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Conference Roll

Ministers and Preachers

Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd
176	W. W. Strayer	1858	1860	370	H. L. Schlincke.....	1895	1897
187	J. L. Mills	1860	1862	371	C. E. Dryden.....	1895	1897
194	J. W. Gray	1861	1863	372	H. O. Keen.....	1895	1898
215	J. M. Holmes	1865	1867	373	G. A. Morris.....	1895	1898
220	A. W. Mather	1866	1868	376	A. N. Ward.....	1895	1897
241	F. T. Tagg	1870	1871	378	J. F. Bryan.....	1896	1897
248	J. G. Sullivan	1871	1873	379	N. O. Gibson	1896	1898
252	F. T. Little	1872	1873	380	F. A. Holland.....	1896	1897
255	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	381	E. D. Stone.....	1896	1898
260	G. F. Farring	1873	1876	382	G. H. Stocksdale.....	1896	1899
261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	381	W. A. Melvin.....	1897	1898
265	G. Q. Bacchus	1874	1877	388	E. T. Read.....	1897	1899
270	J. M. Sheridan	1875	1877	389	J. L. Ward.....	1897	1899
277	T. H. Lewis	1876	1876	394	B. F. Ruley.....	1899	1900
278	J. W. Trout	1876	1879	396	T. R. Woodford	1899	1900
285	D. W. Anstine	1879	1882	397	G. E. Brown	1899	1904
286	F. C. Klein	1879	1881	398	C. M. Compber	1900	1901
289	J. L. Elderdice	1880	1883	400	F. J. Phillips.....	1900	1903
294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883	401	W. N. Sherwood.....	1900	1903
297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885	403	E. H. Jones.....	1900	1905
299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886	405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903
308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886	406	C. R. Strausburg....	1901	1904
309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887	409	P. W. Crosby.....	1903	1904
310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885	411	G. J. Hooker.....	1903	1904
312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887	415	R. L. Shipley.....	1903	1905
315	J. F. Wooden	1886	1889	416	B. A. Bryan.....	1904	1906
321	G. W. Haddaway.....	1888	1890	417	G. I. Humphreys.....	1904	1906
324	H. W. D. Johnson.....	1888	1891	421	F. M. Clift.....	1904	1906
330	C. E. McCullough.....	1889	1891	423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907
332	H. S. Johnson.....	1890	1892	424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907
338	L. F. Warner.....	1891	1893	425	Carroll Maddox	1905	1908
339	J. W. Parris.....	1891	1891	426	W. P. Roberts	1905	1907
340	Avery Donovan	1891	1892	428	C. M. Elderdice.....	1906	1907
341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.	429	W. L. Hoffman.....	1906	1908
342	Dorsey Blake	1892	1893	432	L. B. Smith.....	1906	1907
343	L. A. Bennett	1892	1892	434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.
344	C. M. Cullum.....	1892	1893	436	E. L. Bunce.....	1907	1907
345	G. R. Donaldson.....	1892	1895	437	H. B. Jester	1907	1909
347	A. H. Green	1892	1894	438	P. L. Rice.....	1907	1909
350	C. K. McCaslin.....	1892	1893	439	F. D. Reynolds.....	1907	Tr.
352	Louis Randall	1892	1894	440	G. A. Ogg.....	1907	Tr.
354	J. A. Wright.....	1892	1892	441	E. A. Sexsmith.....	1907	Tr.
355	G. M. Clayton.....	1893	1896	442	J. L. Nichols.....	1908	Tr.
356	J. McLain Brown.....	1893	1894	447	M. E. Hungerford.....	1909	1911
357	George Hines	1893	1896	448	J. R. Wright	1909	1911
358	W. B. Judefind.....	1893	1896	457	V. A. Miller.....	1911	1913
359	E. C. Makosky.....	1893	1895	459	R. Y. Nicholson.....	1911	1912
360	C. P. Nowlin.....	1893	1895	461	W. C. Mumford.....	1911	1912
363	A. S. Beane.....	1893	1891	462	C. M. Adams.....	1912	1914
364	G. J. Hill.....	1894	1894	463	W. F. Bauscher.....	1912	1913
365	W. H. Litsinger.....	1894	1896	464	J. A. Dudley.....	1912	1912
369	F. S. Cain.....	1895	1898	465	A. W. Ewell.....	1912	1913

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466	E. W. Simms.....	1912	1913	512	S. C. Wood.....	1919
467	W. F. Wright.....	1912	1914	513	E. C. Graham.....	1920	Tr.
468	Ziba Adams.....	1913	Tr.	514	F. W. Siffrin.....	1920	1920
471	C. C. Day.....	1913	1914	515	G. E. Turner.....	1920	1920
472	W. M. Snyder.....	1913	1914	516	F. M. Volk.....	1920	1920
473	T. C. Jones.....	1914	Tr.	518	C. M. Jenkins.....	1920	.....
474	J. N. Link.....	1914	1916	519	C. P. Butler.....	1920	Tr.
478	I. S. Owens.....	1915	1917	520	J. Earl Cummings.....	1921	1921
480	E. T. Kirkley.....	1915	1916	521	J. Tracey Fenby.....	1921	1921
483	J. P. George.....	1916	1918	522	W. H. Hodges.....	1921	Tr.
488	K. K. Haddaway.....	1917	1917	523	F. G. Holloway.....	1921	1921
491	J. H. Lynch.....	1917	1919	524	C. M. Kelsner.....	1921	1921
493	C. H. Dobson.....	1917	1919	525	Paul F. Warner.....	1921	1921
494	H. L. Murphy.....	1917	1919	526	Robert Browne.....	1922	.....
495	L. E. Haddaway.....	1917	1919	527	M. W. Sutcliffe.....	1922	.....
496	A. F. T. Raum.....	1917	1919	528	M. E. Dearholt.....	1922	1922
497	P. M. R. Schauer.....	1917	1918	529	Thomas Turkington..	1922	1922
498	Gilbert S. Ross.....	1918	1918	530	J. L. Marker.....	1922	1922
500	L. W. Gordon.....	1918	Tr.	531	T. G. Betschler.....	1922	1922
501	G. E. McDorman.....	1919	1919	532	T. C. Mulligan.....	1922	1922
502	J. W. Townsend.....	1919	1919	533	A. W. Simms.....	1922	1922
503	R. W. White.....	1919	1919	534	O. G. Brewer.....	1922	1922
504	K. H. Wareheim.....	1919	1919	535	M. L. Smith.....	1922	1922
505	E. L. Ballard.....	1919	1919	536	G. W. Ports.....	1922	1922
506	J. R. McKeawn.....	1919	1919	537	P. M. Cassen.....	1923	1923
507	G. E. Leister.....	1919	1919	538	L. C. Randall.....	1923	1923
508	J. Leas Green.....	1919	1919	539	J. G. Trader.....	1923	1923
509	J. W. Baxley.....	1919	1919	540	H. A. Kester.....	Tr.	1923
510	R. W. Sutcliffe.....	1919	Tr.	541	Wm. Schmeiser.....	1923	
511	F. K. McCorkle.....	1919	1920				

Charges and Laymen

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St. John's.....	W. O. Atwood	Grove	J. R. Butler
St. Paul's.....	Fred. I. Savage	Harbeson, Del.....	G. A. Rust
Trinity	B. F. Kerr	Harmony, W. Va.....	A. F. Wiland
Violetville.....	C. W. Schafer	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	L. D. Nichols
Waverly.....	Geo. T. Hoxter	Harrington, Del.....	Harry Gruwell
West Baltimore.....	C. H. Crumbine	Hawley Memorial.....	Curtis F. Adams
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Chestertown	Geo. W. French	Liberty.....	J. T. S. Albaugh
Chincoteague.....	Wm. Tyndall	Lisbon.....	J. N. Warfield, Jr.
Clayton, Del.....	W. T. Archer	Lynchburg, Va.....	F. W. Whitaker
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Conquest, Va.....	W. J. Taylor	Marley.....	Clinton Gurnee
Crisfield:		Middleway	
Crisfield.....	L. C. Quinn	Milford.....	W. H. Richardson
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Mariners	Chas. Sterling	Mt. Nebo.....	J. L. Barrett
Crumpton		New Church, Va.....	Emory T. Warner
Cumberland:		New Market.....	William Carr
First Church.....	William Sisler	Nichols Memorial.....	Thos. J. Murray
Mapleside and Fairview.....		Northumberland, Va.....	R. L. Luttrell
	*A. H. Wyatt	Oak Grove, Va.....	*J. W. Thompson

Charge	Layman	Charge	Layman
Oxford	Howard Dobson	St. Michaels.....	Archer McN. Thomas
Parkley.....	N. J. Parks	Susquehanna.....	Howard W. Baldwin
Patapsco.....	Charles Taylor	Talbot
Philadelphia:		Texas.....	Mrs. L. C. Eichler
Emmanuel....	Wm. F. Heckenberger	Trinity	E. W. Tull
St. Luke's.....	Edward J. Holland	Tyreanna, Va.....
Taylor Memorial....	Daniel Murdock	Union.....	R. J. Mills
Tioga Hts. Mis.....	Fred. M. Schulze	Union Bridge.....	Robert O. Fuss
Pipe Creek.....	Alfred Simpson	Wallace Memorial.....	G. W. Lewis
Pittsville.....	R. S. Wimbrow	Warwick.....	Walter L. Marker
Pocomoke City.....	T. A. Richards	Washington:	
Pocomoke Ct.....	J. C. Levingstone	Cherrydale.....	Dr. W. G. Monroe
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Powellville.....	Sam. E. Shockley, Jr.	Calvary.....	Mrs. Hattie Rickard
Prince George.....	Wilmer Cox	First Church.....	W. W. Thompson
Quantico.....	*Alonzo F. Wilson	Mt. Tabor.....	J. E. Chamberlin
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Salem	William Fontaine	Westminster.....	George E. Benson
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Stewartstown.....	*J. Nelson Wiley	Wye.....	William A. Hammond
St. James.....	R. G. Nicholson		

Note.—Those marked * did not answer to any roll call.

Unstated Ministers and Preachers

Charges	Ministers	Preachers
Alexandria.....		Norman Roberts
Alnutt Memorial		J. H. Roberts.
		Jos. H. Espey.
		L. Colvin Randall.
Calvary.....		E. L. Keyser
		Russell Sapp.
		H. Carroll Burkins.
Christ Church	N. T. Meginnis.....	A. F. Snyder.
	Charles A. Rotan.....	H. S. Rannels.
		T. S. Elmore
East Baltimore		E. E. Coleman
		H. E. Hudgins
Eutaw		D. L. Koller
Grace		Frank M. Bell.
Hampden		Isaac Ford.
Keen Memorial		E. H. Hayman.
Lowe Memorial.....		John T. Dise
South Baltimore	Jos. H. Wilson.....	
	C. S. Larrimore.....	

Charges	Ministers	Preachers
Starr		J. Bibb Mills
Trinity, Baltimore.....		C. B. Robey.
Violetville		Oliver Betton.
Wilton Heights		John A. Buell.
Bedford		Dr. J. G. Candler.
Bivalve		Geo. Watlers.
		Henry Laramore.
Cecil.....		Walter Collins
Centreville	W. E. Thompson.....	
Clayton		H. L. Adams
		Walter Ford.
		W. T. Archer
First Ch. Cumberland..		Charles E. Shaw.
Mapleside and Fairview		A. H. Wyatt
		J. T. Zimmerman
Delmar	R. T. Maloney.....	W. S. L. Ellis.
		E. F. Williams.
		J. E. Chipman.
Denton.....		Lewis B. Davis
Fairfax		Harry Harmon.
		Chas. F. Cummins
Felton.....		H. F. Butler
Finksburg.....		Wilber F. Yingling
Glenburnie.....		Frank Nickerson
Grove		A. R. Butler.
		Wm. Stedman.
		J. E. Adams.
Harpers Ferry.....		Ira Dinkle.
Kemptonw		Eldridge Mullinix.
		George W. Easton.
Leed's		Joseph Scarborough
Milford		J. Henry Mason.
Milton		Henry D. Potter.
Nichols Mem. & Glen..		Frank Nickerson.
Northumberland.....		J. L. Webb.
Patapsco		J. N. Walsh.
Emmanuel		William M. Tees.
St. Luke's.....		J. A. Richardson.
		Edward J. Holland.
		Ernest Carpenter.
Taylor Memorial.....		Leon A. Smith.
Pocomoke City		J. T. Young.
		T. A. Richards.
Powellville		Grover C. Nicholson.
Quantico		Wm. H. Phippen.
Selbyville		Wilson C. Hudson.
Snow Hill		Franklin Bailey.
Stewartstown		G. W. Devilbiss.
		S. J. McConnell.
St. Michaels		Geo. M. Willey.
Trinity.....		H. E. Troehlich.
North Carolina Ave.....	J. H. Rosen.....	
Rhode Island Ave.....	N. J. Kinney.....	

