely given in ministering to her comfort and happiness.

There were two sons born of this union—Kelsall Shields, who lost his life in a railroad accident twelve years ago, and Jacob Calvin, now residing in Chester, Pa.

Rev. F. S. Cain writes: "My remembrance of Brother Ewing dates back to April, 1893, when he was appointed pastor of Baltimore Circuit and was my pastor for six years. He was frequently in my father's home, near Warren, and often spent the night with us. He signed my first license to preach the gospel. From that time I only met him at Conference, until May, 1917, when he returned to Harford and I became his pastor. In my many visits to his home, although afflicted and helpless, he testified that he found in the Christ he loved a helper that never failed, and that the gospel he had preached to others was a sustaining factor in his life. He was always happy when we had prayed together and would say my time is short but I am ready when the Master calls me to go home and be with him. In affliction he was never known to complain, but always insisted that God knew what was best for us here. When Brother T. D. Miller and I took him to Baltimore and when he was comfortably placed in his bed, Brother Miller said to him, "If you wish to return to the country in the spring we will come for you." He smilingly replied, "I hope to be in Heaven before that time." In two weeks and one day from that date his spirit departed to be with its Maker.

Brother Shure says of him: "In his death the church has lost a fine advocate, a good counselor and a Christian gentleman." Brother Shockley, another member of the committee, bears the following testimony: "He was held in high esteem by all on our circuit. His everyday life was a good sermon for us all. I found in him a true friend." He was quiet and retiring in manner, but true to his convictions and consistent in his daily living. He accepted without complaint the appointments given him and always maintained the kindest and most loving spirit towards all his brethren of the ministry. After forty years of itinerant toil and sacrifice in preaching the gospel and ministering to others he has gone to receive the reward of Him who said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The funeral services were held in Wesleyan Chapel, conducted by Rev. F. S. Cain and the chairman of the committee, after which we lovingly laid his body in the tomb to await the morning of the resurrection.

J. M. SHERIDAN,

F. S. CAIN,

S. F. CASSEN,

S. E. SHOCKLEY,

JEROME SHURE,

W. S. WALKER,

Committee.

Mrs. A. A. Harryman.

Mrs. Ellen Wentzel Harryman, precious wife of the Rev. A. A. Harryman, of the Maryland Conference, died in Wye parsonage, at Carmichael, Queen Anne's County, Md., at 5 A. M., November 17, 1917.

Mrs. Harryman was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Harriet Wentzel, of Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Born June 20, 1867, she was consequently in the fifty-first year of her age when summoned to the higher life of the spirit-world. She was converted and united with our church at Harper's Ferry in early girlhood under the ministry of the late Rev. H. E. Miskimon. She early gave herself to the full activities of the local church and Sunday School and soon attracted attention by her great efficiency therein. The blessed influence of her example and work abides with her cotemporaries even to this day.

She was united in marriage with Brother Harryman on the 8th of June, 1898. Her amiable disposition, gentle, unassuming manner, broad and tender sympathies, together with a fine endowment of good common sense, excellent executive ability and deep piety, joined with rare zeal in all kinds of religious work, eminently fitted her for the trying position of a minister's wife. Hence her praise will be found in all the churches she and her husband served during the twenty happy years of their union. In proof of this statement we submit here the tributes of two of the laymen of the committee. Brother J. E. Webb, of Harper's Ferry, writes of her: "My acquaintance with the late Mrs. Harryman dates back to the year 1885. During these years I have known her to be a Christian woman of the very highest type. She engaged in her Master's cause early in life and she was not only ready at all times to render the highest service but the humblest service as well for the cause she espoused. No duty was too hard for her to perform for her church or to advance the kingdom of her Lord. A woman of lovely, even disposition, gentle in spirit, ready at all times to aid in any good work. She was at her best among children and loved them devotedly. She was a most valuable member of the local church here in Harpers Ferry, and when Brother Harryman succeeded in winning her hand in matrimony we sustained a loss of one whose place was hard to fill. She possessed those qualities which go to make up the ideal wife of a minister of the gospel."

Brother James H. Carter has this to say of her: "During the late Mrs. Harryman's sojourn at Wye we found her to be one of the most efficient, faithful and zealous workers in all departments of the church and especially in the department of the Sunday School, ever ready and willing to do her best to make the school a success, even overtaxing her physical powers to a degree that often became noticeable. She could mingle with both old and young and make all feel perfectly at home in her presence. Her bright and cheery disposition, which was always manifest, along with her fine Christian character, especially fitted her for the place she so excellently filled. Her highest aim in this life was to sacri-

vice for others, and her greatest pleasure was to lighten the burden of some traveller on the way to the promised land. In summing up, I would say, She is one of the purest Christian characters it has ever been my privilege to meet."

And Rev. Brother Hill pays this tribute: "I knew Sister Harryman for thirty years. She was blessed with many beautiful traits of character and she lived what she professed. None have known her but to love her for her true worth. Well do I recall her life at the home in her unmarried days. She was wedded to her church and gave it her head, her heart, her hand in a most untiring, zealous service. When called to grace the parsonage home she stepped out into a broader field and continued that service in the same loyalty and devotion that had marked her former life. It can be truly said of her, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, for their works do follow them.'"

The Monday before her death she conducted the Junior Christian Endeavor meeting in Wye Church. A few days thereafter she was suddenly stricken, passed into unconsciousness and soon entered the sweet rest of heaven. Farewell, dear sister of the great heart and great love and beautiful life. We shall meet again.

She leaves, besides her devoted husband, an interesting little daughter, Ruth, and one sister.

Brief funeral services were held in the home at Carmichael in charge of Rev. G. J. Hill. After which the body was removed to the home of her sister in Harper's Ferry, where, on the following day, in the presence of a large company, the formal services were held in the home church, in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Ewell, assisted by Rev. F. T. Little, and the remains were buried in the family lot in the cemetery of that place to await the resurrection of the just.

F. T. LITTLE,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
G. J. HILL,
WALTER P. WHALEY,
JAMES H. CARTER,
JOSEPH WEBB.

Mrs. J. W. Charlton.

Mary Farrow Charlton was the daughter of the late Dr. William H. and Catharine Farrow, and was born in Snow Hill, Md., September 26, 1845. Her father was a local minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, and one of the most talented physicians on the Eastern Shore; and her

mother was one of the most consecrated of Christians and devoted to her church. It is not surprising that her daughter gave her life to Christ in her childhood, or that in her girlhood and young womanhood she was a faithful worker with her pastor in every way.

Nor is it surprising that these, added to her personal charms, would captivate Rev. J. W. Charlton, whom she married March 6, 1865, thus intelligently consenting to share the labor and responsibility, the joys and sorrows of itinerant life.

For thirty-one years they walked lovingly together and then "he was not for God took him." Two children came to be nurtured and to bless their union—a son and a daughter, and right worthily did she care for them, until in early childhood the son "was not for God took him," leaving the loving daughter still to cheer her solitude and brighten the glow of life's eventide. About nine months previous to her departure, this only daughter went to rest, leaving her alone. No, not alone, for Jesus was with her still to give her grace to suffer and bear with Christian fortitude.

Her husband and children gone, she went to Philadelphia to live with her devoted sister, Mrs. Sallie Clark, to the end of the way, which came April 3, 1917, when she entered into "the perfect day." Then her loving sister and niece, who had so tenderly ministered to her during her infirmity and sickness, were left to feel her loss more keenly than any earthly friends, and thank God for the privilege of comforting their dear one as she quietly went away to be forever with the Lord.

She was a big-hearted, unselfish soul, a true wife and helpmeet, a tender mother, a constant friend. In her native town of Snow Hill, where there was so little to inspire hope in the future of her church when she joined it, she was a faithful co-worker with her pastor in every way; yet she lived to see the little church on a back street supplanted by a handsome brick church on the corner of two prominent streets, and filled with a congregation that will compare with any congregation in the town. The chairman of this committee will never forget the devotion of Mollie to her church when she was a child.

Another minister writes: "She seemed happiest when she was putting herself out of sight to help some one else to shine. Nothing was too much to do for others. She was one of the noblest characters I have ever known."

Like the oak of the forest growing green and flourishing for half a century, and then with lightning bolt smitten and robbed of more than half of its leaves and limbs, for twenty-one years more swayed by the wind and rocked by the storm, taking a firmer grip around the rock and thrusting its roots down deeper into the earth, so she grew stronger in her hold on God, and grounded the roots of her faith and hope deeper in the depths of His fathomless and abiding love until her faith was lost in sight, and her hope in the full fruition of His glory, who said to her: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

They brought the mortal body to Baltimore, and Rev. J. L. Nichols officiating, laid it in the family lot at Loudon Park.

W. M. STRAYER,
J. L. MILLS,
G. J. HILL,
H. T. MASON,
JOSEPH ENGLAR,
J. N. BARNES,
Committee.

Anna Bates Dumm.

The death of this good woman calls back some of the tenderest associations of my life. She was my mother's friend, and any one who was the friend of my mother I hold in affectionate remembrance. When I was a small child she came to our home as the wife of our minister, and she left an impression that has lingered through all these years. There were those that came and went and left no distinct trace; she came and went, but remained. My mother was the mother of a large family and her cares were many, and the coming of this woman into our home rested the tired spirit of my mother as no sermon could do. By a sympathetic insight into things as they were she knew how to enter into that relation to the home that made her a welcome visitor to any fireside. I can see her now as she sat in the pew just across the aisle from where sat my father and mother. I was too young to understand much of what the preacher said, but I was not too young to realize that behind that face and form there was an unusual spirit. She was unlike all others in the congregation to me. She captured the imagination and the heart of the little boy that did not know a way to tell her what he thought of how good she must be. There was something compelling about her spirit. She seemed removed from the common and the commonplace, and I used to think she was the most beautiful person that I had ever seen. My mother loved her and saw in her those qualities which belong to the noblest type of womanhood.

While I was in college she came to live in Westminster. The first Sunday she appeared at church my eye sought her out as I had done as a child. Time had dealt gently with her. If anything, she was more beautiful than ever, and there was that same deeply spiritual countenance. Faces have always interested me. I have heard more sermons that came from the countenance than from the lips. Words are such ordinary things as most people use them; it is the spirit that commands. And I have never looked into the face of this woman without receiving a blessing.

I think I have not known a more beautiful life. She had a strong will and a courage that never failed her, and she despised all sham and

pretence. She knew how to be misunderstood and she knew how to forgive. When she ventured a word you could count on its sincerity, and when she gave her friendship it was without reserve. In the things that count I have not had a better friend. I have not known a person who more nearly reached the stature of the noblest womanhood.

I have placed her very close to my own mother. When I think of my mother I so often think of her. They were so much alike in the important things, and I think they must have met already in the streets of life. When I get to heaven I shall expect to find my mother and Mrs. Dumm not very far apart.

A. N. WARD.

CONFERENCE SERMON

REV. WILLIAM H. LITSINGER.

"YE ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD." I Peter 2:9.

This statement was not addressed to the priests of Israel, nor to the apostles and ministers of Christ exclusively, but to the body of Christians everywhere.

Some of these Christians were men of distinction such as Paul and Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. The majority, however, were of humbler origin and reputation. It was the common people who had heard Him gladly. Yet to them all Peter said, "Ye are a royal priesthood." Nor were they all of the Jewish race. Some were Jews, others were Gentiles. Some could trace their lineage to Abraham, others had no connection with the chosen people or earthly potentates. But every one is counted as in this priesthood.

The text recognizes no divine right save the right of all, and no privilege save the privilege of all. Before it Christians of every name stand equal.

There are here two great ideas I wish to emphasize: I. The Essential Unity of those who really belong to Christ. This is not to say, organic union of denominations, which, in given cases may or may not be desirable. It is rather (1) union in spirit and (2) cooperation of service.