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Beauchamp, Mrs.	Rev. E. L.	202 Prospect Ave, Baltimore, Md.
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Ewell, Gertrude B.	Rev. J. H. S.	2608 Maryland Ave., Balto., Md.
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Graham, Mrs.	Rev. W. R.	3500 Fairview Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Gilbert, Ida R.	Rev. D. N.	Easton, Md.
Greenfield, Mrs.	Rev. D. L.	77 Grove St., New Haven, Conn.
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Lewis, Mrs. Rena	Rev. R. K.	2107 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.
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Lucas, Rachel A.	Rev. W. J. D.	Denton, Md.
Middleton, Georgeanna	Rev. C. B.	334 Elm Ave., Baltimore, Md.
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Special Days

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"Girls' Home" Day (Report N) February, 2d Sunday.

Deaconess Day, August 13th.

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- AUDIT**—G. H. Stocksdales, E. C. Graham, A. J. McCreary.
- CONFERENCE PROGRAM, 1924**—President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, F. T. Benson, A. R. Lewis, H. E. Burck, George Benson.
- APPOINTEES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**—President of Conference, C. C. Day, E. T. Kirkley, A. S. Richmond, Deaver Cook.
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Conference Examiners and Examinations

1. Beginning with the Conference of 1923 the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders shall consist of a chairman and four other ministers; the chairman to be appointed for a four year's term and the other ministers annually by the President of the Conference and announced at least three months preceding the meeting of Conference.

2. In announcing the appointment of the four ministers as members of this Committee, the President shall designate one of them to examine applicants for admission into the Itinerancy on the English Bible; one on Christian graces and gifts for the ministry; one on Systematic Theology; and one on the Law and Usages of the Methodist Protestant Church. The result of these examinations shall be considered by the whole Committee and reported to the Conference with a recommendation in each case. No person shall be considered by the Conference for admission into the Itinerancy until he has been subjected to this examination, irrespective of previous educational training or ministerial standing, and has been recommended by this Committee.

3. The four ministers designated as Examiners shall continue to serve for the First, Second and Third Year classes successively, accompanying the same class through the entire course. During this period they shall not be eligible for appointment as members of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. The Examiners of each class shall join in a report to the Conference annually of the results of their examinations, and their report shall, after adoption by the Conference, be sent to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. After the Examiners have reported on the Third Year class their office shall terminate. In case of a vacancy prior to the termination of the period the President shall fill it with a new appointment.

4. The Examiners of each class may arrange by mutual agreement the assignment of the studies to the Examiners, except in the Preparatory Course. They shall also assign one of the books of the course to be examined during the first week of July, October, January and at Conference respectively. These assignments shall be announced in their report to Conference.

The Course of Study for each year shall be as follows:

Preparatory Course

(a) The English Bible-New Testament, with the contents of which the applicant will be expected to show a familiarity that will justify his employment in the ministry.

(b) Christian graces and gifts for the ministry, which will be an examination of the applicant's experience. The applicant will also be expected to present and read to this examiner an original sermon, a selection from our Psalter and a hymn.

(c) Tillet's "Personal Salvation."

(d) The Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, including the preface. This will not be a lecture by the examiner, but the applicant must show that he has studied the book, and especially that he can administer it in ministerial functions.

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.

First Year—T. O. Crouse, F. T. Little, J. W. Kirk, F. T. Benson.

(a) Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform," the following chapters: Vol. I, chapters I, III, X, XVI, XVII, XXI. Vol II, chapters III, IV, IX, XV, XXVII, XXXV.

(b) Lewis' "Divine Credentials."

(c) Greenfield's "Jesus the Preacher," and Elderdice's "The Preacher's Problems."

(d) Curtis' "Christian Faith," 1-180.

(e) An examination before the four Examiners in the English Bible—The Historical Books of the Old Testament, Genesis—Second Chronicles. The examination shall be conducted by the Examiner who was assigned to (b) in the Preparatory Course, but any examiner may participate.

Students—William Schmeiser, Leon A. Smith.

Second Year—(Old Course).

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. KONDLEY—Training the Teacher—Schauffler.

Students—S. C. Wood, Student in Curtis Theology; Robert Browne, M. W. Sutcliffe.

Third Year—(Old Course).

F. T. BENSON—Curtis Theology, Vol. I. Last half. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

L. F. WARNER—Lewis' Divine Credentials.

The following books are to be read and a written syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated.

L. F. WARNER—Miller's "Christian Ministry," submitted Nov. 1st.

Buckey's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching," submitted Feb. 1st.

Students—H. L. Murphy, (C. M. Jenkins in Curtis' Theology).

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 be 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.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman
On Itinerancy and Orders.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY

Morning

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its 95th session on this day in St. John's Methodist Protestant Church, St. Paul and 27th Streets, Baltimore, Md., at 9 A. M. The President, J. H. Straughn, called the conference to order and conducted the devotional service, singing Hymn 400, reading Scripture, Ephesians 1, 1-23, with prayer by L. F. Warner.

The roll of the conference was called by the Secretary, and the names of W. D. Litsinger and C. N. Alexander were by motion of A. W. Mather and N. C. Clough transferred to the Memorial Roll.

The Committee on Credentials made its report, and on motion was adopted (Report B).

The Memorial Roll was called by C. K. McCaslin. At the name of W. D. Litsinger, H. L. Elderdice read the obituary, and A. W. Mather, H. W. D. Johnson, E. T. Read spoke. At the name of C. N. Alexander, N. C. Clough read the obituary and W. A. Melvin, F. T. Benson, G. W. Haddaway, Louis Randall, F. S. Cain, C. C. Day spoke.

Resolution (1) on the death of Mr. Daniel Baker: The Maryland Annual Conference, meeting in Baltimore for the first time since the death of our lamented brother, desires to renew and adopt the expressions of appreciation by the President of the conference at our last session, and to request our venerable brothers, Rev. W. M. Strayer and Rev. J. L. Mills, accompanied by the delegate representing the church of which Brother Baker was a member, and Mr. John H. Baker, a nephew, and the delegate from Buckeystown (his home church), and Mr. W. C. Scott, to visit Loudon Park Cemetery, and in the name of this conference lay a suitable floral tribute of respect and affection on Brother Baker's grave.

The President of the conference then opened the service. Hymn 401, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung. Prayer was offered by P. W. Crosby, and the Scripture, II. Cor. 5:16, 6:13, was read by E. T. Read. R. L. Shipley preached the conference sermon from I. Cor. 11:26, "Ye do Shew forth the Lord's Death."

Following the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by T. H. Lewis, J. W. Parris, A. H. Green, F. S. Cain, H. B. Jester, H. L. Schlincke, G. A. Morris, G. E. Brown and J. T. Bailey.

The benediction was pronounced by T. H. Lewis.

Afternoon

The conference opened at 2 P. M. The President made his annual report (Report A). At the conclusion of its reading his character was passed.

The President read the list of Standing Committees.

Report of Program Committee was read (Report Q), and on motion was adopted.

Roll of absent members was called.

By consent G. A. Morris was excused from further attendance.

By motion the bar of conference was fixed at the first seven pews.

Order of the day having come, the President appointed as tellers on ballot for President: C. M. Elderdice, J. F. Bryan, William E. Cain, A. J. Williar. The ballots were distributed. A paper was then presented by Seth H. Linthicum affecting the three-year limit for the Presidency of the conference. After some discussion it was moved and seconded that the paper be read. It was carried by vote 143-62. The paper was then read by the Secretary calling for the rescinding of the three-year limit for the President of the conference. S. H. Linthicum spoke; also R. L. Shipley, P. W. Crosby, J. H. Baker, C. P. Nowlin, E. J. Holland, J. L. Mills, A. H. Green, N. J. Wimbrow, Frank Ball, G. I. Humphreys, J. M. Sheridan, J. L. Nichols. Previous question on paper called, and resulted as follows: Yeas 91, Nays 123.

Conference then proceeded to ballot for President, with the following result: First ballot, 233 votes cast, necessary to a choice 117. G. I. Humphreys, 81; E. C. Makosky, 68; W. A. Melvin, 54; L. F. Warner, 12; J. H. Straughn, 5; J. F. Bryan, 5; L. B. Smith, 3; R. L. Shipley, 4; W. H. Litsinger, 1. No election.

Second ballot, votes cast 215, necessary to a choice 108. G. I. Humphreys, 90; E. C. Makosky, 84; W. A. Melvin, 35; L. F. Warner, 3; J. H. Straughn, 1; Louis Randall, 1; J. F. Bryan, 1. No election.

Third ballot, votes cast 204, necessary to a choice 103. G. I. Humphreys, 97; E. C. Makosky, 89; W. A. Melvin, 16; L. F. Warner, 1; J. H. Straughn, 1. No election.

Fourth ballot, votes cast 187, necessary to a choice 94. G. I. Humphreys, 102; E. C. Makosky, 82; W. A. Melvin, 3. The President declared G. I. Humphreys elected. H. L. Elderdice and W. G. Monroe were instructed to conduct G. I. Humphreys to the platform, where the retiring President in a short address welcomed the new President.

G. I. Humphreys accepted the office, urging upon the conference their love and co-operation.

H. L. Elderdice closed the session with prayer and benediction.

Evening

Song service in charge of Conference Chair. The President of conference presided and F. T. Benson conducted the devotional service.

Addresses were made by Dr. A. J. Allen, President Pittsburgh Conference, and by Dr. George H. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education.

Service closed with prayer and benediction by J. H. Straughn.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY

Morning

Conference opened at 9.30, and on motion F. T. Little presided. The minutes were read and approved as corrected. The Secretary called the roll of those who had not previously answered to their names.

F. T. Little brought a message of love and affection to the conference from H. S. Johnson, who has been critically ill, yet because of his affliction he is unable to take up his work and asks for a superannuate relation. Motion by E. C. Makosky that the request of H. S. Johnson be referred to Committee on Superannuates.

The name of Crouse Lewis, delegate from Kent Island, was ordered enrolled.

The name of A. F. Wiland, delegate from Harmony Charge, was ordered enrolled.

On motion the President cast the ballot for R. L. Shipley as secretary.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for J. A. Dudley as Conference Steward.

The Secretary announced as his assistants: G. J. Hooker, C. R. Strausburg, E. L. Bunce and E. L. Ballard.

The roll of the conference was called for depositing the pastors' report and the Stewards were permitted to retire.

A paper was read by W. H. Litsinger; that North Baltimore Church subscribed its quota of the Superannuate Fund in full and is paying 50 per cent of it at this time. In addition a sum of money was raised to supplement the appropriations to Superannuated until the increase from the enlarged fund should become available. Of this sum \$2,094.75 is in cash, and it is hereby turned over to the conference for distribution to the Superannuates of the year 1922-23, at the rate of 15 per cent of the appropriation for the said year; this money to be paid superannuates in addition to appropriation in full and anything else conference may be able to pay. Paper referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

The President appointed the following tellers for election of Standing District Committee: E. T. Kirkley, F. W. Siffrin, J. E. Nichols and William Wheatley.

On motion the tellers were permitted to retire and count the ballots.

A paper from the New Calvary Church, near Washington, was referred to the Board of Church Extension.

The President appointed the following tellers for election of Committee on Appeals: W. F. Wright, T. J. Turkington, W. W. Thompson, W. E. Cain. On motion the tellers were permitted to retire and count the ballots.

The Secretary made his report, which was adopted (Report B). The financial statement was referred to the Committee on Audit.

The roll of charges was called for communications.

The report of the Committee on Publishing Pamphlet, "The What and Why of the Methodist Protestant Church," was read. Report adopted and committee discharged with thanks.

Report of Committee on Audit (Report P.) was read and adopted.

The report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society (Report R) was read, stating that there had been no change in the personnel of the business management. Also that the income from the Henrietta Gibson Fund, together with \$500 from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate had been used through the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary in the education of young men for the ministry. The report was adopted.

The report of the Conference Trustees was read (Report D). The names of those whose terms expire at this session were read, and on motion the Secretary cast the ballot for J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray. The report states that the income from the legacy of Mrs. A. S. Eversole had been used in accordance with the terms of the bequest. Also that the report of the Board's action concerning the work given it at the last conference will be shown in the report of the Headquarter's Committee. The report was adopted.

Resolution (2) asking R. L. Shipley to furnish a copy of his conference sermon for publication in the minutes was adopted.

Devotionals were led by G. H. Stocksdale, who read Ephesians 2:1-22 and offered prayer.

A communication of greeting from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was read and motion made that a communication of greeting from this conference be sent to them.

K. K. Haddaway spoke concerning the banquet to be given by the Western Maryland College tonight.

Resolution on the Distribution of the Budgets by striking out the section relating to adjustment on 33 1-3 per cent, also footnote concerning items constituting the budgets, was referred to Board of Finance.

The report of tellers on Committee of Appeals showed the election of L. F. Warner, J. W. Kirk, A. W. Mather, E. B. Fenby, A. R. Lewis and W. O. Atwood.

The President announced that E. A. Sexsmith had been made chairman of Committee on Missions, and that the name of Louis Randall had been added to the committee, and that W. P. Roberts was assigned the place of E. L. Bunce on the Young People's Committee.

Dr. C. E. Wilbur, editor of the Sunday School Literature, was introduced to the conference and spoke concerning his work.

Resolution (3) that the President of the conference, if possible, in arranging his plan of appointments, appoint J. H. Lynch so that he might give his services to our churches in Texas for the months of May, June and July of this year. Adopted.

E. A. Sexsmith, by common consent, was excused from the afternoon session.

Session closed with benediction by F. T. Little.

Afternoon

Conference opened at 2 P. M. Letter read from a Men's Meeting at Centreville, Md., commending the work of G. M. Clayton and urging his reappointment to that charge. Letter was referred to the President of the conference and the Secretary requested to reply to the paper.

Amendment to Regulation 21, inserting after the word "purposes" in first line of Article Second, Item A, "plus unpaid total assessments." Referred to Board of Finance.

Motion that Charles Taylor be seated as delegate from Patapsco Charge adopted.

Invitation received and read from Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church, Salisbury, Md., to hold session of 1924 in that Church. On motion the paper, under the rule, laid on the table for 24 hours.

The order of the day being the work of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. L. F. Warner, of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Mrs. Allan Craig of the Maryland Branch Women's Home Missionary Society, was also introduced and addressed the conference.

G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and addressed the conference on the work of the League and Law Enforcement.

Service for the installation of Deaconess was then held. Deaconess Lucy Bittinger, Westminster Presbyterian Church, made the address, and Mii Maybelle E. Waples was consecrated to the work.

The report of the Board of Managers of Home for the Aged was read, and on motion the Secretary cast the ballot for those whose term expired at this conference. They were J. H. Straughn, E. B. Fenby, Geo. K. Mather and Ober S. Herr. Report referred to the committee.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies (Report L), which included report from the Board of Deaconesses, calling for a set day as Deaconess Day; also the assessment of \$2,500 on the district, was read and referred back to the committee.

The Executive Committee of the General Conference, consisting of Dr. T. H. Lewis, Dr. Charles Sinkinson, of the Eastern Conference; Dr. Johnson, of the North Carolina Conference; Mr. W. C. Scott, of Maryland, and Mr. Sankey, of Pittsburgh, were introduced to the conference. Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, then addressed the conference.

The report of the tellers for the Standing District Committee resulted in the election of L. F. Warner, F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, T. P. Fisher, T. A. Murray and J. H. Baker.

A motion to appoint a special committee to investigate Group Life Insurance for Conference of Ministers was read and carried.

Report of committee on Audit (Report P), made partial report on Secretary's Report, was read and adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. M. Gill.

Evening

No session of the Conference was held this evening as the members of the Conference were guests at a banquet given by the Western Maryland College in the Maryland Casualty Building.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY

Morning

Conference convened at 9.30 A. M., and on motion F. T. Little presided. Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies (Report L), which had been referred back to the committee, was read and the following items adopted:

1. Designating a Deaconess Day—August 12th—to present to young women on that day the call of this important Christian activity. Adopted.

2. Concerning the request of the Board for a continuation of the present assessment of \$2,500 on the district. Adopted.

3. The terms of several members expire at this session. Item adopted, and on motion the Secretary cast the ballot for G. W. Haddaway, E. D. Stone, J. H. Roberts, Edw. S. Ellis and Mrs. E. B. Fenby. Adopted. Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Home for the Aged (Report O), was read, noting the increasing number of churches and individuals contributing gifts and donations to the Home. The committee urged—

1. That the pastors call attention to the needs of the Home and appoint a lady visitor.

2. That the present assessments of \$6,000 be continued for the year.

3. The matter of increasing the entrance fee to the Home was discussed. Resolution was offered that the report of the committee be so amended as to make the entrance fee \$400 instead of \$300. Resolution was adopted. T. O. Crouse made a motion that we recommend to the Board of Managers that they seriously consider the matter of a graduated entrance fee to the Home according to the ages of the applicants. On motion it was referred back to the committee.

The President appointed as Special Committee on Group Life Insurance W. P. Roberts, L. B. Smith and Roland Watts.

Devotional services were conducted by C. C. Day. Prayer was offered and Col. 3.1-17 was read.

Dr. Stevens, of Western Maryland College, and Dr. Johnson, of North Carolina Conference, were introduced to the conference. Dr. Johnson brought words of greeting from Dr. Dixon and his conference. President Humphreys replied to the words of greeting.

Report of Committee on Pulpit Supply made its report and report was adopted.

Request asking that Mrs. Annie Sanderson, widow of C. W. Sanderson, be placed on the list of Superannuates. F. T. Little, T. H. Lewis, J. A. Dudley, G. W. Haddaway spoke. It was referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Letters from H. L. Murphey, J. L. Elderdice and T. B. Woodford were read. Secretary was instructed to reply to these letters,

Letter from Allan Haldeman was read asking for duplicate credentials, his having been lost. Motion made that his request be granted. Substitute motion that a certificate be issued stating that he was previously ordained by this conference.

Benediction by W. M. Strayer.

Afternoon

Conference opened at 2 P. M. Substitute motion that certificate be issued Allan Haldeman was discussed. T. O. Crouse, F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, N. C. Clough, W. M. Strayer, C. M. Elderdice spoke. Substitute was carried.

J. A. Sydnor was excused from further attendance.

President announced that H. L. Elderdice will preach at Starr Church on Sunday morning.

Partial report of the Board of Survey and Extension was read (Report G), stating that Alexandria M. P. Church properly recognizes the new church known as Calvary and located at Aurora Hills and Virginia Higslands. Report recommends—

1. That said organization be admitted as a charge and placed on the roll of the conference.

2. That Mrs. Hattie Rickard, elected to represent the charge, be seated as a delegate. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Closed Churches (Report G) was read saying—

Bethel Church, near Laurel, Del., sold for \$325 and the money paid to W. C. Scott.

Fairview Church, on Bedford Circuit, attached to Bedford Circuit, have not had preaching during the year, because of a lack of financial support; that it be declared an extinct church, and that steps be taken to dispose of property.

Greensboro Church is still closed, Mr. C. B. Jarman renting the parsonage and applying the proceeds to debt. Adopted with motion that committee be continued.

Conference gave way to annual meeting of Church Extension Society and the Mutual Relief Association.

Conference again resumed at 4 o'clock.

Special Report of Superannuate Committee read (Report H), recommending—

1. That the assessment be the same as last year, \$7,000.

2. We recommend that Rev. P. L. Rice, Mrs. W. D. Litsinger, Mrs. C. N. Alexander, Mrs. C. W. Sanderson be granted superannuated relations. Mrs. Sanderson's husband served the required five years, one year of which was as a supply.

3. That Treasurer of conference be authorized to pay G. F. Farring \$20 due him on apportionment for the first two years, which was omitted in error. Adopted and referred back to committee.

Rev. William J. Thompson, Professor of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced and addressed the conference.

Conference appointed H. B. Jester to convey to Brother Gray the sympathy and love of the conference.

C. M. Kelser asked to be excused from further attendance because of sickness. Request granted. Delegate M. W. Gaines, delegate from Alexandria, Va., excused from further attendance.

Report of Committee on Relocating President's Parsonage (Report W), read and considered as follows:

1. No definite steps have been taken in the sale of the old parsonage; for reasons declared advisable the deal has not been closed.

2. It is the conviction of your committee that it is a wise movement and should be carried through as soon as possible, and that the committee be continued with power to act. Report adopted.

The invitation extended by Salisbury Church to the conference to entertain the conference of 1924 was read. W. E. Shephard, chairman of the Membership Meeting of said church, spoke. Invitation accepted by a rising vote.

Resolution (4) That we express our thanks to A. N. Ward and the Trustees of Western Maryland College for the splendid banquet tendered the pastors and laymen of the conference Thursday evening, and our appreciation of the inspiring addresses by Dr. Kelly, Dr. Thompson and others. That we heartily reaffirm our sympathetic interest in the program for the expansion of the college outlined upon that occasion. Resolution adopted.

Report of Committee of Home for the Aged (Report O), was again read and committee concurred in the motion previously made concerning the graduated scale of entrance fee. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Group Life Insurance (Report Y), was read asking that the conference adopt the plan as outlined. Substitute for the report was made, asking that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the whole subject and report at the next session of the conference. W. P. Roberts, Rowland Watts, L. B. Smith, T. H. Lewis, J. H. Straughn and J. M. Sheridan spoke. Substitute was adopted.

Delegate from Westminster, George E. Benson, was excused from attendance on Saturday.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Professor Thompson.

Evening

Conference convened at 8 P. M., and on motion L. B. Smith presided. Prayer was offered by C. C. Day.

Report of Committee on Young People's Work (Report J), and report of the President of Young People's Institute was read showing the plans of work and emphasizing the work. E. A. Sexsmith, General Secretary of the Board, was introduced and spoke to the conference. L. B. Smith, President of the Young People's Work, also spoke and introduced his cabinet to the conference. J. N. Link spoke of the value of the work of the Summer Institute. Mr. Carroll M. Wright also addressed the conference. Report of the committee was adopted.

Report of the President of Summer Conference (Report S), was read by Louis Randall. A. N. Ward, E. A. Sexsmith, R. L. Shipley spoke. Report was adopted.

Meeting adjourned with the benediction by S. F. Cassen.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY

Morning

Conference convened at 9.30 A. M. with President Humphreys presiding. Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Charles L. Ennis, delegate from Georgetown, Del., was excused from further attendance. On motion F. T. Little presided.

Report of Committee on President's report (Report A), endorsing the splendid work of the President, was read, and on motion was taken up by items. An amendment was offered regarding the Summer Conference, "that we recommend the usual appropriation of \$200, if needed." Amendment adopted. The items were then considered:

1. Requesting Westminster Theological Seminary to outline several courses of reading for our ministers and several correspondence courses in Bible History and Theology.

2. That the month of May be known as organization month and the schedule be sent to each pastor.

a. That pastors call their officials together and lay the plans before them.

b. That pastors familiarize themselves with the manner of raising the assessments.

c. That the General Conference interests be emphasized and plans made to secure them.

d. Emphasizing the stewardship of money, the use of literature and the organization of reading circles with a view to securing definite decisions.

e. That systematic giving be urged as the only possible solution of church finance.

f. The following amendment was adopted: "That there be a scheme of inter-visitation of pastors and laymen to assist in this work of education in stewardship." E. D. Stone spoke on Christian giving. Also J. P. Dodge, J. M. Gill and G. W. Haddaway spoke.

g. That definite plans be laid for revival or evangelistic services.

h. Securing definite promises for the Family Altar. Adopted.

3. To make a more equitable distribution of the assessments that the division be 40 per cent for membership and 60 per cent for financial ability. Referred to the Board of Finance.

4. That designations be attached to salary figures in financial tables indicating the amount of the supplement made by the conference.

5. Program for tent meetings be continued. Adopted.

6. That Committee on President's Parsonage be continued. Adopted.

7. Recommending the scheme of organization affecting the General Conference Budget, as recommended by Dr. Johnson. Adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

Devotionals were then conducted. E. L. Bunce read Matthew 82:9-20 and offered prayer.

Report of Committee on Superannuates (Report H) was read, and under the law laid on the table for twenty-four hours. G. W. Haddaway recommended that the name of H. S. Johnson be added to the list.

T. H. Lewis addressed the conference on Christian Giving.

J. W. Balderston was excused from further attendance at the conference because of the death of his brother-in-law.

H. A. Rust, of Harbeson, Del., was also excused from further attendance.

J. H. Straughn spoke on the subject of the General Conference Budget.

The ex-President asked the privilege of incorporating in his report notices of several legacies left to Superannuates.