Jesus said, speaking of those who should believe on Him, "That they may be one, even as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also might be in us."

1. That is union in spirit. Denominations may always exist. Our dispositions differ. Paul was not troubled because he found some men with Jewish bent, and others with the Grecian; nor yet because some thought it wrong to eat meat offered for sale in the markets from animals sacrificed to idols. His passion was to win them all to Christ. He contended with the Corinthians not primarily because one would be known as "of Paul," and another "of Apollos," but because their "glory in men" was undue, and they stooped to "jealousy and strife."

He could see how naturally the future church would be influenced by one man here and by another there, so he said, "I laid a foundation and another builded thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ." Denominations are Christian so long as their one great characteristic is Christ. The lines which divide them one from the other are really non-essentials.

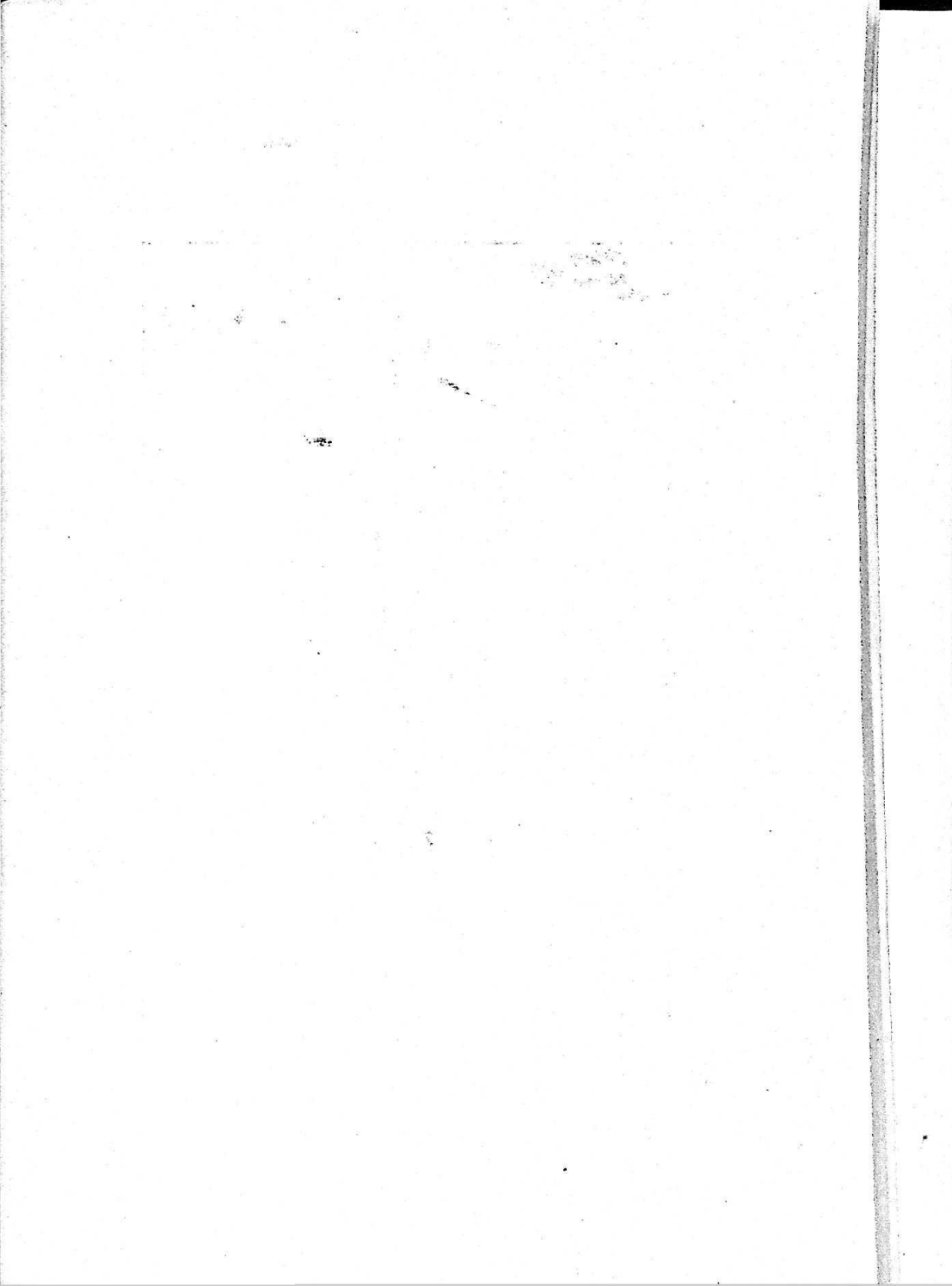
There must be few who do not accept this teaching. We've been coming to it for more than a generation. Now we face it. President

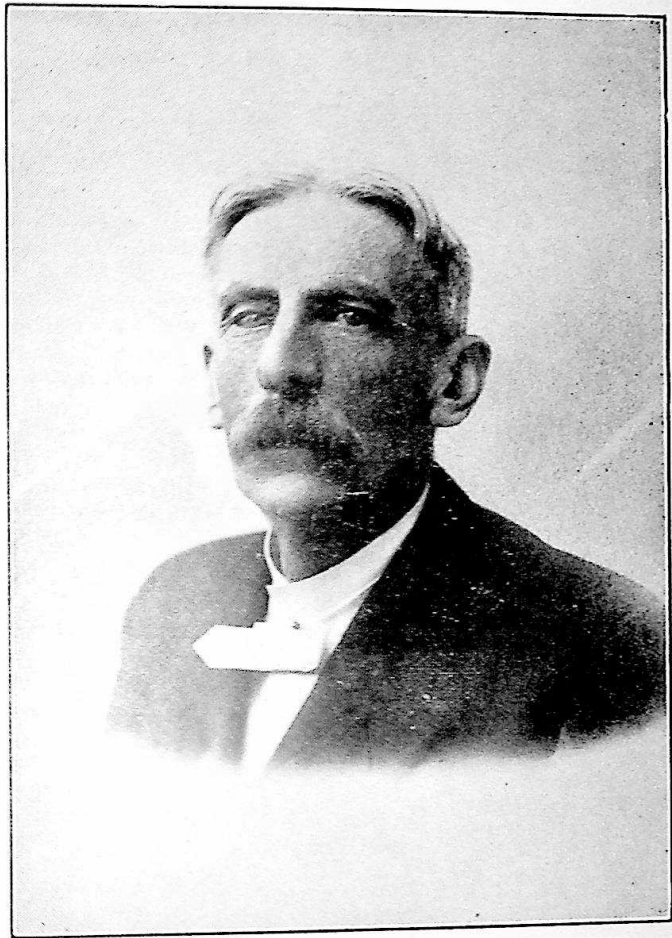
Henry Churchill King has said in a recent deliverance, "It is being forced home upon the reasons and consciences of men today that a Christianity primarily theological, a Christianity primarily emotional, a Christianity primarily ceremonial, a Christianity that adopts God as a kind of national perquisite, and an Old-Testament kind of Christianity have all alike failed to stand the test of these crucial days. The only kind of Christianity, it seems to me, that can be said to have come out of this war unscathed is a Christianity that is a true reflection of the spirit and teachings of Christ."

I do not believe any of us need conversion to this idea, but the difficulty is in bringing our everyday practice to harmonize with the theory. In his little book, "What the Church Means to Me," Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell says, "One of the most difficult things I have had to learn is that religious people find it impossible to believe that others do not care one iota whether a man is labeled a Methodist or an Episcopalian. I certainly do not, and I do not believe God does." But many people do. It is comparatively easy to induce several congregations to unite in an evangelistic campaign; but we find the leaders urging their people to greatest endeavor with the statement, "Our church will get out of this revival in proportion to the effort we put into it." The zeal of an average congregation in such a union enterprise would be greatly modified if it could know beforehand that, while its cordial participation would increase the number of converts, yet all of them would join the other church. Somewhere I have read the story of a man who found himself one evening at the intersection of two streets, on three corners of which stood three churches. He could hear them singing, and each, as he listened, was finishing the chorus of a popular Gospel song. The Presbyterians inquired, "Will there be any stars in my crown?" to which the Baptists replied, "No not one, no not one;" whereupon the Methodists exclaimed, "That will be glory, be glory for me!" This fanciful story would be more humorous if it did not illustrate a condition. A condition all know, but of which none is proud; a condition which gives evidence of carnality and infancy, out of which Paul would lead the Corinthians.

In his heart of hearts every intelligent Christian realizes and responds to the spirit of Christian unity. There is a peculiar joy in Christian love. Peter, naturally forward and selfish, found sweetest bliss in fellowship with Moses and Elijah, prayed that they might remain, and gladly gave them the preeminence.

We hail with joy the privilege of the fellowship and of manifesting brotherhood in the proposed union meetings with the other conference now in session in this city. It is a feature of this week we've spoken of to the world with pleasure. This is a closer circle in the sphere of our Christian fraternity. There is yet a closer, embracing those of our own name. The last few years have brought us a season of trial. Different sections of the church have had different opinions; misunderstandings have arisen, until now some of us may find ourselves not enjoying all of our own as it might be desired and expected we should. But if the





REV. DAVID LEE GREENFIELD

spirit of unity is in the larger it must be in the smaller. Let us send out our hearts to take in all those who are known by our name, and love and work together. There is yet a smaller circle; it is inscribed about those who are represented here today. The only time we of this conference meet altogether is in the annual session. Here are naturally segregating influences. It would be strange if the flesh did not make itself felt at least in neutralizing the forces which would draw us together. May these latter forces henceforth hold fullest sway. The spirit of real Christians is one of unity in, and cooperation for, the Kingdom.

2. The importance of unified action. This has been demonstrated on a colossal scale in the world war. Humanity's foes have been united. It has been said over and over that humanity's champions, magnificent as they have been, are further from the goal, and have spent more in blood and treasure, because not perfectly cooperating. It is a matter of great gratification that this defect is being remedied.

A few years ago an investigation was made in the State of Colorado by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. It was found that in 133 communities, ranging in population from 150 to 1000 souls, there was no Protestant Church of any kind. 428 post-office towns were discovered to have no church at all. Yet in one town of 400 inhabitants there were four churches, all of which were supported by home-mission aid.

I have never sympathized with the cry of "Too many churches!" Few places it has been my privilege to know had too many. More than likely the town of 400 people and four churches was surrounded by a rich and populous rural belt in which there were no churches. Some places may be over-churched, but the fault is more in overlooking than in overlapping. It is not so much that one place has too many, but that it has more than its proportion, and there is a disparity between it and another which has none. This is serious enough.

Cooperation would effect a more equitable distribution. It is important that a denomination should care for its own people. Indeed there is a sense in which it is under obligations to do so; but to build a church merely for the sake of denominational interest, when all the people can be served by another already built, or when there are other available places of greater need, is unworthy. The first consideration is the Kingdom. This is not only good business, it is the Christian ideal. Before God every Christian is a royal priest to serve not only those to whom he belongs, but also, and primarily, to serve HIS great cause in the world.

It is gratifying to know that advance steps are being taken toward this ideal of cooperative service. Leading denominations in whole states are committed to it. This is the present world order. It will be forced upon the church whether she will or not, but she will for it is the Lord's own plan.

The other truth declared by this text, which I desire to emphasize, is II. The Priestly Character of all those who really belong to Christ. The garments and the person of the old time priest were holy. In

another place Peter said, "Ye are an holy priesthood." In both that statement and the text the popular distinction between clergymen and laymen fails.