Report of Committee on Unpaid Million Dollar Pledges (Report X) was read and motion to accept report and print without financial statement. Adopted.

A partial report of the Conference Examiners was read and received and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

First Year Sunday School—S. C. Wood received 100; Milton W. Sutcliffe passed.

Second Year—S. C. Wood and Robert Browne passed.

M. W. Sutcliffe and Robert Brown in the first year class in Broadus "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons" were passed. H. J. Mason was unprepared to stand the test. S. C. Wood, second year class in Curtis Theology, had not prepared himself to submit to an examination.

S. C. Wood passed in "Sacred Geography." S. C. Wood received 70 on second volume of "Drinkhouse History Methodist Reform." C. M. Jenkins and J. H. Lynch, having met all the requirements conference studies, is thus passed through the course.

Letter from Mrs. F. H. Mullineaux was read and referred to Committee on Official Relations.

Dr. W. W. Davis, of the Lord's Day Alliance, addressed the conference on the subject of the Christian Sabbath.

Representative of the Near East Relief was introduced and addressed the conference on that important work.

Partial report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders (Report F) was submitted and adopted by items:

1. Recommending for reception on trial William Schmeiser.
2. Recommending for reception and ordination Paul M. Cassen, L. Colvin Randall and John A. Trader.
3. Recommending that the transfer of H. A. Kester, of the Eastern Conference be received and he be admitted into the conference.

Candidates elected to membership in the conference were called forward and the President addressed them and received them into the conference.

Motion that hour of day for Monday be the Superannuated Fund Society immediately following report of Superannuate Committee.

L. Colvin Randall was granted the privilege of explaining the "Jesters" entertainment tonight.

Resolution (5) that Maryland Conference commends work of Near East Relief and promises their prayers and financial support. The Resolution was adopted. (See Resolution.)

Motion to reconsider program and meet on Monday at 9 A. M. intseat of 9.30 A. M.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. F. Wooden.

SUNDAY—FIFTH DAY

The services on Sunday opened with the singing of Hymn 458, "Lord of the Living Harvest." A. N. Ward led in prayer. J. F. Bryan led Responsive Reading 32. The sermon was preached by T. H. Lewis, subject, "God's Call to the Lay People." Romans 1:6,7.

The following were ordained Elders in the Church of Christ: Paul Moyer Cassen, Louis Colvin Randall, John Albert Trader. The President was assisted in the ordination by J. H. Straughn, T. H. Lewis, J. F. Bryan, A. N. Ward, Louis Randall, S. F. Cassen, L. F. Warner, R. L. Shipley.

Service closed with benediction by T. H. Lewis.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY

Morning.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., and on motion F. T. Little presided. Minutes were read and approved.

Motion that order of day for 10 o'clock be meeting of Superannuated Fund Society. Adopted.

Report Agent President's Parsonage (Report A) was read and adopted. On motion it was referred to the Committee on Audit.

Conference gave way to meeting Church Extension Society.

Conference again resumed.

Report of Committee on Missions (Report N) was read, showing the rapidly growing work both of the Home and Foreign Boards. The Boards were commended for the enlargement of their work. The Children's Day work and the Mission Study classes were especially urged. Also the concurrence with the request of the Women's Home Missionary Society for the second Sunday in February as Girl's Home Day. Report adopted. F. C. Klein then addressed the conference on Missions.

Report of Board of Finance (Report E) was read, saying that the Board had made the proportions according to the ruling in Regulation 21 of the Manual, with the several changes as required.

General Conference budget, \$110,000; Maryland Conference budget, \$29,000; President's salary and expenses, \$4,000, a total of \$143,000. The resolutions amending Regulation 21, as considered previously, was adopted. Also the recommendation of distribution of assessments be 40 per cent for membership and 60 per cent for financial ability. Report was adopted, and on motion referred to Board of Finance.

Special committee on \$100,000 Superannuated Fund Campaign was read (Report T), and motion to consider it at the conclusion of the meeting of Superannuated Fund Society.

Order of day having come, report of Committee on Superannuates was made (see Report H), and considered by items.

1. That same assessment as last year, \$7,000.

2. That P. L. Rice, H. S. Johnson, Mrs. W. D. Litsinger, Mrs. C. W. Sanderson, Mrs. C. N. Alexander be granted superannuated relations.

3. That the following questionnaire be added: "If a widow, how long were you in the active ministry with your husband?"

4. That claimant's blanks be referred to the Committee on Superannuates for revision.

5. That apportionment in column marked "Special" be paid out of any funds available.

G. W. Haddaway spoke of the pleasure in making this report. W. H. Litsinger offered an amendment that there be added to first item "15 per cent for immediate distribution." Report adopted as a whole.

Conference then gave way to Superannuated Fund Society. Conference resumed.

J. H. Straughn spoke of the \$100,000 Superannuated Fund Campaign. He urged that every church reach its quota and that no church be found un-enrolled in this great work.

Motion that we raise the \$5,300 needed to close out the \$100,000 Superannuated Fund Campaign. Motion adopted but report to remain open until later.

Report of Committee on Literature and Education was read (Report I) and motion was made that 2.30 P. M. be order of day to consider report of Committee on Literature and Education. Adopted.

T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, introduced H. C. Staley, the Treasurer of the General Conference. Mr. Staley then addressed the conference regarding the finances of the general church. He urged upon the churches the fact of taking the general budget more seriously.

Resolution (6) by Seth H. Linthicum expressing sorrow on the illness of J. W. Gray and that his pastor convey the sympathy of the conference to him. Adopted.

Motion that Secretary send letter of sympathy to N. O. Gibson. Adopted.

Treasurer of conference reported that J. E. Marker, collector for Church Extension Dues, reported \$96.00 collected. Also that T. J. Betschler, collector of Superannuate Dues, reported \$97.00 collected. Reports adopted with thanks.

Committee on Audit (Report P) reported having examined the accounts of the Secretary, the Agent of the President's Parsonag, report of the Treasurer of Church Extension Society, and report of Treasurer of Peninsula Church Extension Society, and found them correct. Adopted.

Resolution (7) that Serretary appoint a Publicity Secretary to confer with the representatives of the daily press. Adopted.

Benediction by N. C. Clough.

Afternoon

Conference convened at 2 P. M., with F. T. Little presiding.

Report of Committee on Moral Reform and Social Service (Report K), was read urging the better observance of the Christian Sabbath and condemning the race track evil. The following recommendations were considered:

1. Recommending Lord's Day Alliance to all our people and endorsing its educational program.
2. Urging our Sunday Schools to use the world-wide Lord's Day Survey Program.
3. Requesting the President of conference to bring the importance of Lord's Day Observance to our quarterly conference and officials.
4. Requesting the conference to elect one of its members to membership on the Executive Committee.
5. Reaffirming pledges of co-operation with Lord's Day Alliance.

The Board regrets the persistent efforts of the wet element to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment, and assures us of its confidence in the leaders of the Anti-Saloon League in our State and nation.

Amendment was offered by R. L. Shipley affirming our confidence in W. H. Anderson, of the New York Anti-Saloon League. Report adopted as a whole.

We recommend a memorial be sent the President of the United States requesting no official recognition of the Soviet Russian Government.

Conference gave way to meeting of Mutual Relief Association.
Conference again convened.

W. M. Strayer reported that a beautiful floral tribute was laid on the grave of Daniel Baker.

The order of the day having come, the report of the Committee on Literature and Education was considered (Report I).

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was encouraging, showing that \$100,000 of the \$1,000,000 had been raised.

The report of President of Westminster Theological Seminary showed a decided growth at the Seminary. The new building is complete, and now attention must be given to the erection of a better home for the President of the Seminary.

A. N. Ward spoke, H. L. Elderdice spoke.

The Editor of The Methodist Protestant spoke about the Book Concern and the new Printing Plant.

T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, addressed the conference on the subject of the College Endowment; also on the building of a new home for the President of the Seminary.

B. F. Ruley also spoke, assuring the President of College of his ardent support.

J. L. Nichols spoke of the need of a new home for the President of the Seminary.

G. W. Haddaway also spoke on the need of co-operation in making bigger and better educational institutions. Report with the following recommendations adopted:

1. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the Seminary for the following year.

2. That May 6 be designated as the date for all churches who have not co-operated to present the opportunity of contributing to the Silver Jubilee offering. Report adopted as a whole.

The President of the General Conference had made an address in which he stated that he was often hampered by lack of funds with which to pay expenses for such gatherings and meetings of Annual Conference Presidents. The President of the Conference then asked the conference for a contribution of \$500. The conference responded and \$1,010 was subscribed.

Treasurer of conference made report of Church Extension and Superannuated Fund, showing the amounts received and expended for these organizations.

Resolution concerning Christian Church as the great moulder of moral sentiment and that the antagonism to the Eighteenth Amendment is due largely to general apathy of the church, and also that we recom-

ter and a more determined activity. Motion to lay on the table. Adopted.

Collector for Sexton, G. W. Ports, reported \$40.50.

Report of Examiners of First Year's Class was read, showing that Robert Browne and M. W. Sutcliffe were passed in Tillet. T. O. Crouse reports Robert Browne and M. W. Sutcliffe passed. H. L. Elderdice reports M. W. Sutcliffe passed. B. W. Kindley reports Robert Browne and M. W. Sutcliffe passed, and S. C. Wood passed in Sunday School. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Letter asking the President of the conference to appoint a member of the conference from Washington on the Executive Committee of Anti-Saloon League. Paper accepted. The President appointed P. W. Crosby as member of Executive Committee.

Resolution (8), President appoint the chairmen of the leading committees at least one month before meeting of the conference and so notify them. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Statistics (See Tables) showing full members received, 2,631; probationers, 652; conversions, 2,541; C. E. members, 5,939, making a total of 34,722 full members; 714 probationers; Sunday School scholars, 36,910.

Supplement report of Committee on Official Relations was read, (Report M), showing that 29 charges failed to appoint lady visitors for the Home for the Aged, and 24 failed to supply disciplines. Also calling attention of those indebted to the Board of Education, urging them to meet their obligations. The following recommendations were made:

1. Loan of T. R. Woodford to Women's Board of Home Missions.

2. Loan of K. K. Haddaway to Western Maryland College.

3. No communication received from J. R. Wright, and Secretary instructed to write him for his report.

Report also recommending:

1. Loan J. A. Trader to Christ M. P. Church, Haddonfield, N. J.

2. Request of M. L. Smith for a transfer to Illinois Conference.

3. Request of J. P. Adams for a transfer to the Pittsburgh Conference.

Report adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. T. Bailey.

Evening

Conference convened at 5 P. M. with the President presiding. On motion the minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were ordered read at this time. The President asked F. T. Little to preside. The minutes were then read and approved. The Secretary called the roll of delegates who had not previously answered to their names.

On motion Howard W. Baldwin, of Susquehanna, was enrolled as delegate in place of A. F. Anderson.

G. W. Haddaway moved that the name of S. W. Coe be placed on the Superannuate list. Motion adopted and referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Report of Conference Steward was read (See Statistical Tables) and on motion was adopted.

Resolution (Resolution 9), that the salary of the President of the Annual Conference be increased \$500 per annum. Resolution adopted.

Supplemental report (Report M) of Committee on Official Relations was read. The committee expresses its appreciation of—

1. The many courtesies shown by the pastor, trustees and members of St. John's Church.

2. To the Postmaster of Baltimore for the facilities in handling the mail and for the courteous services of Miss Chappelle, assigned to the sub-station.

3. To the press of Baltimore and to the committees of this church.

4. Noting 32 charges on the Honor Roll. Items 1, 2 and part of 3 were adopted by standing vote.

Resolution (10), that this conference reimburse J. H. Straughn, the outgoing President, to the amount of \$500 for traveling expenses, such amount to be paid from conference incidental account. Adopted.

Special additional report of Committee on Superannuates was made asking that S. W. Coe be given a Superannuate relation. Adopted.

Final report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders (Report F) was read and considered by items. Recommending—

1. Hugh Carroll Burkins to Board of Education for aid. Adopted.

2. That William Schmeiser, C. M. Jenkins, Robert Browne, M. W. Sutcliffe be given license to administer the ordinances. Adopted.

3. That S. C. Wood be given license to administer the ordinances provided he receive an appointment from the President. Adopted.