Spiritual leaders are essential. There must be those who after years of preparation devote themselves to the Christian ministry. At present we have a concern born of the fact that in numbers all too few men are responding to this high call, and the disposition to slight preparation is apparent. There must be spiritual leaders even as there must be doctors of medicine, lawyers, and specialists in other lines. Therefore we find in each of these spheres of life the professional and the lay. But it is just as important for the doctor to keep the laws of health as it is for those who to him are laymen; likewise it is just as important for the layman to keep the civil law as it is for the lawyer. So the laws of holiness apply equally to laymen and clergymen.

Mr. Ruskin states the truth when in his "Notes on the Construction of Sheepfolds" he says, "Although the Protestant laity do not often admit the absolving power of their clergy, they are but too apt to yield, in some sort, to the impression of their greater sanctification: and from this instantly results the unhappy consequence that the sacred character of the layman himself is forgotten, and his own ministerial duty is neglected. Men not in office in the church suppose themselves, on that ground, in a sort of unholy: and that, therefore, they may sin with more excuse, and be idle or impious with less danger than the clergy. No mistake can possibly be greater." If a thing is wrong for your minister it is wrong for you: if a thing is right for a Christian in your congregation it is right for you. There is no double standard of morals in the kingdom. A good test by which to try the doubtful is, for the layman,—how would it look in my minister? and for the minister,—how would I feel to have one of my laymen do or say it?

Nothing more quickly vitiates the influence of a Christian, be he among the clergy or the lay, than something that smacks of impurity; nothing will so lose him his self respect; while Jesus declared it to be only the pure in heart who see God. There is no place for uncleanness in the conversation of a Christian, and no room for the unholy in his heart. He dare not harbor it secretly, for it eateth like a canker. Like murder it will out. On the other hand every one may say with Sir Galahad, and feel the truth as he says it:

"My strength is as the strength of ten,
Because my heart is pure."

Probably the last public appearance of Phillips Brooks was in the convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Boston. He came down and stood on the floor of the Church in the midst of the men, and gave out of his own great wholesome heart his last message to the men of his day. It was based upon and comprehended in the words of Isaiah, that virile, great-hearted man of the old time: "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out

from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the Lord."

The great bishop belonged to the Royal Priesthood.

It was the duty of the old time priest to sacrificially serve, therefore,

2. If it is true that the clergy and the laity stand together before the privilege of holy living, it is also true that upon them both and equally there rests the obligation of sacrificial service.

My soul resents the idea of special privileges for clergymen. I wish the time might not be far distant when they shall be given a living that will make possible, without too great hardship, the elimination of financial concessions to them in business transactions. A minister is a man and he wishes to take a man's place.

He is spoken of as in "holy orders." My criticism of that expression is not in its application to him, but in that it is not applied to Christians generally, whatever may be their vocation. John Jessig, the new minister, said to Hiram Golf, "I'm glad to see a man who can use the humblest vocation for the glory of God, as you are doing." To which Hiram replied, "There aint no sech thing in this wide world as a humble vocation. You are a minister by the grace of God. I am a shoemaker by the grace of God." It was my privilege a while ago to attend a luncheon given one of our denominational boards. On being introduced to a member of the board he said "I took you for a layman." I felt complimented, and told him so. During that same event a lay member of the Board spoke of his pleasure at being frequently taken for a minister. I am proud (pardonably, I trust) to be a minister. I am equally proud of many laymen, acquaintances and friends, self-respecting, who recognize their holy orders.

"'Isn't this Joseph's Son?' Aye, it is He,
'Joseph the carpenter,'—same trade as me!"

There is too much criticism by the one class of the other; and this criticism, from which ever class it proceeds, is as unbecoming as it is gratuitous. God has stood us together: "Ye are a royal priesthood." It is for us, therefore, to so stand, in a bond that may not be dissolved.

This union finds primary application in the matter of sacrificial service. We used to hear, "It is for the minister to 'watch and pray,' and for the layman to 'work and pay.'" The fact is they together both watch and pray and work and pay in the Christian ideal. I do not know how much of sacrificial service, typified by the old time priesthood, its individual members personally knew; I do know our great High Priest knew it, and that His followers are recognized today thereby. Dr. Grenfell, himself a Godsend to the Labrador, said not long since, "I sat in a small, mean little cabin on our coast some time ago while a trained nurse from New York washed a sick baby and taught the mother how to save the poor little mite's life. It was that gentlewoman's ministry for Jesus

Christ. For the privilege she was paying her own expenses and receiving no salary. If ever I realized the Master standing by in my life it was then and there in the semi-darkness of that hut. THAT kind of ministry never fails to grip the laboring man."

Ministers of religion are not exempt from military service in France. These men have gone into the army and are fighting "cheek to cheek with the soldiers of France." Some of them are stretcher-bearers, in which service they have proven themselves heroes indeed. It is said they are looked up to by the other soldiers and are "fighting a two-fold winning fight—for their country and for their faith." American clergymen are exempt from this service. It is for us to prove the wisdom of this exemption, which some question, by a voluntary vicarious service, which none can question.

It is ours both to honor and to envy the men who have gone to the front as ministers of Christ. I would that all who go might go as for Christ's sake. Multitudes are going for country's sake, and also, because they are ashamed to stay. The time has come to many young Americans when they are unwilling to appear in public except they wear the khaki. They fear if they did people would inquire the reason. Their Americanism would be questioned. And the time has come when, more than ever, public opinion demands of Christians the livery of their Master. Service which costs is the unostentatious, but manifest and only accepted sign of a Christian.

The made-over gown or the thread-bare coat is no longer unquestioned evidence of poverty. It may rather stand for wealth of heart and Christian grace. The world is so impressed with the greatness of sacrifice that soldiers have come to feel the sacrifice they make will save them. It is for Christians to show that we sacrifice not in order to be saved but because we are saved; and, in its deeper sense, the world so interprets it. The world knows that of such is the royal priesthood.

We are indebted to Dr. Robert E. Speer for the story of a recently made grave outside the wall of Mukden the old capital of China. Not far away, on the walls of the new medical school and hospital is a tablet erected to the memory of the young man whose body occupies the grave. He had led his class at Liverpool and was one of best scholars and athletes of his day in Cambridge University. After graduation he decided to give himself to the practice of medicine in China for Christ's sake. He went out in 1910 to Manchuria and had just begun his work when the pneumonia plague broke out. Chinese hunters had begun sending down marmot skins from the north and the deadly germs came in them. Every man, woman and child who contracted the disease died. The nation stood appalled at its danger. Young Dr. Jackson threw himself into the breach. In oilskins and breathing through a sponge he went to the railroad station and began the fight. Separating the diseased and the suspicious from the healthy he labored incessantly until the fight was won. But when victory was assured he noticed the tell-tale blood traces in his own sputum and knew that he must pay the price he had proven

his willingness to pay. He died, they buried him at night outside the wall, and two days later held a memorial service. The old Chinese Viceroy made a speech in that service, declaring that he and his people knew Dr. Jackson had "the heart of the Saviour who gave His life to deliver the world." Arthur Jackson was of the royal priesthood.

It is not for all of us to go to the battle front, though perhaps more of us can go than have gone. It is not for all of us to go to the frontier of Christianity in heathen lands, though perhaps more of us can go than have gone: but it is for us all to so sacrificially serve that our daily lives, more eloquently than lips can speak them, will be declaring those favorite words of the British soldiers at the first battle of the Somme,

"Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

The calls for Christian ministry abroad were never so numerous nor so imperative. Likewise the need and the opportunity for Christian service at home was never so great. A minister who has recently returned from an extended and successful visit to the armies of Europe comes home to say, "We must not neglect the work at home. The tendency toward relaxation and disorganization, and the disintegration of moral standards in war times, makes the place and program of the church of Christ paramount." Doubtless you have felt with me this "tendency toward relaxation and disorganization"; yet the strength and the hope of the Gospel were never so greatly needed as now, and as they will be later. May I not call upon us all to make full the proof of our royal priesthood.

The priesthood of the old Jewish time meant not only holy living and sacrificial service but also, and I speak of it in a word only, the privilege of,

3. Access to God. It was the priest who might approach God. He spake to God for the people, offering their worship and pleading His mercy for them. But now, "Ye are a royal priesthood." To you it is said, "Having brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus,—let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith."

What a blessing is this access to God now! It is not only for those who in loneliness, suffering and danger, on the far flung battle line seek Him,—it IS for them, but also for those who in the empty home, with heavy hearts and swollen eyelids, turn to their closets for that communion which comforts and gives hope.

An earthly executive might be never so ascetic in spirit but he is subject to physical limitations, and he must hear the people through their representatives. He cannot see and hear them all in person. Our Lord can. In the old time He met the people through their representatives; in this time He has constituted every one a priest in his own right.

What a privilege this speaks! A privilege not only in sorrow, but also in trial, and in those times when opportunities are greatest and strength has run low.

So Tennyson in gracious exhortation says,

“Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, and Spirit with spirit can meet.”

A little boy of five and a half, who three months before had lost his father suddenly, was recently hearing his mother read the Bible. This had been a custom with them almost from his babyhood. It was near to Easter and the story was of the resurrection. He listened with wrapt interest, then kneeled down for his “Now I lay me.” After it was finished, still kneeling, he asked, “Mother may I say a prayer all my own?” His mother, glad that he wanted to, and for this evidence that he thought he might, gave eager ascent. He said “Let me think.” Then bowing his head again he said “Lord, I’ll be up there with you some day. Amen.” When he was tucked in bed he said, “Mother, I meant I’d be with Daddy too.”

This little boy is in the royal priesthood. A great bishop, a young man, a child, all in the priesthood.

“Ye are a royal priesthood.”

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.		Church Home		Deaconess 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	Ass'd	Paid	
1	Accomac, Va.....	25	25	6	6	6	6	18	18	19	19	43	43	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17	8	8	
2	Alexandria, Va.....	12	12	4	4	4	4	2	2	6	6	9	9	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	4	4	
3	Amelia, Va.....	10	10	3	3	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	21	21	9	9	10	10	4	4	
Baltimore:																								
4	Alnutt Mem'l....	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	26	26	106	116	135	135	55	55	63	63	38	38	22	22	
5	Bethany.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	12	12	17	17	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
6	Broadway.....	25	25	6	6	6	6	18	18	10	10	43	50	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17	8	8	
7	Brooklyn.....	20	20	4	4	4	4	12	12	11	11	30	55	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
8	Calvary.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	11	11	17	21	21	21	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
9	Chesaco Park....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10	Christ Church..	30	30	7	7	9	9	23	23	36	36	50	64	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20	10	10	
11	East Baltimore..	28	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	6	6	47	52	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	9	
12	Eutaw.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	10	10	7	7	27	39	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6	
13	Evergreen.....	12	12	4	4	2	2	6	6	9	9	17	20	22	22	9	9	10	10	8	8	4	4	
14	Hampden.....	42	42	8	8	8	8	24	24	25	25	64	74	80	80	30	30	40	40	28	28	14	14	
15	Keen Memorial	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	18	18	30	35	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
16	Lauraville.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	12	12	18	28	24	24	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
17	Low Memorial	23	23	5	5	6	6	15	15	16	16	36	36	39	39	20	20	22	22	15	15	8	8	
18	North Baltimore	40	40	7	7	8	8	27	27	9	9	56	399	72	72	29	29	37	37	27	27	14	14	
19	Payson Street..	10	8	4	2	2	1	6	2	9	5	18	8	24	10	9	5	10	5	7	3	3	2	
20	South Baltimore	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	9	9	30	36	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
21	Starr.....	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	11	11	106	127	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22	
22	St. Johns.....	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	20	20	106	118	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22	
23	St. Pauls.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	14	14	17	30	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
24	Violetville.....	8	8	3	3	2	2	4	4	5	5	10	15	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3	
25	Waverly.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	26	4	17	15	22	20	9	3	10	2	7	3	5	5	
26	West Baltimore..	60	60	10	10	15	15	40	40	21	21	96	106	125	125	52	52	60	60	40	40	20	20	
27	Wilton Heights	12	12	4	4	3	3	8	8	23	23	20	27	28	28	11	11	12	12	8	8	4	4	
28	Baltimore Circuit.	20	20	4	4	5	5	10	10	14	14	27	27	36	36	15	15	20	20	12	12	6	6	
29	Bedford, Pa.....	28	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	25	25	47	52	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	9	
30	Belair.....	25	25	6	6	5	5	16	16	14	14	41	46	51	51	21	21	24	24	7	7	8	8	
31	Bivalve.....	20	20	4	4	2	2	12	3	9	3	30	13	40	5	16	18	5	13	4	7	2	2	
32	Buckeystown....	60	60	10	10	13	13	38	38	13	13	96	108	124	124	52	52	58	58	40	40	20	20	
33	Cambridge.....	32	32	8	8	7	7	21	21	20	20	52	57	68	68	28	28	29	29	21	21	11	11	
34	Campbell, Va....	10	...	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	17	...	21	...	9	...	10	...	7	...	3	...
35	Canon, Del.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	5	5	7	7	13	21	17	17	7	7	9	9	5	5	3	3	
36	Caroline.....	23	23	5	5	6	6	15	15	...	...	36	36	49	49	20	20	22	22	15	15	8	8
37	Cecil.....	21	21	5	5	1	1	4	4	15	15	35	42	45	45	18	18	21	21	14	14	7	7	
38	Centreville....	18	18	4	4	4	4	10	10	3	3	27	37	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6	
39	Chestertown....	60	60	10	10	13	13	38	38	10	10	96	116	124	124	52	52	58	58	40	40	20	20	
40	Chincoteague, Va.	15	5	3	3	2	1	10	1	9	1	25	1	31	11	14	14	11	11	...	...	5	...
41	Clayton, Del....	25	25	6	6	8	8	5	5	16	16	15	10	41	25	52	31	21	14	24	15	17	8	8
42	Concord, Pa.....	22	22	5	4	4	4	14	7	11	5	36	40	45	10	18	5	20	10	15	3	7	...	
43	Conquest, Va....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	8	8	17	24	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
44	Crisfield: Crisfield	45	45	10	10	12	12	32	32	47	47	74	74	95	95	42	42	46	46	29	29	17	17	
45	Lawsonia.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	Mariners.....	20	20	4	4	3	3	9	9	12	6	24	24	36	14	14	14	16	16	13	9	7	...	
47	Crumpton.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	3	4	2	17	22	22	12	9	4	10	10	7	7	3	2	
48	Cumberland 1st Ch.	25	25	6	6	5	5	16	16	10	10	41	46	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8	
49	Mapleside.....	8	8	3	3	2	2	4	4	8	8	10	12	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3	
50	Melvin Chapel..	8	8	3	3	2	2	4	4	8	8	10	13	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3	
51	Deer Creek.....	15	15	3	3	2	...	10	...	6	...	26	26	31	31	14	7	14	8	10	6	5	...	

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd		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 on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number	
Ass'd	Paid.								Ass'd	Paid.										
244	244	15	...	10	...	...	...	269	900	903	100	132	117	308	750	79	2389	2658	1
102	102	25	...	...	...	...	...	135	800	800	150	194	295	521	...	195	2155	2298	2
95	95	17	...	...	...	...	...	112	800	875	75	25	35	25	110	39	1184	1296	3
575	585	10	399	...	8	36	404	1442	1500	1500	360	1200	300	330	...	843	4533	5975	4	
102	102	5	...	...	7	1	16	131	625	625	240	209	235	35	39	276	1659	1790	5
285	242	27	...	...	12	30	85	396	1000	1000	400	613	111	243	...	70	2437	2833	6
175	200	35	...	...	25	150	32	443	1000	1000	300	296	105	45	1328	434	3566	4008	7
100	104	15	12	5	10	16	23	185	1020	1020	300	341	279	520	424	382	3266	3451	8	
18	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	20	...	49	38	...	...	107	119	9
305	319	60	70	108	80	36	711	1384	1400	1400	420	1243	433	817	1600	1019	6982	8316	10	
255	260	6	73	...	4	10	58	411	1000	1000	360	522	148	407	...	383	2770	3181	11	
155	167	35	80	135	45	47	57	566	1000	1040	360	320	190	970	200	340	3420	3986	12	
103	106	4	...	...	...	9	11	130	700	700	...	122	175	248	100	258	1603	1733	13
363	373	66	47	...	...	59	43	579	1500	1600	420	1250	1007	1000	3000	3791	12068	12647	14
183	188	74	21	10	...	16	33	342	1000	1220	360	410	350	1000	...	511	3551	4193	15	
105	115	27	...	...	6	9	...	157	900	900	...	141	253	...	1100	177	2571	2728	16
205	205	11	14	20	10	96	23	379	1300	1300	300	650	150	2100	1400	670	6570	6949	17	
326	669	101	235	30	20	250	1550	2855	1750	1750	500	1650	221	...	...	671	4792	7647	18
102	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	500	323	129	107	100	...	...	...	659	719	19
174	180	10	...	...	...	20	10	230	900	1080	250	676	125	200	833	356	3520	3750	20
560	581	50	...	...	...	77	119	827	2000	2000	1000	1500	475	200	2000	2925	10100	16927	21
569	671	233	208	...	...	67	65	1239	2000	2000	750	2627	497	...	550	678	7102	8341	22
104	117	6	...	8	25	...	60	216	1205	1205	...	499	185	200	...	844	2433	2649	23	
66	71	9	...	...	15	...	28	123	400	400	240	102	100	135	250	51	1278	1407	24
116	67	5	...	...	10	3	2	87	500	500	180	112	337	22	...	61	1212	1299	25
539	549	300	180	...	40	58	529	1656	1400	1400	400	1326	400	250	...	1007	4783	6439	26	
133	140	14	51	10	30	14	44	303	1040	1080	...	439	217	427	800	1237	4200	4503	27	
169	169	15	...	...	40	4	...	315	900	900	400	227	172	491	...	44	2234	2549	28
274	275	5	...	...	...	...	112	396	720	750	50	200	170	700	...	121	1991	2387	29
218	223	82	1	...	...	...	83	389	1000	1000	420	326	135	298	...	236	2415	2804	30
173	64	18	...	...	...	...	16	98	800	800	200	185	167	...	...	...	1352	1450	31
524	536	114	140	6	45	214	432	1487	1000	1000	250	336	131	352	...	103	2172	3639	32	
297	302	30	...	18	10	...	32	392	1100	1100	200	328	175	300	800	415	3318	3710	33	
89	34
80	88	15	...	1	10	...	55	169	500	500	125	90	80	200	...	95	1090	1259	35	
199	209	30	...	22	...	...	5	266	675	685	125	130	160	250	60	121	1581	1797	36
200	207	40	...	5	10	36	298	...	800	800	125	185	78	150	...	...	1338	1636	37
151	161	25	...	...	5	48	239	...	600	600	225	420	48	60	75	9	1437	1676	38
521	541	68	...	60	11	168	843	...	1200	1200	300	800	250	310	...	548	3438	4231	39	
138	15	22	...	...	10	...	47	...	700	613	120	150	120	15	...	10	1028	1075	40
230	156	5	3	89	3	5	9	264	650	650	125	250	225	500	...	50	1800	2064	41	
197	110	20	...	...	...	...	130	...	530	600	90	150	95	80	200	...	1215	1345	42
98	105	20	...	...	5	10	60	200	600	600	100	64	28	...	75	117	984	1184	43
449	449	60	114	...	36	30	25	714	1200	1200	200	540	416	...	56	235	2641	3355	44	
...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	517	...	75	...	...	...	169	761	771	45
158	105	44	...	10	5	...	...	164	800	800	96	185	125	50	...	32	1288	1452	46
94	78	...	...	...	...	8	86	...	350	375	75	100	24	7	...	...	581	667	47
225	230	10	...	6	22	5	273	...	1000	1000	300	408	390	...	275	465	2838	3111	48	
69	71	...	...	10	7	54	142	...	550	550	...	42	110	68	14	150	934	1076	49
69	72	...	...	10	12	52	146	...	780	780	...	61	129	...	600	92	1662	1808	50
186	96	16	...	...	...	4	116	...	...	275	75	...	...	...	...	350	466	51	

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Theological Seminary.		Western Maryland College.		Superannuates.		Church Exten.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Church Home.		Deaconess 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	Ass'd	Paid
52	Deer Park	20	20	4	4	4	4	12	11	18	18	30	34	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
53	Delmar, Del	19	19	4	4	4	4	9	9	13	13	26	31	35	35	14	14	15	15	13	13	6	6
54	Delta, Pa.	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	14	14	8	36	36	47	47	19	19	22	22	12	12	
55	Denton.....	24	24	5	5	4	4	15	15	13	13	39	39	47	47	20	20	22	22	16	16	8	8
56	Dorchester	24	24	5	3	4	4	15	11	13	10	39	36	47	22	20	15	22	20	16	10	8	8
57	Dover, Del.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	9	9	17	19	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
58	Easton	43	43	9	9	7	7	26	26	9	9	68	68	87	87	35	35	40	40	29	29	14	14
59	Elizabeth, N. J.....	30	30	6	6	5	5	19	19	11	11	45	51	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
60	Fairfax, Va.....	12	12	4	4	3	2	8	6	10	8	20	16	28	20	11	9	12	9	8	6	4	4
61	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	25	25	6	6	6	6	18	18	12	12	43	48	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17	8	8
62	Federalsburg.....	13	13	4	4	3	3	10	10	6	6	22	22	29	29	12	12	13	13	9	9	4	4
63	Felton, Del.....	12	12	4	2	3	2	8	6	12	5	20	19	28	18	11	12	11	8	5	4	...	...
64	Finksburg	30	30	7	7	9	9	23	23	24	24	50	76	64	64	26	31	30	30	20	20	10	10
65	First Ch., Newark, N.J.	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	34	34	106	156	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22
66	Franklin City, Va.	23	23	4	4	5	5	15	15	17	10	40	45	50	33	20	15	22	15	10	8	6	
67	Frederick	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	12	12	36	36	47	47	19	19	21	21	15	15	7	7
68	Georgetown, Del.	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	10	10	30	34	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
69	Georgetown Circ't	13	13	4	4	3	3	10	8	14	10	22	10	29	13	12	13	12	9	6	4	4	
70	Greenbush-Tasley	10	10	4	3	3	2	10	7	14	9	22	14	29	19	12	8	13	9	9	6	4	
71	Greensboro.....	10	...	4	...	2	...	6	...	2	...	19	...	22	...	9	...	10	...	5	...	3	...
72	Greenwood, Del.	22	22	5	3	5	4	14	11	16	10	36	38	47	38	19	14	22	22	15	11	7	5
73	Grove	15	15	4	2	2	1	10	4	19	9	26	13	31	14	14	7	14	7	10	5	5	
74	Harbeson, Del.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	3	11	6	17	13	22	12	9	4	10	5	7	5	3	3
75	Harmony, W. Va.	10	10	4	1	2	2	6	6	11	6	17	17	22	19	9	9	10	7	7	3	3	
76	Harpers Fy, W.V.	18	18	3	3	3	3	8	8	13	13	21	23	30	30	12	12	14	14	12	12	6	6
77	Harrington, Del.	22	22	5	5	4	4	13	13	14	14	37	37	48	48	18	18	20	20	15	15	7	7
78	Howard	22	22	5	5	4	4	13	13	14	14	37	47	48	48	18	18	20	20	15	13	7	7
79	Hurlock	15	15	4	4	3	3	10	10	9	9	26	26	31	31	14	14	14	14	8	8	5	5
80	Indian River	10	10	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	10	10	14	14	5	5	6	6	4	4	3	3
81	Kempstown	30	30	7	7	9	9	23	23	26	26	50	56	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20	10	10
82	Kennedyville.....	16	16	4	4	4	4	10	10	4	4	24	29	31	31	12	12	15	11	11	5	5	
83	Kent Island	20	20	4	4	4	2	12	6	4	2	34	17	45	45	17	8	20	10	13	13	7	3
84	Laurel, Del.....	32	32	8	8	7	7	21	21	15	15	52	62	68	68	28	28	29	21	21	11	11	
86	Laurel Circuit	24	24	5	2	4	3	15	10	14	9	39	25	47	47	20	5	22	18	16	6	8	4
86	Leeds	22	22	5	5	4	4	13	13	4	4	37	40	48	48	18	18	20	20	15	15	7	7
87	Leipsic	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	8	8	13	20	16	16	5	10	10	7	7	3	3	
88	Lewes, Del.....	8	8	2	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	10	10	15	6	5	6	6	5	5	3	...	
89	Lewistown	10	10	2	1	2	2	6	2	8	...	13	2	16	1	5	2	10	2	7	...	3	...
90	Liberty	18	18	5	5	4	4	12	11	10	10	30	30	40	35	16	12	18	14	13	12	7	7
91	Lisbon	27	27	6	6	5	5	19	19	27	27	45	45	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
92	Lynchburg, Va.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	12	12	29	43	38	38	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
93	Mardela	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	11	24	20	32	35	43	40	17	10	20	20	13	10	7	7
94	Marley	15	15	4	1	2	...	8	1	10	1	28	5	28	1	2	2	10	...	5	...	...	...
95	Middleway, W. Va.	10	10	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	17	...	22	...	9	...	10	...	7	...	3	...
96	Milford, Del.....	30	30	7	7	9	9	23	23	15	15	50	65	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20	10	10
97	Milton, Del.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	12	12	7	7	27	32	37	37	15	15	16	16	12	12	6	6
98	Mt. Nebo.....	18	18	4	4	2	2	12	12	17	11	27	27	37	30	15	11	16	12	12	12	6	6
99	New Church, Va.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	12	12	15	15	27	45	37	37	15	15	16	16	12	12	6	6
100	Newmarket	23	23	7	7	6	6	9	9	28	28	47	51	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	9