4. That Charles F. Cummins, S. R. Martin, C. Dawson, F. Bailey, C. S. Marshall, J. M. Minnard, W. D. Wilson, Leon A. Smith, A. W. Betts, J. G. Lynn, C. S. Larrimore, Cecil Bright, C. H. Richmond, Charles H. Reed and C. B. Robey be placed in the hands of the President and licensed to administer the ordinances provided they shall be employed by the President. That W. A. Sites be placed in the hands of the President. Adopted.

5. That a suitable book be secured in which to keep a permanent record of all papers and proceedings relative to this work. Adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Headquarters Committee (Report V) was read outlining the work of this committee in the purchase of a new building for our Book Concern at 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. It was recommended that the Headquarters Committee be continued. The report was then adopted.

Report of Committee on Evangelism (Report U) was read, showing that in every way the Summer Tent Meetings were helpful and inspiring. Twenty-one meetings were held from June to October, which resulted in 300 conversions. For the meeting at Aurora Hills the tent cost \$100. Since this was a Church Extension work the committee requests that the \$100 be paid to the committee. Request granted and report adopted.

Report of Treas. of Conf. (Report C) was read (See Tables), showing the amounts raised for General Conference to be \$54,153.00; Maryland Conference budget, \$26,197.73; President's salary, \$4,074.65; miscellaneous, \$44,576.00. Total budgets, \$84,424.38. Grand total, \$129,000.38. Report adopted.

Report of chairman of \$100,000 Superannuated Fund Campaign (See Report T) was read, showing that a majority of the charges had accepted the apportionments assigned them and made an earnest effort to raise their quotas. The following recommendations were considered.

1. That the Treasurer be the custodian of the funds and send individual receipts for all moneys paid.

2. That the method of distribution at present based on years of service be supplemented each year by the percentage of increase in income from the fund.

3. That the Conference Trustees receive the conditional gifts and invest the sum so as to pay the donor 4 per cent as promised.

The chairman read the list of charges, with their quotas and subscriptions.

The matter of raising the \$5,300 to close up the amount was taken up. Report of the committee was adopted and on motion the committee was continued.

Report of the Board of Survey and Extension was read (Report G), showing the endeavor of the Board to make the proper readjustments of boundaries and the distribution of the funds. Also commending the Baltimore City Church Extension Society and the Church Extension Superintendent.

1. Substitute for item 15 was offered, that Home Missionary Board be requested to transfer the title of Taylor Memorial to the Trustees of said church. Substitute was adopted.

Amendment offered.

2. Recommending that Portsville Church, which was under the care of Laurel Station, that its relationship be changed and the same church be placed under the fostering care of Laurel Circuit. On motion this recommendation was incorporated in report of Board of Survey and Extension. Report adopted as a whole.

Resolution (11), that the Treasurer of the conference be authorized to borrow the money to cover the deficit in appropriations made by the Board of Survey and Extension. Adopted.

The minutes were read and approved at 11.15 P. M. Conference then united in singing "I Need Thee, Oh, I Need Thee."

Prayer was offered by S. F. Cassen and L. B. Smith.

The President read the Plan of Appointments on Tuesday at 1.30 A. M.

Conference adjourned with prayer and benediction by J. H. Straughn.

REPORTS

Report A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Dear Brethren:

Grace be unto you and peace, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Out of an abundant mercy and kept by grace through faith, we have met again to review the labors of a year, to renew the tokens of love and friendship, to expose ourselves to the overtures of His will, to recommit our ways. It is not a new experience nor a fresh emotion, and yet it is a time of abiding interest. It is a prophetic moment; the challenge of a new endeavor and the adventure still further upon the promises of God.

Nor can we forget those we have left behind in the churches; they look this way and prayerfully follow our every deliberation. May this assembly be to them an assurance, prophetic of a deeper confidence in the truth and a consequent renewed consecration to the kingdom.

The Dead in Christ

Let us tarry awhile to remember those who left us this year never again to return.

Rev. William D. Litsinger, at the ripe age of four score and three, loved and respected by his brethren in the ministry, honored and esteemed by many in the churches, passed away while on a visit to a son in Virginia October 21, 1922. He had retired from active service in 1904, after forty-one years of labor. Perhaps the best testimony of his ministry and index to his character is the fact that three of his sons found their way into the Christian ministry. This is not an accident. We shall greatly miss his presence. He loved this conference, and even with the infirmities of age to the very last year he was in punctual attendance.

Rev. Charles N. Alexander had been a sufferer for many years and did his work under much difficulty. Immediately following the rise of the last conference he underwent a desperate operation, which incapacitated him till summer, when in most uncertain health he attempted the work of his charge. In the fall, intent upon his evangelistic meetings, it became necessary to yield his body once more to the surgeon. February 23, 1923, he died, exhausted and wasted away. His ministry with us was not long, but it was faithful and not devoid of fruitage.

Mrs. Eva Thomas Phillips, widow of our beloved W. S. Phillips, died February 1, 1923. Her death was a shock because, like that of her

husband, it seemed too soon. But she lived to see her children come to maturity, and who can doubt that these eleven years of widowhood, filled with the most acute responsibility for these boys, had broken the body and exhausted her vitality. She was a good woman, she loved her church and she was loved by the church.

Obituary committees were appointed in each instance.

The year has also witnessed many deaths among the laity, men and women, but it seems only fitting that of the number, mention should be made of two who have been conspicuous for their devotion. Very early last summer Mr. E. O. Grimes,—for many years a member of our church at Westminster, a generous supporter of our educational work, for several years the president of the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College, and also of the Board of Managers of our Church Home. In the fall Mr. William G. Baker,—of Buckeystown, a benefactor of Western Maryland College, a member of its Board of Trustees, a supporter of every good cause, with many unselfish interests, a friend to the ministers, a devoted churchman. How often do we of the ministry give thanks to God for men like these.

Official Acts

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES. The following appointments were made after the adjournment of the last conference, mostly of students from the Westminster Theological Seminary.

Waverly—Colvin Randall.

Lewistown—Guy Miniard.

Middeway—Coulbourn Maske.

Patapsco—Clarence F. Dawson.

West Wilmington—F. B. Bailey.

Jones Memorial—Paul Cassen.

Fairfax—G. Q. Bacchus, to November 1, 1923, and from that time Charles F. Cummins, a local preacher of that charge.

Selbyville—C. P. Butler, of Whaleysville, to November 1, 1923, and from that time J. G. Lynn, a local preacher from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania.

CHANGES. The supply appointee of Lawsonia declined to accept the charge, and by the consent of all parties concerned V. A. Miller, appointed to Bedford, went to Lawsonia; C. M. Jenkins, assigned to Crumpton, went to Bedford, and Alfred Scarborough, who had been supplying Crumpton, was permitted to remain at the charge for all or a part of the year. He has continued until this conference. In the middle of August, J. Peyton Adams, after several letters stating his desire to be released, asked for immediate consideration in order that he might accept a position in public school work. His request was granted with the understanding that he write his resignation and return his credentials. I received his resignation from the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, but he failed to send his credentials. He left the work immediately. I was unable to supply Salem until January 1, 1923, when William Schmeiser, a local preacher from St. Paul's was appointed to the charge.

On the death of Brother Alexander I appointed S. R. Martin, a student from the Seminary, to Kemptown charge. He had been supplying the work under an arrangement with Brother Alexander since the late fall.

November 21, 1922, H. S. Johnson, of Lauraville charge, suffered a serious stroke of apoplexy. The charge was supplied by various men until January 1, 1923, when by an understanding with the officials of the church, S. W. Coe was appointed to the work until conference or until Brother Johnson might be able to resume active service. I am happy to report his condition improved.

Official Activities

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY. It has been a physical impossibility to visit all the charges this year, due to the extraordinary demands of the special features projected and herewith recited. Early in October an operation for the removal of tonsils kept me at home for over two weeks, and in March I lost about ten days due to an attack of influenza. I have lost record of my many preaching services, addresses, quarterly conferences, regrouping conferences, committee meetings. I have averaged three preaching services every Sabbath, with a great many in mid-week. Only one group meeting of officials was held this year, and it was admittedly helpful, Salisbury, March 5. One hundred and twenty-three, representing the major part of appointments on the Peninsula, were present. In all of my official visits I have faithfully presented the various interests of the conference.

EVANGELISM. The experience of last year was confirmed with the twenty-one meetings of this year. Some of them were remarkably successful, notably Stewartstown, where there were more than a hundred conversions and the whole country stirred for miles around. Many of the meetings resulted in ten, fifteen or twenty conversions. Some of them apparently accomplished little. The long rainy season of the early summer stopped some of them; the cool weather of early fall some others. To keep these meetings supplied with men was a constant task, and the demand for tents in August and September was so great it was impossible to do what we wanted to do, give three weeks for each meeting. The emphasis which many evangelical denominations are giving to evangelism by special campaigns of the sort we have projected is a constant source of assurance. The committee will report these meetings more in detail, but I most earnestly recommend the continuance of our program as set forth two years ago, in the employment of tents and the assignment of pastors.

THE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE. This is an enterprise of special importance. The committee raised under recommendation of last year accepted in a most serious and responsible manner its instructions. We have held many meetings of the entire committee and many subcommittee meetings. There are definite results to report. Our property at 316 N. Charles street has been sold for fifty-five thousand dollars and a new property, situated at the northwest corner of Charles and Hamilton

streets, 516 N. Charles street, has been purchased for sixty thousand dollars. It is a magnificent location. A sketch of a five-story structure to be erected on the site has been made. There has been the most harmonious and unanimous action within the committee itself and between the committee and the Board of Trustees of the conference. Surely the Lord has led us in what we believe to be one of the most promising enterprises we have ever undertaken. You will give to the reading of the committee's report the most attentive hearing and sympathy, and I join in the recommendation that this committee be continued under the instructions of last year and consummate its work.

THE BOARD OF SURVEY AND REGROUPING. I have given to this work much time and thought. Much of the future of our conference is involved in its plans. We have tried to co-operate in all building enterprises and have given all possible assistance and encouragement. It is the purpose of the Board to assemble suggestive plans for new churches, particularly rural churches, and to have at hand such information and detail as may be necessary. I feel that I must repeat my statement of last year. There is nothing about this method to invite suspicion. The conference is not trying to take away from churches their right of determination, but only to assist them. Any one who has traveled the Maryland district has seen much that ought never to have been. This conference is and ought to become increasingly a fraternity, a community of interest, for no church, however strong or weak, but looks to this conference for its perpetuity.

The plan for effecting regrouping arrangements, to give every church an every Sunday preaching service, has been to assemble small groups of charges whose boundaries are interrelated, in conference through its pastors and conference delegates with a committee from the Board of Survey. Three were held this year, involving twenty-eight charges and about seventy churches. Many new arrangements were agreed upon. These were submitted to the various quarterly conferences concerned, then later to the Board of Survey and are now before the conference for final disposition and projection. I met with all of these various committees and very many of the quarterly conferences. This work is undeniably the most difficult we have yet undertaken, but it is not impossible. If persisted in, fearlessly though wisely presented, it must inevitably give a rebirth to many of these more than a hundred two-week appointment churches. The pastors have given the finest sort of co-operation to these efforts.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. The work of the committee appointed to sell the present home at 1420 Linden Avenue and to purchase a new house has not been entirely without fruit although the transaction has not been carried through. We have visited many houses and had several offers for our present property. But the failure to finish the undertaking is due largely to the fact that as chairman of the committee I did not have the time. Something had to wait and it seemed to me this could be delayed better than anything else. I ask however, that the committee be continued under the action of last year and that the Trustees be instructed to issue such legal documents as may be required.

THE \$100,000 SUPERANNUATE CAMPAIGN. The committee by action of conference was given authority to add to its number such persons as they desired, and the president of the conference became the chairman. This task has been a year's work in itself. It is so fresh in your minds as not to require lengthened statement. The report of the committee will provide details. I give here only my observations. It has not been a simple task and though I have given much of my time for nine months its success is not mine, nor the committee's. It could never have been done without the persistent and active work by the pastors themselves and those active laymen in many churches who have the interest of the ministry at heart. The preachers' personal subscriptions is the final and unanswerable argument of their interest, a total of nearly \$14,000 by 142 men, who know this need and understand. Nothing like this has ever been known among us. It is nothing less than marvelous. Our total from the quotas approximates \$90,000. I have sought by means of special pleas to a few of our laymen whom God has blessed above many in a material way to contribute the needed ten thousand in order to complete the fund, and am hopeful the entire amount may be covered with the adjournment of this conference.