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

As's'd	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 on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number.
	As's'd	Paid								As's'd	Paid									
182	186	11	...	...	5	...	8	210	600	600	100	200	150	200	...	398	1648	1858	52
158	163	...	...	...	...	...	6	169	800	850	150	250	140	168	200	167	1925	2094	53
197	197	20	...	...	...	...	...	217	900	950	200	300	65	100	521	50	2186	2403	54
213	213	40	...	...	...	...	4	296	1000	1075	200	278	177	...	...	190	1918	2214	55
213	161	23	...	10	...	...	2	197	760	800	150	70	121	...	...	38	1179	1376	56
99	101	7	...	...	...	...	...	108	700	700	200	212	210	60	300	87	1769	1877	57
367	367	30	23	...	...	43	30	493	1000	1000	350	641	200	...	...	388	2579	3072	58
249	255	10	...	...	2	14	48	329	900	900	500	520	114	135	350	599	3118	3447	59
120	96	22	...	...	4	...	18	140	500	500	120	54	80	...	...	24	778	918	60
237	242	71	...	...	27	78	2	415	1000	1000	200	325	146	50	325	863	2909	3324	61
127	127	16	...	...	5	4	2	154	750	750	300	134	175	92	875	60	2286	2440	62
122	91	12	...	...	3	...	4	110	600	535	120	90	65	87	50	24	971	1081	63
293	324	32	...	15	27	...	352	750	1000	1014	210	200	286	1130	...	218	3058	3808	64	
583	633	40	390	416	40	102	329	1950	2250	2250	720	3328	1758	514	700	1743	1103	12993	65	
219	181	25	...	2	...	...	69	275	700	700	80	168	102	320	...	75	1445	1720	66
203	203	50	88	...	22	...	...	363	800	1000	144	135	252	75	...	191	1797	2160	67
175	179	10	...	...	15	...	23	227	800	800	180	500	100	...	900	183	2633	2890	68
133	93	20	...	...	...	...	6	119	600	600	108	72	98	372	...	...	1263	1-69	69
130	90	37	...	...	5	...	...	132	600	620	...	120	70	150	...	111	1071	1203	70
92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
208	178	...	...	...	...	148	326	800	800	100	250	125	185	...	...	...	1460	1786	72
150	80	19	...	...	...	99	700	470	80	75	92	...	...	...	...	...	717	816	73
101	67	16	...	...	7	1	91	700	694	75	60	70	...	...	...	542	1441	1532	74
101	92	12	...	...	6	...	226	336	550	550	120	115	75	200	...	...	1060	1396	75
140	142	10	...	...	...	4	156	700	700	125	155	150	120	125	34	1409	1565	76	
203	203	32	...	...	8	32	7	282	900	900	200	282	140	1203	25	155	2902	3184	77
203	213	89	...	...	16	29	158	505	900	905	150	105	90	40	50	857	2197	2702	78
139	139	...	...	...	10	...	2	151	700	820	150	70	95	...	200	282	1617	1768	79
64	64	...	...	...	...	3	67	150	150	...	10	11	...	...	...	...	171	238	80
295	301	50	...	5	...	52	403	900	1020	150	250	255	688	398	...	...	2756	3159	81
136	141	31	...	...	10	9	53	244	550	677	120	158	106	211	...	614	1866	2130	82
180	130	...	...	...	7	...	1	138	700	700	150	125	65	30	...	115	1185	1323	83
293	302	125	...	...	16	15	212	670	1200	1200	300	525	210	...	1000	600	3835	4505	84
214	116	...	...	...	...	116	750	785	125	150	135	630	150	...	...	...	1975	2091	85
193	196	34	...	3	10	...	28	271	700	756	150	200	55	...	...	90	1251	1522	86
82	89	5	...	...	...	...	94	300	350	48	93	77	90	...	...	...	658	752	87
60	40	4	...	...	...	3	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
82	22	17	...	2	9	5	55	140	140	...	50	35	...	...	...	20	245	300	89
173	159	25	...	...	11	50	5	250	600	600	75	125	63	100	...	61	1024	1274	90
262	262	26	...	150	...	48	...	486	1000	1000	200	175	150	291	0	...	163	4588	5074	91
174	184	90	70	100	12	10	75	545	1000	1000	300	400	111	477	600	201	3089	3634	92	
197	184	10	...	...	4	...	16	214	800	800	125	140	130	50	...	200	1445	1659	93
134	30	...	...	...	...	30	650	445	180	115	85	150	75	125	1175	1205	94	94	95
90	10	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	24	60	...	...	...	...	...	84	94	95
284	299	45	...	...	15	11	138	508	1200	1200	800	738	363	470	...	35	3106	3614	96
158	163	20	...	...	15	25	...	263	800	800	125	220	64	253	200	343	2005	2268	97
168	144	...	...	...	...	144	8	0	800	100	320	110	...	...	305	205	1840	1984	98
166	184	80	...	90	56	...	102	512	1000	1000	125	160	175	2819	...	21	4300	4812	99	
267	271	25	...	...	9	...	114	419	800	800	120	222	239	212	235	177	2005	2424	100

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number.	Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Theological Seminary.		Western Maryland College.		Superannuates.		Church Exten.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns		Church Home.		Deaconess 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	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	Ass'd Paid	Ass'd Paid	
101	Nichols Memorial	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	10	10	10	17	15	15	5	5	6	6	4	4	2	2
102	Northumber'd, Va.	28	28	7	7	3	3	3	9	10	12	...	47	26	62	62	24	28	...	19	10	9	9	
103	Oak Grove.....	13	13	3	3	3	3	3	9	9	5	5	22	21	29	29	12	12	13	13	9	9	4	4
104	Oxford.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	5	14	14	8	8	36	36	47	47	19	19	22	22	12	12	7	7
105	parksley, Va.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	4	12	12	15	15	27	33	36	36	15	15	16	16	12	12	6	6
106	patapsc.....	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
107	phila. Pa. - St. Lukes	22	22	5	5	5	5	5	14	14	22	22	36	61	47	47	19	19	22	22	12	12	7	7
108	Taylor Memorial	20	20	5	5	5	5	5	12	12	13	13	30	50	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
109	Pipe Creek.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	5	14	12	9	6	36	35	47	35	19	15	22	18	15	11	7	6
110	Pittsville.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	5	14	14	21	21	36	42	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	15	7	7
111	Pocomoke City.....	30	30	7	7	9	9	9	27	27	17	17	60	72	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20	10	10
112	Pocomoke Cir.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	4	21	10	4	27	14	35	15	15	6	17	7	12	5	6	1	1
113	Potomac, Va.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	4	12	12	13	13	30	35	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
114	Powellville.....	18	18	4	4	3	3	3	10	10	17	17	26	26	36	36	14	14	16	16	12	12	6	6
115	Prince George.....	8	8	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	10	9	15	15	5	6	6	6	5	5	3	3
116	Quantico.....	13	13	3	3	2	2	2	8	8	4	2	22	22	23	23	12	10	11	9	9	9	4	4
117	Queen Anne.....	13	13	3	3	3	3	3	10	10	5	4	22	24	29	26	12	11	13	12	9	9	4	2
118	Reliance.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	4	12	12	16	16	30	32	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
119	Rowlandville.....	15	15	4	4	1	2	2	10	7	4	3	26	6	32	8	14	7	14	12	10	5	2	2
120	Salem.....	23	23	5	5	3	6	6	15	8	16	8	36	25	39	25	20	10	22	10	15	10	5	5
121	Salisbury.....	40	40	8	8	7	7	7	25	25	33	33	68	78	86	86	35	35	40	40	27	27	13	13
122	Seaford, Del.....	25	25	7	7	6	6	6	19	19	21	21	47	60	62	62	24	24	28	25	19	19	9	9
123	Selbyville, Del.....	10	10	4	4	1	2	2	6	3	...	...	17	11	22	6	9	5	10	5	7	2	3	1
124	Sharptown.....	25	25	5	5	5	5	5	16	16	15	15	42	54	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8
125	Snow Hill.....	24	24	6	6	5	4	4	15	15	11	11	39	39	47	47	20	20	22	22	16	16	8	8
126	Stewartstown, Pa.	25	25	5	5	5	5	5	16	16	16	16	42	46	52	52	21	21	24	24	15	15	8	8
127	St. James.....	27	27	6	6	5	5	5	19	19	15	15	45	100	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
128	St. Michaels.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	4	16	16	10	10	30	41	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
129	Susquehanna.....	25	25	5	5	5	5	5	16	16	9	9	42	50	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8
130	Talbot.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	3	8	8	...	...	20	...	27	...	11	12	...	8	...	4	...	
131	Texas.....	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
132	Trinity.....	27	27	6	6	5	5	5	19	19	10	10	45	45	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
133	Tyreanna.....	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
134	Union.....	16	16	5	4	5	3	3	11	11	27	20	26	20	33	16	14	8	15	8	11	6	5	3
135	Union Bridge.....	18	18	5	5	5	5	5	11	11	6	6	27	32	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6
136	Wallace Mem., Va.	10	10	3	3	2	2	2	7	7	9	9	10	12	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
137	Warwick.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	4	12	12	6	6	30	37	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
138	Washington, D. C.																							
138	Cherrydale.....	12	12	4	4	3	3	3	8	8	19	19	20	25	27	27	11	11	12	12	8	8	4	4
139	First Church.....	26	26	6	6	5	5	5	18	18	20	20	44	44	51	51	22	22	25	25	17	17	9	9
140	Georgetown.....	32	32	8	8	7	7	7	21	21	5	5	52	64	68	68	28	28	29	29	21	21	11	11
141	Mt. Tabor.....	15	15	4	2	2	2	2	10	5	7	4	25	25	32	32	14	8	14	7	10	5	5	2
142	N. Carolina Ave.....	27	27	6	6	5	5	5	19	19	18	18	45	51	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
143	Park Road.....	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	6	11	21	15	15	5	5	10	10	5	5	2	2
144	Rhode Isl'd Ave.	65	65	10	10	13	13	13	42	42	24	24	106	116	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22
145	Wesley Cpl of Kent	18	18	4	4	4	4	4	10	10	3	3	27	30	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6
146	Westminster.....	55	55	9	9	12	12	12	36	36	8	8	92	97	116	116	49	49	54	54	32	32	18	18
147	Wilmington, Del...	10	10	4	4	2	2	2	6	6	5	5	17	17	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
148	W. Wilming'n, Del.	8	8	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	5	...	10	3	15	4	5	1	6	2	7	2	3	3
149	Whaleville.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	2	6	6	12	12	17	22	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	...
150	Wye.....	12	12	4	4	3	3	3	8	8	5	5	20	22	27	27	11	11	12	12	8	8	4	4

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd	Total.										Ass'd	Paid	Pastor's Salary.	Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number.
	Paid	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Easter for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League.	Miscellaneous Gen'l.	Total Gen. Interests.														
66	73	16	...	13	14	4	120	1040	1040	360	400	100	...	300	...	2200	2320	101				
261	104	...	...	...	...	...	104	800	756	120	200	40	...	700	...	1816	1920	102	
120	119	...	...	...	...	...	146	475	422	100	15	77	340	...	35	989	1185	103	
197	197	25	62	32	13	...	319	700	700	150	200	40	100	21	...	1211	1530	104				
165	171	75	...	20	35	...	98	399	900	900	180	345	105	...	200	599	2329	2725	105			
217	18	1	5	...	1	...	6	31	150	175	...	41	38	...	...	78	532	363	106	
211	336	9	150	5	20	...	38	558	1000	1025	500	1658	590	612	...	185	4570	5128	107			
201	221	32	...	23	44	...	45	365	1500	1500	480	790	897	135	500	1407	5709	6074	108			
201	167	32	16	...	13	1	229	700	700	150	140	95	124	...	304	1518	1742	109				
213	219	80	40	...	10	50	98	497	1100	1126	350	200	250	50	200	319	2486	2983	110			
300	312	50	34	...	7	463	866	1100	1100	250	375	200	200	...	...	2125	2991	111		
158	80	5	...	...	...	...	6	91	700	700	40	70	82	...	...	188	1080	1171	112
178	183	30	...	...	...	...	8	221	1000	1000	300	100	210	143	273	110	2136	2359	113
162	162	...	...	5	...	15	182	700	700	85	40	30	1000	...	...	80	1885	2067	114
64	61	12	...	...	...	...	73	275	118	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	191	115	
111	95	5	...	...	...	...	100	450	450	96	150	30	50	...	...	776	876	116	
123	117	29	...	3	12	...	7	168	550	550	100	110	59	21	...	220	1060	1228	117			
181	183	25	...	...	...	...	1	209	800	814	150	200	90	58	...	209	1518	1727	118
136	68	9	...	...	...	...	3	80	673	673	60	73	24	7	...	217	1054	1184	119
208	131	21	...	...	...	...	152	725	725	100	150	55	315	185	5	1535	1687	120	
382	392	115	49	26	12	117	221	932	1500	1560	600	622	672	1099	...	2740	7293	8225	121			
270	283	55	...	...	...	7	61	115	521	1000	1000	125	310	115	...	273	1823	2344	122
90	45	...	...	2	...	4	51	...	304	60	100	90	185	...	...	60	799	850	123
230	242	59	...	26	1	24	346	1000	1100	75	125	190	1700	1700	295	5175	552	124				
211	211	61	14	...	20	...	56	362	1000	1100	180	175	74	100	300	135	2064	2426	125			
229	233	26	...	8	30	35	82	414	800	800	150	250	175	183	...	...	1560	1974	126	
250	305	130	10	84	55	6	295	885	800	882	150	130	78	51	...	40	1331	2216	127			
175	190	36	15	...	14	...	5	260	800	800	250	150	160	350	200	43	1958	2213	128			
224	232	30	...	3	6	...	22	298	800	800	250	119	120	226	...	164	1679	1972	129			
108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
13	17	...	...	6	...	8	31	600	600	...	41	65	...	335	76	1117	1148	131		
245	245	35	...	12	10	...	8	310	1000	1132	250	190	100	238	...	174	2084	2394	132			
3	7	...	...	...	...	40	47	...	75	84	30	19	...	...	...	208	255	133	
168	116	40	...	4	...	7	166	850	850	150	140	175	1400	...	...	35	2750	2916	134	
157	162	21	57	...	25	42	317	624	600	607	180	84	79	177	...	...	1127	1751	135	
92	94	16	...	...	25	...	213	348	700	700	200	80	115	65	...	242	1402	1750	136	
171	178	43	...	5	11	14	13	264	600	802	75	85	90	187	...	5	1244	1508	137			
128	133	20	...	4	16	...	3	176	1000	1000	350	180	239	50	300	536	2655	2831	138			
243	243	34	90	20	41	...	185	423	1100	1200	600	755	322	67	500	134	3578	4006	139			
282	294	76	29	49	...	15	...	463	1200	1200	400	650	112	187	...	455	3004	3467	140			
139	97	10	...	...	...	...	107	900	847	...	300	104	...	...	450	65	1766	1873	141
253	259	16	50	46	16	5	293	685	1200	1200	540	1275	350	300	1750	785	6200	6885	142			
67	77	15	...	...	...	5	97	600	600	...	176	163	...	...	200	375	1514	1611	143
573	583	75	146	25	45	58	168	1100	2000	2000	...	1350	500	500	1000	1198	6548	7648	144			
151	154	...	...	...	...	14	176	600	602	100	90	40	600	...	...	...	1432	1608	145
481	486	23	158	60	5	20	309	1061	1000	1000	250	465	170	50	...	160	2053	3156	146			
95	95	10	...	...	...	...	105	...	271	271	...	155	104	300	100	162	1092	1197	147
67	25	...	...	...	...	...	25	300	189	...	45	30	10	...	...	50	324	349	148
102	107	36	...	7	31	...	102	283	600	700	120	20	169	30	...	185	1224	1507	149			
114	116	18	...	...	10	...	301	445	450	450	120	150	102	30	...	25	877	1322	150	

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta Min. and Prenchers	Probationers	Probationers.		Full Members.				Children Baptised.	Conversions.	Sunday		School	Y. P. S. C. E.						
			Received	Ejected to Membership	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.			Adults Inptised.	Officers and Teachers.		New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.	Amount for Missions	Am't for Con. Un. Miss'ry
Cumberland:																				
First Church..	1	266			17	6		5	3	18	14	1	25	20	275	1	45		10	
Mapleside & F	2	99			12		4	1	3	9	18	2	18		167	1	30		25	
Melvin Chapel	16	105	4		8						2	6	15	10	141	1	25	1	38	
Deer Creek		185											2	10	15	66	1	15		10
Deer Park	19	273	12	33	35	3		5		23	24	4	51	310	2	90			10	
Delmar, Del...		205			4			1		6	4	1	23		250	1	25			
Delta, Pa.....		292		1	1	1		5		3	1	1	28	10	156	1	35	1	35	
Denton		163			6	2		4		6			15	12	177	1	25	1	20	
Dorchester	16	236	2	15	10		2	2			2	2	28	3	153	2	71		3	
Dover, Del.....		128					1	2	1	10	4	1	18	20	145	1	42			
Easton	1	192	3	2	1	3		3		10	20	1	17	19	147	1	20			
Elizabeth, N. J.		240			41	6	27	2		8	52	1	30	40	228	2	45	1	35	
Fairfax, Va....	3	10	176	2	1		2	1	1	2	4	4	39	5	193	3	96	1	10	
Fawn Grove, Pa.	12	340	12	14	18	3	18	5	1	19	10	2	26	11	215	2	102	1	35	
Federalburg...	1	7	110	1	16	2	34	3		8	102	1	18		150	1	25			
Felton, Del....	4	127	4	13	6						2	3	32		10	170				
Finksburg.....	1	594			38	2		3	3	26	50	4	60	102	591	4	133		15	
First Ch. Newark, N.J.	1	24	639	11	11	4	60	20	11	4	7	23	30	2	85	63	575	1	48	
Franklin C'y, Va		313			7	1		8	3	6	4	4	42		308					
Frederick		260			28	7	1	1	5	15	28	4	47	69	356	2	51		3	
Georgeto'n, Del.	1	14	169		17	1	3	6	1		5	1	1	1	23	1	40	1	30	
Georgeto'n Cir.	2	6	200	8	2					25	11	4	40	10	200	1	22			
Greenbu'h & T'y		122	14	14	1	14			1	2	8	127	2	12	18	209				
Greensboro...		30													40		1	25		
Greenwood, Del.		293	1	1	3	3		3			9	4	230	10	310	1	52			
Grove	6	85	6					12	2	4	17	4	35	15	160					
Harbeson, Del...	44	182											1	114	150	1	42			
Harmony, W. Va	1	10	128	4	4	1	4		1	1	2	3		120	21	148	1	3		
Harper's F'y, W. Va		189			14			3	2	17	11	2	24	7	260					
Harrington, Del		231			29			2	5	14	25	1	23	25	177	1	124	1	35	
Howard	1	14	335	18	4	45		2		15	60	4	35	25	242					
Hurlock	2	25	197	3	11	14	3	1		12	15	2	23	59	200	2	75	1	20	
Indian River...	2	7	54		1	3		1		3	3	1	7		28					
Kemptown...	2	2	473	4	4	5	6	6		15	7	5	65		465					
Kennedysville...	5	145	5		16	1		3		7	34	1	18	70	164	1	18	1	16	
Kent Island...	5	109	2		3			1		5	2	2	20	5	100					
Laurel Del	9	854	17	9	34	5	10	7		4	51	1	24	18	280	1	24	1	30	
Laurel Circuit		240			2	7				25	9	4	35	10	280					
Leeds	2	220	4	2	4	2		2	1	2	4	2	18	5	70	2	60			
Leipsic, Del...	1	183			4					2	1	1	11		125	1	35			
Lewes, Del.....		69																		
Lewistown		152			4	1		1	2	15	3	2	16	20	104	2	135	1	20	
Liberty		165	5	5	5			2	2	15	25	2	35	15	185	1	50	1	45	
Lisbon	6	462	10	8	4	8	2	4	5	2	12	4	55	40	470	2	30			
Lynchburg, Va...		150			5	4	1	2		1			1	1	18	30	100	1	40	
Mardela	4	336	4		28	1		4	3	20	34	4	55	20	395	2	62			
Marley	1	180			2			1		4			2	20	55	200	1	75	1	50
Middleway, W. Va.		46																		
Milford, Del....	1	6	267	33	89		110	7	2	8	24	1	26	25	250	1	40	1	35	
Milton, Del....	16	226	15		25	2		1		11	69	1	21	6	156	1	40			