The usual administration of the office, the regular visitation of the churches, the tent meetings of the summer, the work of the Headquarters Committee, the regrouping meetings and plans, the new president's parsonage, the \$100,000 superannuate campaign:—this has filled my days and nights with work and prayer, at home and out on the district in your homes. I thank my God for such opportunity of service.

General Conference Interests.

There is no occasion to present these interests in detail or to make any protracted defense of them. Long ago they became an accepted part of our church life; Missions and Education. Boards have been set up and secretaries designated. Through them the individual churches find their only outlet for co-operation beyond their local field. The General Conference budget is the sum of the needs of these various agencies as outlined by the last session at Greensboro. The large and sudden increase over previous years came as a distinct shock to many charges, to many as a great discouragement. And yet the loyalty of the conference asserted itself in a serious attempt by a large percentage of the charges to meet their apportionments. The report shows only half of the total paid but no report can show the amount of effort by many churches to do their part. The fact that twelve charges paid nothing and that thirty-seven others paid very little should not dishearten us nor make us to feel the amounts asked were unreasonable. My observations over the district prompts me to say that a better showing was not made because there was not the mental adjustment to the increase, nor the mechanical adjustment in our church organization. In many places because of an almost utter lack of any financial system they were completely bewildered. But permit me so say it again; this apportionment is not beyond the means of our people nor even their willingness, it is simply beyond their training and their understanding of the great needs of the kingdom outside their

local churches. And while I appreciate keenly the situation into which some of the Boards have been thrust because of a failure to realize more fully on the returns from this budget, I am not sure that the additional appeals for extra funds sent out through the year are helping the general condition. We need every encouragement to assist the churches to accept and raise the amounts already levied. Later on in this report I shall give some suggestions and recommendations as covering organization within the churches for I believe this is the chief point of weakness. The super-annate appeal has probably affected the totals for the general budget although I have studiously endeavored to avoid it; the very abnormal financial condition in many sections has also had its effect, but in spite of these it appears now that fully as much will be paid in as last year. Dr. Johnson of the Forward Movement Committee has outlined a scheme of organization affecting this budget which has been approved by numerous conferences. Many of these suggestions I am embodying in this report and all which I am sending to the committee with this report.

Maryland Conference Interests.

OUR CHURCH HOME. This institution has maintained its good work throughout the year and has done all it could do with the means at hand. I do not know to what extent the Board of Managers followed up the appeal to liquidate the \$10,000 accrued deficit by the women of the church as planned at the last conference. Interest in this Home is being extended every year and all over the district I have found the deepest sympathy, oftentimes expressed in the forwarding of supplies.

THE DEACONESS WORK. This field of service is underdeveloped. Financially the Board is not hindered. Its problem is the need of deaconesses. We have the equipment for twice the number and the churches could use them to great advantage. There are many phases of service. It was my pleasure to be with the Board at its annual meeting. How to get the appeal for this service before our young people is the difficulty. I have suggested that the Board request some place in the curriculum of the Young People's Conference at Westminster. Perhaps the best way to get it before our churches would be through the Sunday Schools. Many of our churches are using special opening programs for their regular sessions. An outline setting forth the possibilities of deaconess service could be used with much profit. I therefore commend to the consideration of this conference the suggestion as outlined and the designation of some day if it seems wise.

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE. The combination of these summer gatherings as held last year proved to be a very happy idea. Both gatherings were finely attended and the results were altogether satisfactory. The same arrangement will be followed this year. He is a wise pastor who makes it possible to attend and to encourage representation from his church. The appropriation of \$200 made to the Summer conference was not fully used but because of certain contingencies it is advisable again to protect them by an appropriation of a like amount and I so recommend.

None of us can possibly appreciate all that we have released in this young people's gathering; the things we have started must have a far reaching effect upon our future. There have been many life decisions for the ministry and for the mission fields. In the various institutes throughout the denomination I am informed more than 150 of our young people have signed up for similar service. Were they all to come forward at one time we would not know what to do with them. There is neither money nor adequate plan to use them. There are ripe fields and there are ready reapers but the church does not know how to effect the harvesting. It is still too difficult for young men and women who want to serve the church to get an education.

CHURCH EXTENSION. One new enterprise has been started. The rapidly growing environs of Washington provides many opportunities for extension work. The new church at Aurora Hills, midway between Washington and Alexandria, initiated and fostered by our churches and pastors of Washington and Virginia, will come to this conference for recognition and supply. A good lot has been bought and a chapel built. Other extension points like the Peninsula Church, Wilmington, and Emanuel, Philadelphia, have shown satisfactory growth. The Peninsula building is finished and the congregation has moved in. It is a complete plant in every way. The church extension superintendent, Dr. Sheridan, will bring in his own report but I feel it only fair to record his invaluable service to this new enterprise. It could never have been put through without him.

EDUCATION. Our interest in Western Maryland College and the Westminster Theological Seminary is abiding. While they are institutions of the general church their location and relation to the Maryland Conference has been and is so personal and vital as to compel always our solicitude and completest co-operation. The College with a capacity student enrollment is passing through a transition of policy and material equipment of much importance. President Ward set forth at our last session his plans. This year the whole case will be reviewed and the conference will be given full opportunity of understanding and expression. I earnestly ask for him the most sympathetic and prayerful hearing. The Theological Seminary continues its effective work, and it is a pleasure to record our unbounded confidence in its management and personnel.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES. The St. John's Board of Beneficence has continued its financial support to churches, pastors and other good causes. It does a most valuable service. The Pipe Creek Society has placed in my hands for distribution certain sums of money to relieve need and which I have tried to use with discretion.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT. The phrase "The Mother of Us All" expresses most happily the beneficent influence exerted upon our history by this beloved church paper. And best of all, it has never been more vigorous nor had a wider reading. The editor's dream of the time when it shall be a weekly visitor to every family represented in our churches is perhaps nearer realization than any of us know. Which of our churches shall first have the honor?

THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE GUILD. The good women forming this organization have been saving their resources for several years, making it possible this spring to refurbish the living room in a most satisfactory way at a cost of about \$300.

State of the Church.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS. I wish it were possible to tabulate all the spiritual results of the year, the various services of nearly three hundred churches, the sermons, the Sunday Schools, young people's societies, missionary societies. But this is denied. We can simply exhibit the figures of conversions and accessions. Reports to me are quite incomplete, but show at least 2,500 conversions and 2,300 accessions. Twenty-seven charges show more than 25 conversions, while 11 report more than 50 each, as follows: Alexandria, 93; Lowe Memorial, 52; Clayton, 170; Deer Park, 62; Federalsburg, 78; Glenburnie, 56; Greenwood, 68; St. Luke's, 57; Stewartstown, 100; First Church, Wilmington, 51; Second Church, Wilmington, 80; Whaleyville, 65; Rhode Island Avenue, 62. Eight charges show 50 or more accessions. Alexandria, 67; Starr, 55; Clayton, 131; Deer Park, 53; Greenwood, 60; Taylor Memorial, 60; Peninsula Church, 50; Second Church, Wilmington, 52; Salisbury, 71; Rhode Island Avenue Church, 52.

Our joy in these results is somewhat offset by the very large number of discontinuances, which from these reports total almost 1,500. It is not a full explanation, but it enters very largely into this heavy shrinkage, that on many charges the notion prevails, and I seem unable to dissipate it, the budgets are based on membership; that the way to reduce the budgets is to reduce the roll. Nine charges have reduced over fifty each, ranging as high as 145. Our net gain last year was very slight despite the many accessions, due to large discontinuances. It is happening again this year, but I am hoping we shall have a net gain of at least 600.

MORAL REFORM. This is a realm of influence closely related to that of the immediate spiritual activities of the church. Law enforcement, prohibition, Sabbath Observance are questions that vitally concern us. The long fight to outlaw the liquor traffic and place it among the justiciable crimes, where it belongs and where it ought to have been long ago, seems not to have been concluded, in spite of its being written into the constitution. Every effort and every artifice that can be devised to nullify the act has been resorted to, but we cannot accept at full value all that we hear and will not believe all that we read. It is perhaps unfortunate that we have to contend with after-war lawlessness, with the deliberate effort to charge up the lawlessness to the amendment itself, but not for one moment do we believe that this country is ever going back to the saloon, or will ever accede to the disingenuous appeal for light wines and beers. The recent efforts to compromise the Anti-Saloon League and to drive a wedge between it and public confidence will likewise prove ineffective. The crowd that is back of the League is the church crowd and we propose to see the whole fight through. Realizing the influence of the daily public press we could wish very much to have its support at a time like this rather than to have to contend with its antag-

onism. Bue since we never have had it on this issue it need not occasion undue anxiety now. But the loss is not all on one side. It is just as serious for the press to have lost the confidence of much of the moral and religious leadership. In the matter of Sabbath Observance we also are confronted with a fixed task. To preserve the Lord's Day is to save much to visible Christianity, to make possible to the Church more extensive contacts with people and to protect people everywhere from the inevitable destroying effects of an open day. The Lord's Day Alliance has prepared a form of education for our churches which I trust this conference will approve.

MATERIAL CONDITIONS. The churches have as usual been busy with debt reductions and building enterprises. Amounts paid on old debts will aggregate \$81,000. Expenditures for building and improvements will total \$130,000. Charges paying \$1,000 or more on debts are Christ Church, Baltimore, \$1,000; Eutaw, \$3,300; Grace, Baltimore, \$6,000; Starr, \$1,500; West Baltimore, \$3,000; Wilton Heights, \$1,000; Conquest, \$1,000; First Church, Cumberland, \$3,500; Easton, \$1,200; First Church, Newark, \$3,200; Glenburnie, \$2,100; Greenbush, and Tasley, \$1,000; Laurel, \$1,500; Milford, \$2,000; New Church, Atlantic, \$14,500; Newmarket, \$1,700; Immanuel, Philadelphia, \$2,082; Taylor Memorial, \$1,300; Potomac, \$1,300; North Carolina Avenue, \$9,000.

For building and improvements charges have paid as follows: Alexandria, \$1,200; Calvary, \$5,000 on new addition; Hampden, on new church, \$8,000; Keen Memorial, on new addition, \$10,000; North Baltimore, on interior decoration, \$4,600; Violetville, for new location, \$2,046; First Church, Cumberland, for general repair and decoration, \$5,000; Easton, for remodeling Sunday School room, \$1,500; Finksburg, on new church at Woodensburg, \$2,300; Harbeson, new treatment of Beaver Dam, \$1,800; Newmarket, for new location, \$3,000; Nichols Memorial, parsonage repair, \$1,000; Taylor Memorial, redecoration, \$1,500; Potomac, redecoration, \$1,200; Salisbury, on new church, \$47,133; Seaford, on new parsonage, \$4,000; Sharptown, remodeling parsonage, \$1,500; Stewartstown, on church property, \$1,613; Susquehanna, on new church at Webster, \$16,000; Wallace Memorial, on new addition, \$1,043; North Carolina Avenue, on redecoration, \$4,000; Westminster, general improvements, \$1,600; Peninsula Church, on new building, \$15,500; Whaleyville, on new addition, \$2,500.

The addition to Calvary Church, costing \$16,000, makes a very handsome building. The new Hampden will cost, equipped, at least \$80,000, and is nearing completion—a magnificent property. Keen Memorial, when completed, will cost \$30,000, and will be practically a new church. The new church at Woodensburg cost approximately \$14,000, and is a beautiful plant. Salisbury church is a triumph, costing, equipped, perhaps \$140,000, and is nearly completed. The new parsonage at Seaford, costing \$12,000, is a splendid home. The consolidated church on Susquehanna is a fine structure, costing \$20,000. The Sunday School room joined to Wallace Memorial, costing \$5,000, and the one to Whaleyville, costing \$4,500, make fine churches. The Atlantic Church, on New Church Charge, cost over \$40,000, and has been dedicated.

PASTORS' SALARIES. There is still the disposition on the part of our churches to take better care of their pastors. Twenty-six charges have made increases aggregating over \$4,000, while five charges are decreasing to the extent of \$850, one of them \$400. A review of these increases shows that nine of the charges which were supplemented last year have made increases totaling \$1,325. I have made every effort this year to bring up salaries to the \$1,200 minimum. Some charges are disinclined to make the advance, some others are unable, but it is my conviction that the salary guarantee is a wise procedure and that in a few years the supplements will be reduced to a minimum. Nineteen of the charges affected by the supplemental provision have made increases in the two years, which I think effectively answers the question of their attitude. But even if the churches should never meet this provision I would hold to it for the sake of the men. It is a God's blessing to many of them, and even at that admits of no extravagance.