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1918-19													
	Appointments.	Churches.	Pursonages.	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	Young Peoples Work	Total.
Accomac, Va...	2	2	1	12500	3000	1200	5700	27	25	8	7	18	19	55	55	22	25	23	16	6	279
Alexandria, Va...	1	1	1	20000			6000	11	12	5	3	6	7	20	22	9	10	10	8	2	114
Amelia, Va...	3	3	1	4000	2000	115	2900	10	10	5	3	6	9	22	21	9	10	10	6	3	114
Balto: Alnutt M'l	1	1	1	55000	8000		24000	38	65	15	15	42	26	122	135	55	63	46	44	8	636
Bethany	1	1	1	5000	1700	950	4400	19	10	5	3	6	8	21	22	9	10	9	6	2	111
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	1000	6000	20	25	8	7	18	10	47	55	22	25	19	16	2	254
Brooklyn	1	1	1	10000	7000	1787	6800	28	20	5	5	12	11	36	40	16	18	16	14	3	196
Calvary	1	1	1	15000	2500	3726	6700	23	15	6	3	9	17	27	30	13	15	12	6	5	158
Chesaco Park	1	1	1	1500		500	1200		2	1	2	1	1	5	6	1	1	2	2	1	25
Christ Church	1	1	1	30000	3500	8100	17550	53	30	11	11	23	34	70	64	26	30	30	20	10	359
E. Baltimore	1	1	1	25000	2000			10	28	10	7	19	7	53	62	24	28	22	18	3	281
Eutaw	1	1	1	20000	4000	6470	10000	16	18	6	5	10	8	33	35	15	17	15	12	3	177
Evergreen	1	1	1	6000			5000	15	12	5	3	6	8	21	22	9	10	10	8	2	116
Hampden	1	1	1	26000	10000		20000	70	42	13	10	24	27	90	80	30	40	41	28	13	488
Keen Mem'l	1	1	1	17000	4000	1000	6000	25	20	6	6	13	15	36	40	16	18	16	14	3	203
Lauraville	1	1	1	5600			3500	18	10	5	3	6	12	22	24	9	10	9	6	2	118
Lowe Memo'l	1	1	1	22000	3500	6000	7500	17	23	8	8	15	18	46	30	20	22	16	5	6	240
N. Baltimore	1	1	1	36000	6000	6300	25000	46	40	11	10	27	10	62	72	29	37	30	28	5	361
Payson Street	1	1	1	4000		1050	1500	7	10	5	3	6	5	20	24	9	10	8	6	1	107
So. Baltimore	1	1	1	22000	2000		2500	25	20	6	6	12	12	38	40	16	18	17	14	4	203
Starr	1	1	1	140000	10000	45000	40000	45	65	15	15	42	16	118	134	55	63	45	44	6	621
St. Johns	1	1	1	85000	7500	5700	42333	35	65	15	15	42	19	118	134	55	63	45	44	6	621
St. Paul's	1	1	1	15000	300	5750	6500	33	10	5	3	6	16	25	22	9	10	11	6	4	127
Violetville	1	1	1	1200	2500	850	2600	6	8	4	3	4	12	15	5	6	6	6	6	1	74
Waverly	1	1	1	2000	1200		2200	5	10	5	3	6	10	19	22	9	10	8	6	1	109
W. Baltimore	1	1	1	70000	5000	6000	20000	45	60	15	16	40	24	110	125	52	60	47	40	7	596
Wilton Heights	1	1	1	35000		14350	20000	40	12	7	5	8	18	28	28	11	12	12	8	4	153
Baltimore Ct.	3	3	1	22000	4000	491	16000	18	20	6	6	10	14	37	56	15	20	17	12	5	218
Bedford, Pa	6	6	1	16500	1500		2900	21	28	9	7	19	20	55	62	24	28	28	18	4	297
Belair	4	4	1	19000	7000		10000	40	25	8	6	16	14	51	51	21	24	12	16	5	249
Bivalve	2	2	1	8000	1500		4500	18	20	6	5	12	10	36	40	16	18	16	14	3	196
Buckeystown	2	2	1	23700	4500		14100	33	60	15	15	38	16	106	124	52	58	45	40	5	574
Cambridge	3	3	1	25000	2500	4500	15000	22	32	10	8	21	19	62	68	28	29	22	22	5	330
Cannon, Del.	1	1	1	2000	2500		2300	5	10	2	2	5	7	17	17	7	7	6	2	2	92
Caroline	4	4	1	5000	2500	75	3500	30	23	8	7	15	13	42	49	20	22	18	16	3	233
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2100		6500	14	21	7	5	15	15	41	45	18	21	17	14	3	222
Centerville	1	1	1	13500	2500		8000	25	18	5	5	10	3	31	35	15	17	14	12	2	167
Chestertown	1	1	1	30000	6000		24000	22	60	15	15	38	13	106	124	52	58	45	40	5	571
Chincoteag, Va	1	1	1	6000	1600		1500	5	15	4	3	10	9	29	31	14	14	12	10	5	261
Clayton, Del.	3	3	1	9000	1800		6700	4	25	8	6	16	15	51	52	21	24	22	16	5	261
Concord, Pa	3	3	1	5500	900	200	3800	17	22	8	5	14	11	48	45	18	20	21	14	6	232
Conquest, Va	2	2	1	4000	2500	400	4000	12	10	5	3	6	8	21	22	9	10	9	6	2	111
Crisfield	1	1	1	30000	3000	435	11000	36	45	14	14	32	35	88	95	42	46	36	34	7	488
Lawsonia	1	1	1	2500		290	1500		4	2	1	3	3	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	29
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1200		4000	6	20	5	4	9	12	32	4	14	16	17	14	4	161
Campbell, Va	1	1	1	200																	90
Crumpton	2	2	1	4800	1000		3100	8	10	5	3	6	4	19	9	9	10	8	6	1	90
Cumberd, 1st Ch	1	1	1	20000	5000	2100	11000	15	25	9	6	16	10	49	52	21	24	21	16	4	253
Mapleside	2	2	1	2400		30	2000	3	8	4	3	4	8	14	15	5	6	7	6	2	82
Melvin Chap.	1	1	1	3600		650	800	11	8	4	3	4	8	14	15	5	6	7	6	2	82
Deer Creek	2	2	1	3000	2000		3300		15	4	3	10	6	32	31	14	14	13	11	3	155
Deer Park	4	4	1	9000	2500		6500	15	20	5	5	12	18	38	40	16	18	17	14	4	207
Delmar, Del	1	1	1	7500	2500	2200	8250	2	2	19	5	9	13	32	35	14	15	16	12	3	178
Delta, Pa	1	1	1	6000	3000		6000	21	22	7	6	14	8	44	47	19	22	16	14	4	223

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.										ASSESSMENTS 1918-19											
	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	Young Peoples Work	Total.	
Denton.....	1	1	1	12000	2500		7500	16	24	8	5	15	13	43	47	20	22	18	16	2	238	
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	6000	1500		6000	26	24	6	5	15	13	47	47	20	22	20	16	4	239	
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	12000	3500	3200	4300	15	10	5	3	6	9	21	22	9	10	9	6	2	112	
Easton.....	1	1	1	16250	2000	329	12885	31	43	13	8	26	9	74	87	35	40	32	23	3	398	
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1	1	1	17000	5500	4450	14300	8	30	9	6	19	11	52	58	22	26	22	18	4	278	
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	5000	1800	300	5925	16	12	5	4	8	10	26	28	11	12	11	8	3	138	
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	2	2	1	20400	3500		9000	31	25	9	7	18	13	53	55	22	25	22	16	5	270	
Federalburg.....	1	1	1	10000	2000		5000	6	13	5	4	10	8	26	29	12	13	11	8	2	141	
Felton, Del.....	4	4	1	5500	2000	369	4500	6	12	5	4	8	10	24	28	11	12	10	8	2	134	
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	2000	3200	200	11000	35	30	9	10	23	28	58	64	26	30	28	20	8	334	
1st Ch'h, Newark, N.J.....	1	1	1	90000	10000	3000	48500	26	65	15	15	42	40	126	134	55	63	49	44	10	658	
Franklin C'y, Va.....	4	4	1	7500	1000		3100	14	23	8	6	15	15	50	50	20	23	20	16	5	250	
Frederick.....	4	4	1	5500	2000		4900	20	22	8	6	14	13	44	47	19	21	19	14	4	231	
Geo'town, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	5000	800	8600	16	20	6	5	12	10	36	40	16	18	16	14	3	196	
Geo'town Cir't.....	4	4	...	4500			3000	8	13	5	4	10	11	28	29	12	13	12	8	3	148	
Gr'n'b'h & Tas'y.....	2	2	...	3500	150		2000	18	10	4	3	10	7	22	25	12	13	11	8	2	127	
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	8000	1900	950	2200															
Greenwood, Del.....	3	3	1	10000	2000		10000	18	22	8	6	14	15	44	47	19	22	19	14	4	234	
Grove.....	5	5	1	9500	1600		1300	17	15	5	3	10	10	28	31	14	14	11	10	1	157	
Harbeson, Del.....	3	3	1	3200	1300		2000	5	10	5	3	6	11	23	22	9	10	10	6	3	118	
Harmony.....	3	3	1	5500	1500	310	3000	26	10	5	3	6	11	23	22	9	10	9	6	3	117	
Harpers F'y, W. Va.....	2	2	1	7000	3000	404	4000	6	18	5	4	8	13	27	30	12	14	15	12	3	161	
Harrington Del.....	1	1	1	15000	3500		7500	14	22	8	5	13	13	43	48	18	20	18	14	3	225	
Howard.....	4	3	1	12300	3500	150	10200	34	22	8	5	13	13	43	48	18	20	18	14	3	225	
Hurlock.....	3	3	1	8500	2500	800	4900	17	15	5	4	10	10	32	31	14	14	11	10	3	159	
Indian River.....	1	1	...	700					2	10	2	3	4	12	14	5	6	5	6	1	72	
Kemptown.....	5	5	1	10000	4000	856	10000	63	30	9	10	23	26	64	64	26	30	27	20	7	336	
Kennedyville.....	1	1	1	4950	1300		4000		16	5	5	10	6	28	31	12	15	13	10	2	149	
Kent Island.....	2	2	1	6000	1800		3000	15	20	5	5	12	6	38	45	17	20	15	14	2	199	
Laurel, Del.....	1	1	1	35000	3000	7700	12500	36	32	12	9	21	17	62	68	28	29	26	22	5	331	
Laurel Circuit.....	4	4	1	5000	3000	75	4400	8	24	8	5	15	13	47	47	20	20	20	16	4	241	
Leeds.....	2	2	1	8000	2500		7000	10	22	8	5	13	8	43	48	18	20	18	14	3	220	
Leipsic.....	1	1	1	3000	800				13	10	2	3	6	19	26	5	10	10	6	3	109	
Lewes, Del.....	1	1	...	4000	150		2500		8	2	3	4	2	12	15	5	6	6	6	1	70	
Lewistown.....	2	2	...	3500		125	1400	6	10	2	3	6	8	17	16	5	10	9	6	2	94	
Liberty.....	2	2	1	7000	2000		5200	25	18	6	5	12	10	34	40	16	18	15	14	2	190	
Linthicum Hts.....									4	2	2	5	7	9	8	4	3	2			1	44
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	8600	5000	250	10170	22	27	8	5	19	27	59	58	22	26	25	18	7	301	
Lynchburg, Va.....	1	1	1	20000	5000	5000	12000	19	20	6	5	12	12	33	38	16	18	15	14	2	191	
Mardela.....	4	4	1	6800	1400				42	20	6	5	12	24	42	43	17	20	18	14	5	226
Marley.....	3	3	1	5200	2000	1225	1300	16	15	5	3	8	10	34	28	12	12	13	10	3	153	
Middleway, W. Va.....	1	1	1	800	500				10	5	3	6	3	19	22	9	10	8	6	1	102	
Milford, Del.....	1	1	...	35000	600	400	15000	35	30	11	11	23	18	58	64	26	30	24	20	4	319	
Milton, Del.....	1	1	1	3800	2500	250	3500		18	5	5	12	10	33	37	15	16	15	12	3	181	
Mt. Nebo.....	3	3	1	9500	2200	2050	7075	11	18	5	5	12	18	37	37	15	16	17	12	5	197	
New Church Va.....	3	3	1	11440	2200		3000	26	18	5	5	12	16	35	37	15	16	16	12	4	190	
Newmarket.....	4	4	1	20000	2000	235	9700	25	28	9	7	9	25	57	62	24	28	24	18	5	296	
Nichols Memo'l.....	3	3	2	15000	6000	4200	10000	10	2	1	2	3	5	6	2	2	2	2	2	1	29	
Northumberl'd.....	5	5	1	14000	1600		2000	30	28	9	7	19	15	59	62	24	28	25	18	6	300	
Oak Grove.....	1	1	1	2500	1200		1500	6	13	4	4	9	5	26	29	12	13	11	8	2	136	
Oxford.....	1	1	1	4000	2500	400	3300	9	22	8	6	14	8	40	47	19	22	12	14	2	124	

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.								ASSESSMENTS 1918-19												
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonage.	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.	Young Peoples Work.	Total.
Parksley, Va.	1	1	1	18000	2500	2000	8500	30	18	7	5	12	15	35	36	15	16	16	12	4	191
Patapsco	1	1	...	1500	.....	.....	1000	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	22
Philadelphia:																					
St. Lukes.....	1	1	1	55000	7000	15000	23000	23	22	8	7	14	22	42	47	19	22	15	14	3	235
Taylor Mem'l ..	1	1	1	27000	6000	8000	14000	42	20	7	6	12	35	38	40	16	18	17	14	4	227
Pipe Creek	2	2	1	9000	4000	.....	9400	4	22	8	6	14	11	42	47	19	22	18	14	3	226
Pittsville	3	3	1	9000	3500	.....	7000	63	22	8	6	14	25	50	47	19	22	22	14	7	256
Pocomoke Cir't ..	4	4	1	6000	500	.....	4000	6	18	5	5	10	10	35	35	15	17	16	12	4	182
Pocomoke City ..	1	1	1	14000	3500	35	10000	25	30	11	10	27	17	70	64	26	30	25	20	5	335
Potomac, Va.	2	2	2	9000	4500	280	10000	21	20	7	5	12	13	36	40	16	18	16	14	4	186
Powellville	3	3	1	4500	1200	.....	3000	24	18	5	4	10	17	34	36	14	16	16	12	4	186
Prince George.	2	2	...	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2	3	4	4	14	15	5	6	7	6	2	76
Quantico	4	4	1	3500	1000	.....	1250	13	13	4	3	8	4	26	23	12	11	11	8	2	125
Queen Anne.....	2	2	1	5200	1200	.....	4800	7	13	4	4	10	5	24	29	12	13	10	8	1	133
Reliance	3	3	1	12000	3000	1005	8300	16	20	6	5	12	18	40	40	16	18	18	14	5	212
Rowlandville ...	3	3	1	6200	1400	.....	6500	5	15	5	3	10	4	28	32	14	14	11	10	1	147
Salem	2	2	1	9100	1300	300	5900	8	23	8	7	15	15	42	39	20	22	18	16	3	228
Salisbury	1	1	1	12000	1000	.....	13000	62	40	12	9	25	33	84	36	35	40	35	26	8	433
Seaford, Del.	1	1	1	18000	2500	.....	9900	35	28	10	7	19	19	57	62	24	28	24	18	5	301
Selbyville, Del. ..	2	2	1	4000	1000	3500	3000	...	10	5	8	6	5	19	22	9	10	8	6	1	104
Sharptown	2	2	1	16000	1500	3000	7000	37	25	8	6	16	15	50	52	21	24	21	16	4	255
Snow Hill	2	2	1	30000	4000	.....	17500	30	24	8	5	15	14	47	47	20	22	20	16	4	242
Stewartsto'n, Pa ..	2	2	1	11000	1800	.....	6595	28	25	8	6	16	15	50	58	22	24	19	16	4	256
St. James	2	2	1	10500	2500	.....	7900	5	27	8	6	19	15	53	58	22	26	22	18	4	278
St. Michaels	3	3	1	15000	2000	1225	12000	16	20	6	5	16	10	34	40	16	18	13	14	2	194
Susquehanna	3	3	1	7400	4300	.....	8500	28	25	8	6	16	10	50	52	21	24	21	16	4	253
Talbot	2	2	...	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	22
Texas	2	2	...	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	22
Trinity	2	2	1	10500	4900	.....	11000	25	27	9	6	19	10	53	58	22	26	22	18	4	274
Tyreana	1	1	1	3500	1500	.....	1400	...	10	5	3	6	2	17	23	9	10	8	6	1	100
Union	4	4	1	6000	2200	.....	4000	17	16	6	6	11	25	38	33	14	15	18	10	6	198
Union Bridge	2	2	1	9500	2500	.....	5000	19	18	6	6	11	6	29	35	15	17	13	12	1	169
Wallace Me, Va ..	1	1	1	2000	2000	.....	2000	18	10	4	3	7	9	14	22	9	10	9	6	2	105
Warwick	3	3	1	4800	1200	.....	4300	11	20	6	5	12	8	36	40	16	18	16	14	3	194
Washington:																					
Cherrydale	1	1	1	6000	4000	5850	5500	5	12	5	4	8	13	24	27	11	12	10	8	2	136
First Church	1	1	1	30000	10000	3000	15000	26	26	8	6	18	20	54	51	22	25	22	18	5	275
Georgetown	1	1	1	25000	6000	550	11100	14	32	11	8	21	10	58	68	28	29	24	22	3	314
Mt. Taber	1	1	...	18000	.....	708	9500	1	15	5	3	10	7	30	62	14	14	12	10	2	184
N. C. Ave.	1	1	1	40000	5500	7000	14300	17	27	9	6	19	18	53	58	22	26	22	18	4	282
R. I. Avenue.	1	1	...	7500	.....	1450	39000	30	65	15	15	42	25	120	134	55	63	46	44	7	631
Wesley Chapel.	2	2	1	6500	2000	.....	4500	11	18	5	5	10	3	29	35	15	17	13	12	1	163
Westminster	1	1	1	25000	4000	.....	13500	31	55	12	14	36	9	114	116	49	54	36	36	4	535
Wilmington Del ..	1	1	...	9000	.....	2100	4000	6	10	5	3	6	2	21	22	9	10	8	6	1	103
W. Wilm'gt'n Del ..	2	2	1	4000	.....	970	1600	13	8	2	3	4	2	19	15	5	6	8	6	1	79
Whaleysville	1	1	1	4000	1600	.....	2400	21	10	7	3	6	10	14	22	9	10	9	6	2	108
Wye	1	1	1	4200	2300	.....	6500	12	12	5	4	8	5	21	27	11	12	10	8	2	125
Balto. Book Cou ..	.....	.....	.....	22000	.....	.....	10000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pres. Parsonage ..	.....	.....	.....	6000	.....	.....	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. T. Seminary .....	.....	.....	.....	43100	.....	.....	20000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. College. ....	.....	.....	.....	450000	.....	.....	100000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Our Ch. Home. ....	.....	.....	.....	13000	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1918	1917	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3127	\$ 3091	\$ 36	\$
Conference.....	666	634	32	
Ministerial Education.....	630	596	34	
Seminary.....	1850	1816	34	
College.....	1652	1795		148
Superannuates.....	5840	4254	1586	
Church Extension.....	5827	5734	93	
Home Missions.....	2400	2381	19	
Foreign Missions.....	2839	2774	65	
Church Home.....	1960	1836	124	
Deaconess Home.....	943	918	25	
Special for Missions.....	10968	9487	481	
Miscellaneous.....	13153	10241	2912	
Total.....	\$51855			

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary.....	\$122211	\$112820	\$ 9391	
Parsonage Rent.....	27710	25798	1912	
Current Expenses.....	48409	47756	653	
Sunday School Expenses.....	25465	25984		519
Building and Improvements.....	39384	51511		12127
Paid on Debt.....	32724	34985		2261
Miscellaneous.....	43017	34306	8711	
Total for Local Interests.....	338907	333160	5747	
Total for all purposes.....	390762	378717	12045	

Assessments

President.....	\$ 3000			
Conference.....	1000			
Ministerial Education.....	800			
Seminary.....	2000			
College.....	1850			
Superannuates.....	6000			
Church Extension.....	6500			
Home Missions.....	2500			
Foreign Missions.....	3000			
Church Home.....	2500			
Deaconess Home.....	2000			
Young People's Work.....	500			

JAMES A. DUDLEY,
Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

Membership

	1918	1917	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers.....	142	150		8
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	71	70	1	
Probationers.....	1297	1575		278
Full Members.....	33777	33440	337	
Probationers Received.....	937	1716		779
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	526	1272		746
Probationers Discontinued.....	255	226	29	
Full Members Received.....	2091	3826		1735
Full Members Withdrawn.....	370	508		138
Full Members Discontinued.....	681	1022		341
Full Members Deceased.....	360	326	34	
Adults Baptized.....	195	356		161
Children Baptized.....	1605	1780		175
Conversions.....	5143	4339		1196
Sunday Schools.....	271	277		6
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	3891	4019		128
New Scholars.....	3815	4770		955
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	36053	36785		732
Y. P. S. C. E.....	141	153		12
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	6071	6501		430
Junior C. E. Societies.....	61	68		7
Junior C. E. Members.....	2148	2584		437
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior } Societies for Foreign Missions..... }	580	831		251
Contributed by C. E. and S. S. to Con.Un. Mis.	682	454	228	

Property

Appointments.....	289	279		
Churches.....	292½	291½	1	
Parsonages.....	126	125	1	
Value of Church Property.....	2351440	2633045	218395	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	393300	397125		3825
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	192820	259674		66854
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	1291033	1261605	29428	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	2750	2084	666	

A. W. EWELL,

J. C. GODWIN,

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 \$800 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 note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelope and prepare

the reports for the Conference. The financial envelopes shall be passed to 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.

19. Social Service—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 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 Memorial 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 Committee on Appeals, Standing District Committee, 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."

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 in 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 Methodist Protestant Trustees.

12. No minister of this Conference shall go as a loan to any church outside of the Maryland Conference unless said church is willing to contribute to the Superannuated Fund of this Conference.

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," of the Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher, and lay 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. And no minister shall be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conference for more than three years in succession.

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: nine-tenths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One-tenth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan.

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

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

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

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Discipline 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 elect 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 dic-

tate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for 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. 1st—In Stations. In stations the election of delegates shall be by the qualified members under the direction of the stewards and whose credentials must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting. The pastor shall announce the time and place of such meeting at least one Sunday before it is held, but in no case shall he preside at the election of delegates.

2nd—In Circuits. In circuits a vote of the qualified members shall be taken by the stewards in each church on the charge, after due announcement by the pastor, for a delegate to the annual conference. The votes shall be brought in separate packages to the quarterly conference where they shall be counted. Anyone receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared the delegate elect, but if no one receives a majority the quarterly conference shall proceed at once to the election of a delegate. When it is necessary for the quarterly conference to elect the delegate, someone other than the pastor shall preside during the election, and whose name, with the secretary of the quarterly conference, shall appear on the credentials of the delegate.

3rd. In both stations and circuits and also at the quarterly conference all voting shall be by ballot and the election must be held at least ten days before the session of the Annual Conference.