What Next?

In my inquiry to the pastors I sought their judgment on a future program. We must, of course, continue what we have set out to do, continue the emphasis on Evangelism; this is our fundamental business. We must, of course, pursue the policy of regrouping; the very life of many of our churches is at stake. A hasty survey reveals the fact that we have forty churches whose salary payments are \$200 and under and which make practically no contributions to the general interests of the church. Sixteen pay \$150 and less. They are all on a two-week schedule. Membership in these churches range from ten to a hundred. I have been greatly interested in noting that the large majority of these replies suggest evangelism as our emphasis and the continuation of these things we have started. Many others say no more financial drives, develop the churches themselves, emphasize stewardship and understanding of the needs of the general church, erect the family altar.

If we are to take on anything additional it seems to me it ought to be in the nature of internal development and education.

First, for the Preachers:

Let me start with the preacher, inasmuch as being one I understand his needs. There are so many diverse demands made upon him that he neglects himself. He has so little time for study, and even then is hardly in a position to know what he ought to study. From my conversation with many of our men I believe they will welcome this suggestion:

That this conference request the Westminster Theological Seminary to outline for each year—

1. Several courses of reading that will keep our ministers abreast of the thought of the times, naming books, authors, etc.
2. Two or three correspondence courses of study, in the Bible, church history and theology.

Second, for the Churches:

In order to stimulate church consciousness and to make known to the churches what the conference feels it has a right to expect of them,

I recommend that the month of May be designated Organization Month, and that the following schedule be mailed by the president of the conference to all pastors shortly after the adjournment of this conference.

ORGANIZATION

A Schedule for the Churches.

1. That early in May the pastor call his officials in special session and lay these propositions before them.

2. That pastors having first thoroughly familiarized themselves with the manner in which the budgets are laid, shall explain the method to his officials.

3. That the needs of the interests involved in the General Conference budget be sympathetically set forth and definite plans be made to secure the apportionment.

4. That stewardship of money, tithing, be emphasized throughout the month in preaching, the use of literature, the organization of tithing reading circles, with a view to securing definite decisions.

5. That systematic giving, involving the use of either the single or duplex envelopes be urged as the only possible solution for church finance.

6. That definite plans be laid for the revival or evangelistic work of the year, extending throughout the churches, the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

7. That efforts be made to secure definite promises for the Family Altar, particularly in the homes of the officials of the church.

Miscellaneous Recommendations.

1. That in order to provide some relief for the pruning of church rolls and to make perhaps more equitable the distribution of the assessments, the division be forty per cent for membership and sixty per cent for financial ability, instead of fifty per cent for each as at present. Further, that this recommendation be sent to the Board of Finance for their judgment and decision.

2. That designations be attached to salary figures in the financial tables indicating at the bottom of the page the amount of the supplement made by the conference.

Once more I want to express my gratitude for the unfailing courtesy and kindness shown me during the year by pastors and laymen. May God bless us abundantly in this session and may we be consciously aware of the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Faithfully your servant,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 29)

Your committee has carefully reviewed the President's Report and is amazed at the magnitude of the work carried forward during the year under his wise leadership, and rejoice in the splendid results which have been achieved. We endorse his official acts during the year and commend him for his care of the churches.

The action of the conference three years ago in giving the President greater liberty of movement we knew would result in some of the stronger appointments being denied the official visit of the President, but the fear that the weaker charges would suffer by this action has been permanently allayed. The failure of the President to visit some of the charges during the year we feel has in no way retarded the work of the conference.

EVANGELISM. That the fires of evangelism have been brightly and steadily burning during the year is attested to by the large number of conversions. Not only has the success of the tent meetings convinced us of the importance of giving them a permanent place among the institutions of the conference, but to them must be credited the growing interest in evangelism throughout the conference.

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE. The Headquarters Committee is to be congratulated on the progress it has made during the year. That our publishing interests will soon be housed in a suitable building in one of the finest locations in the city is the realization of one of our fondest dreams. Surely this committee will be continued until its work is consummated.

BOARD OF SURVEY AND REGROUPING. We believe the work of this board to be the most important at this stage of the development of our conference work and that it should have the hearty support of every minister and layman in the conference.

\$100,000 SUPERANNUATE CAMPAIGN. The very fine response of the laymen to the appeal for the Superannuate Fund we must admit has more than met our expectations. That the ministers of the conference are not rated according to the salaries they receive, at least by the laymen, but by the esteem in which they are held for their very work's sake, has been demonstrated during this campaign, for never have the preachers received as much money as they do today, and never was the response of the laymen more generous and spontaneous. We are impressed that the full amount of \$100,000 for this fund can and should be raised, and advise that the pastors who have not completed the canvass on their charges do so immediately after conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INTERESTS. It is regrettable that the conference has not met its obligations to the General Conference in full. We agree with the President that the General Conference budget is the sum of the needs of these various agencies as outlined at its last session at Greensboro, and that the difficulty in raising the budget was because

there was not the mental adjustment to the increase nor the mechanical adjustment in our church organization. We believe the budget is not beyond the ability of our people, and the same can be raised if the churches are properly organized, the people fully educated and the church finances systematized.

OUR CHURCH HOME. This beautiful charity is making a stronger appeal to the sympathy and generosity of our people than ever before. Interest in its support is more general throughout the district and the donations more frequent and liberal. It is to be hoped that the indebtedness against this property may be soon liquidated.

THE DEACONESS WORK. We fear that the people throughout the district who are not acquainted with this work do not appreciate the importance of this institution and the great work that the deconesses are doing. We believe that the conference would be willing to co-operate with the Deaconess Board in any program submitted by the board.

SUMMER CONFERENCE AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE. The success of the combined gatherings last summer was a happy solution to a perplexing problem. We cannot overestimate the good these conferences are doing, and we urge upon our pastors to encourage their young people to attend the conference this summer. We recommend the usual appropriation of \$200 for this purpose if needed.

CHURCH EXTENSION. It is gratifying to learn of the erection of the new chapel and establishment of a church at Aurora Hills.

EDUCATION. We are pleased to note the continued growth of Western Maryland College, and we bespeak the earnest solicitude and co-operation of all of our people in both College and Seminary.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES. We express our appreciation of the continued beneficence of St. John's Board of Beneficence and of the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT. Quoting from the President's report, "The Mother of Us All," expresses most happily the beneficent influence exerted upon all our history by this beloved church paper, and we share the editor's dream of reaching the high-water mark of ten thousand subscribers in the near future.

MATERIAL CONDITIONS. The building of new churches and extensive improvements is always of great interest to the conference, and the past year has been one of the most wonderful years along this line in the history of the conference.

PASTORS' SALARIES. We are glad to note there is a tendency toward an increase in pastoral support on the part of the majority of appointments. We regret to note that five appointments have decreased their salaries to an aggregate amount of \$850, one of them as much as \$400.

Recommendations

We approve of the following recommendations embodied in the President's report:

1. That we request the Westminster Theological Seminary to outline for each year—
 - a. Several courses of reading that will keep our ministers abreast of the thought of the times, naming books, authors, etc.
 - b. Two or three correspondence courses of study in the Bible, Church History and Theology.
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 - d. That stewardship of money (tithing) be emphasized throughout the month in preaching, the use of literature, the organization of tithing reading circles, with a view to securing definite decisions.
 - e. That systematic giving involving either the single or duplex envelope be urged as the only possible solution of church finances.
 - f. That there be a scheme of inter-visitation of pastors and laymen to assist in this work of education in stewardship.
 - g. That definite plans be laid for the revival or evangelistic work of the year, extending throughout the churches, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.
 - h. That efforts be made to secure definite promises for the family altar, particularly in the homes of the officials of the church.
3. That in order to provide some relief for the pruning of church rolls and to make perhaps more equitable the distribution of the assessments, the division be 40 per cent for membership and 60 per cent for financial ability.
4. That designations be attached to salary figures in the financial tables indicating at the foot of the page in the minutes the amount of the supplement made by the conference.
5. That the program for tent meetings and assignments of pastors be continued.
6. That the Committee on President's Parsonage be continued and that the Trustees be instructed to issue such legal documents as may be required.

7. We recommend the scheme of organization affecting the General Conference budget recommended by Dr. Crates S. Johnson, of the Forward Movement Commission.

FRANK P. BALL, Secretary.
 GEORGE HINES, Chairman.
 R. Y. NICHOLSON.
 J. H. BAKER.

Report of the
 AGENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE
 of the
 MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 31)

1922			
April	1—	To Balance.....	\$ 1.01
		Receipts	
April	18—	Received from Rev. J. H. Straughn, Pres.....	419.20
			\$420.21
		Disbursements	
April	17—	Paid Daniel J. Loden, water.....	\$ 12.50
April	17—	" Central Fire Ins. Co. (Dwelling).....	22.50
April	17—	" H. K. Muller, for money advanced.....	3.04
May	1—	" Baker Watts Co., note \$200.....	200.00
September	1—	" William Ohm, repairs to roof.....	53.61
October	10	" William Ohm, repairs to furnace.....	15.53
October	19—	" John Blottenberger, carpenter.....	6.50
December	9—	" John Blottenberger (letter clip).....	2.00
December	18—	" Central Fire Ins. Co., furniture.....	9.00
1923			
February	15—	" A. M. Denhard, col. paving tax.....	8.49
March	11—	" Daniel J. Loden, water rent.....	12.50
			345.67
April	5—	" To Balance	74.54
			\$420.21

HARRY K. MULLER, Treasurer.

PLAN OF APPOINTMNETS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Acomac, Va.....	W. F. Bauscher	1	Clayton, Del.....	L. E. Haddaway	2
Amelia, Va.....	L. W. Gordon	2	Concord, Pa.....	M. E. Dearholt	2
BALTIMORE:			Conquest.....	W. S. Simms	1
Alnutt Memorial.....	L. Randall	5	CRISFIELD:		
Brooklyn.....	J. B. Jester	3	Crisfield.....	C. M. Elderdice	7
Calvary.....	N. C. Clough	3	Lawsonia.....	V. A. Miller	2
Chesaco Park Charge.....	(To be supplied)		Mariners.....	F. K. McCorkle	3
Christ Church.....	J. L. Ward	1	Crumpton.....	(To be supplied)	
East Baltimore.....	G. A. Ogg	7	CUMBERLAND:		
Edmondson Ave.....	J. McL. Brown	1	First Church.....	H. L. Schlincke	4
Eutaw.....	W. P. Roberts	3	Mapleside and Fairview.....	(To be supplied)	
Evergreen.....	F. T. Little	5	Melvin Chapel.....	Lester Ballard	2
Grace.....	G. E. Brown	3	Deer Creek.....	J. R. McKeawn	2
Graceland Park.....	H. A. Kester	1	Deer Park.....	J. N. Link	4
Hampden.....	E. D. Stone	11	Delmar.....	E. H. Jones	6
Keen Memorial.....	A. S. Beane	16	Delta.....	E. T. Kirkley	2
Lauraville.....	Paul F. Warner	1	Denton.....	J. A. Dudley	4
Linthicum Heights.....	B. W. Kindley	4	Dorchester.....	G. E. Turner	2
Lowe Memorial.....	W. A. Melvin	8	Dover and Leipsic.....	Avery Donovan	2
N. Baltimore.....	W. H. Litsinger	9	Easton.....	E. T. Read	4
Payson Street.....	T. C. Mulligan	2	Elizabeth, N. J.....	J. W. Balderston	4
S. Baltimore.....	W. F. Wright	7	Fairfax, Va.....	C. F. Cummings	1
Starr.....	G. W. Haddaway	22	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	F. A. Holland	4
St. John's.....	L. F. Warner	4	Federalsburg.....	G. E. McDorman	2
St. Paul's.....	F. D. Reynolds	6	Felton, Del.....	(To be supplied)	
Trinity.....	R. W. White	5	First Church, Newark, N. J.....	E. C. Makosky	11
Violetville.....	W. B. Judefind	7	Finksburg.....	C. K. McCaslin	3
Waverly.....	(To be supplied)		Franklin City.....	J. P. George	2
W. Baltimore.....	J. M. Gill	8	Frederick.....	G. R. Donaldson	1
Wilton Heights.....	F. G. Holloway	1	Georgetown, Del.....	J. T. Bailey	6
Baltimore Circuit.....	S. F. Cassen	11	Glenburnie.....	C. E. Dryden	1
Bedford.....	C. M. Jenkins	2	Greenbush and Tasley.....	G. E. Leister	5
Belair.....	C. P. Nowlin	5	Greensboro.....	(To be supplied)	
Bivalve.....	Ziba Adams	2	Greenwood, Del.....	C. M. Adams	1
Buckeystown.....	J. W. Kirk	5	Grove.....	F. J. Phillips	3
Cambridge.....	R. Y. Nicholson	5	Harbeson, Del.....	C. M. Cullen	1
Cambridge Circuit.....	D. W. Anstine	2	Harmony, W. Va.....	G. S. Ross	4
Cannon, Del.....	R. W. Sutcliffe	1	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	J. W. Parris	2
Caroline.....	C. S. Larrimore	1	Harrington, Del.....	G. A. Morris	2
Cecil.....	K. H. Wareheim	2	Hawley Memorial.....	T. O. Crouse	1
Centreville.....	G. M. Clayton	3	Howard.....	Carroll Maddox	5
Chestertown.....	N. O. Gibson	4			
Chincoteague, Va.....	T. J. Turkington	2			

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Hurlock.....	J. A. Wright	1	Selbyville, Del....	(To be supplied)	
Indian River.....	Dorsey Blake	3	Sharptown.....	W. C. Mumford	1
Kempton.....	F. W. Siffrin	1	Snow Hill.....	A. F. T. Raum	1
Kennedyville.....	J. W. Trout	1	Snow Hill Circuit.....		
Kent Island.....	J. C. Lynn (Supply)	1		(To be supplied)	
Laurel, Del.....	A. W. Ewell	2	Stewartstown, Pa.....	Geo. Hines	2
Laurel Circuit.....	F. M. Clift	2	St. James.....	E. W. Simms	2
Leeds.....	F. S. Cain	1	St. Michael's.....	H. L. Murphy	2
Lewes, Del.....	W. D. Wilson (Supply)	2	Susquehanna.....	M. W. Sutcliffe	1
Lewistown.....	J. M. Minnard (Supply)	1	Talbot	(Unsupplied)	
Liberty.....	W. A. Sites	3	Texas.....	T. J. Betchler....	2
Lisbon.....	H. A. Dobson	1	Trinity.....	G. H. Stocksdale	2
Lynchburg, Va.....	J. H. Lynch	1	Tyreanna, Va.....	(To be supplied)	
Mardela.....	A. H. Green	2	Union.....	M. E. Hungerford	1
Marley.....	J. T. Fenby	1	Union Bridge.....	W. S. Hanks	3
Middleway.....	(To be supplied)		Wallace Memorial.....	Geo. Ports	1
Milford	C. S. Strausburg	1	Warwick.....	C. M. Kelser	1
Milton, Del.....	J. W. Townsend	1	WASHINGTON:		
Mt. Nebo.....	A. W. Betts	1	Alexandria, Va.....		
New Church, Va.....	E. C. Graham	2		Robert Browne	3
New Market.....	P. M. R. Schauer	3	Calvary.....	Paul M. Cassen	1
Nichols Memorial.....	T. C. Jones	2	Cherrydale....	Wilbur M. Snyder	5
Northumberland, Va.....			First Church.....	G. J. Hooker	2
	(To be supplied)		Congress Street.....	B. F. Ruley	3
Oak Grove and Prince George, Va			Mt. Tabor.....	C. M. Compher	2
	A. W. Simms	1	North Carolina Avenue.....		
Oxford.....	H. W. D. Johnson	3		P. W. Crosby	3
Parksley.....	W. H. Hodges	3	Potomac, Va.....	J. L. Green	3
Patapsco.....	(To be supplied)		Rhode Island Avenue.....		
PHILADELPHIA:				J. H. Straughn	1
Emmanuel.....	J. F. Bryan	3	Wesley Chapel of Kent.....		
St. Luke's.....	C. C. Day	1		J. F. Wooden	1
Taylor Memorial.....	H. O. Keen	5	Westminster.....	J. L. Nichols	2
Tioga Heights Mission.....			WILMINGTON:		
	Leon A. Smith (Supply)		First Church.....	L. Colvin Randall	1
Pipe Creek.....	J. E. Cummings	2	Peninsula.....	L. B. Smith	4
Pittsville.....	J. W. Baxley	2	West Wilmington.....		
Pocomoke City.....	E. L. Bunce	4		F. B. Bailey (Supply)	
Powellville.....	I. S. Owens	3	Whaleyville.....	C. P. Butler	5
Quantico.....	O. G. Brewer	2	Wye.....	J. L. Marker	2
Queen Anne.....					
	C. S. Marshall (Supply)	2	Special Appointments.		
Reliance, Del.....	B. A. Bryan	2			
Rowlandville.....	F. M. Volk	2	President of General Conference,		Yrs.
Salem.....	William Schmeiser	1	T. H. Lewis.....		3
Salisbury.....	R. L. Shipley	5	President of Western Maryland		
Seaford.....	W. L. Hoffman	2	College, A. N. Ward.....		3

	Yrs.		Yrs.
President of Westminster Theological Seminary, H. L. Elderdice	27	A. W. Mather.....	1
Editor of Methodist Protestant, F. T. Benson.....	7	J. L. Mills.....	1
Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, F. C. Klein.....	15	W. M. Strayer.....	1
Superintendent of Church Extension, J. M. Sheridan.....	6	J. M. Holmes.....	1
General Secretary of Young People's Work, E. A. Sexsmith.....	1	F. H. Mullineaux.....	1
		F. T. Tagg.....	2
Loaned.		G. J. Sullivan.....	2
		G. F. Farring.....	6
Women's Home Missionary Society, T. R. Woodford.....	5	C. E. McCullough.....	6
Chaplain U. S. Army, J. R. Wright	6	W. N. Sherwood.....	5
Dean of Western Maryland College, K. K. Haddaway.....	1	J. L. Elderdice.....	3
		G. Q. Bacchus.....	3
Superannuates.		G. J. Hill.....	3
J. W. Gray.....	12	L. A. Bennett.....	2
		H. S. Johnson.....	1
		S. W. Coe.....	1
		P. L. Rice.....	3
		Left Without Appointment at His Own Request.	
		S. C. Wood.....	1

Report B**THE SECRETARY**

(See Journal, page 23)

THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**Brethren:**

As the Committee on Credentials, I hereby submit the following report:

Waverly, Chincoteague, Crumpton, Easton, Greensboro, Harmony, Indian River, Kent Island, Lewistown, Middleway, Patapsco, Quantico, Talbot, Tyreanna and West Wilmington Charges have sent no Delegates' Credentials.

That Prince George reports no Alternate.

That the Credentials from Mapleside and Fairview, Cumberland, and from Mt. Nebo, show election of delegates to have taken place later than the ten days' time allotted before the convening of conference. But letters of explanation, on the part of the pastors seeming sufficient, I have duly enrolled them, and recommend that their Credentials be accepted.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Secretary.

The Secretary submits the following Financial report:

Receipts

To balance as per last conference report.....	\$ 34.49
Received from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.....	1,430.31
Advance assessment, April 1.....	\$ 557.50
To check, April 10.....	861.63
To check, April 11.....	11.18
To offering for Colored School—conference session.....	140.00
Total	\$1,640.80

Expenditures

Dr. J. A. Selby.....	\$ 19.50
Dr. R. M. Andrews.....	30.00
Rev. N. O. Gibson.....	19.70
(1922 session incidentals)	
Rev. L. Randall	3.00
(Board of Finance)	
R. L. F. Warner.....	3.00
(Board Survey)	
Typist, 1922	5.00
Dr. G. H. Miller Acct. Bd. Education.....	140.00
(Colored School)	
Secretarial Incidentals	10.00
Conference Stationery	31.30

To mailing 1923 Blanks.....	4.32	
To Secretary acct. Program Com.....	3.00	
To Telephone Calls 1922.....	1.00	
To M. P. Book Concern.....	434.50	
(Publication minutes)		
To Summer Conference	\$ 100.00	
Book Concern:		
Current acct. 1921-22.....	34.91	
Printing Statistical paper for 1922.....	20.00	
Current acct. 1922-23.....	17.54	
Taylor: special Report Paper '22.....	5.50	
Conf. Treasurer's acct. 1921-22.....	63.36	
Board of Survey 1921-22.....	39.70	
½ old Note, prior to 1920.....	250.00	
		<u>\$1,235.33</u>
Compensations:		
Conf. Treasurer	200.00	
Con. Steward	50.00	
Conf. Secretary	50.00	
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		<u>1,535.33</u>
Balance in hand	\$ 69.47	
		<u>69.47</u>
		<u>\$1,604.80</u>
Indebtedness Account.		
Balance due on old Note.....	\$ 250.00	

Report C

THE TREASURER

(See Journal, page 36.)

Report on Budgets

1923

April 7, To President's Salary.....	\$ 4,074.65
To Maryland Conference Interests	26,197.73
To Gen. Conf. Budget:	
Children's Day	\$10,113
Spec. for Missions.....	2,384
Y. P. Missionary.....	1,956
W. F. M. S.....	7,044
Easter Offering	5,260
Spec. Home Missions.....	1,150
W. H. M. S.....	4,408

Rally Day	2,628	
Educational Day	1,442	36,385.00
Paid on Budget in addition.....		17,768.00
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Total amount paid on Gen. Conf. Budget.....		54,153.00
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Total Budgets		84,424.38
May 1st to April 9, By checks to J. H. Straughn, Pres.....		4,074.65
April 9, By Maryland Conf. Interests:		
Conference Expense.....	2,254.91	
Superannuates	6,322.36	
Church Extension	9,927.55	
Home for Aged	5,430.53	
Deaconess	2,254.91	26,190.26
Undistributed to Maryland Interests.....		747
Checks to H. C. Staley, Treas.:		
Gen. Conf. Budget direct.....	16,962.81	
Gen. Conf. Credits.....	25,838.67	
Accepted Vouchers on Budget.....	805.00	
Accepted Vouchers on Credits.....	10,547.00	54,153.00
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Total Budgets		84,424.38
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Miscellaneous Items.		
To Various Items.....		44,576.00
By Accepted Vouchers.....		44,576.00
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		\$129,000.38
Grand Total		\$129,000.38

Church Extension

Receipts

1922		
May 1, By Balance.....		\$2,199.39
1923		
April 7, By District		9,735.29
By annual dues		94.00
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		12,028.68
By Deficit		1,796.32
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		\$13,825.00

Disbursements

1922-23

May 1 to April 9. To Emmanuel, \$250.00; Emmanuel on debt, \$500; Lauraville, \$270; Payson St., \$250; Peninsula ch., \$625; Peninsula Church, \$250; Sup't salary, \$1,500; St. Paul's, \$250; Susquehanna Charge, \$250; Halwood, \$125; Taylor Memorial, \$250; Wesley Chapel, \$300; Violetville,

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\$500; Evergreen, \$350; Melvin Chapel, \$300; Deer Creek, \$200; Kent Island, \$100; Liberty, \$100; Union Bridge, \$100; Wye, \$250; Jones Chapel, \$100; Chesaco Park, \$100; Queen Anne, \$50.....

6,975.00

Supplementary Salaries:

Amelia, \$200; Edmondson Ave., \$300; Payson St., \$200; Violetville, \$300; Bivalve, \$200; Cambridge Ct., \$400; Cannon, \$200; Cecil, \$150; Concord, \$300; Conquest, \$200; Mapleside and Fairview, \$200; Dorchester, \$100; Felton, \$300; Frederick, \$100; Greenbush and Tasley, \$278; Greenwood, \$300; Grove, \$200; Harmony, \$300; Kennedyville, \$400; Laurel Ct., \$100; Northumberland, \$27; Oxford, \$100; Pipe Creek, \$150; Reliance, \$300; Rowlandsville, \$200; Susquehanna, \$100; Union Bridge, 75; Warwick, \$300; Whaleyville, \$200; Oak Grove and Prince George, \$350; Quantico, \$300.....

6,830.00

\$13,825.00

Superannuated Fund Account

Receipts

1922			
May	1—To	Balance	\$1,433.12
July	31—	“ Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	1,750.00
Oct.	19—	“ Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	2,000.00
1923			
Jan.	30—	“ Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	1,500.00
April	5—	“ Check from N. Balto. Charge 15 per cent increase	2,094.75
April	7—	“ Amount of Asst. from District.....	6,199.98
April	9—	“ Annual Dues	97.00
April	9—	“ Check from T. A. Murray, Treas....	1,776.20
			<u>16,851.05</u>

Disbursements

1922			
July	31—By	1st Distribution to Claimants.....	1,652.00
Oct.	19—	“ 2nd Distribution to Claimants.....	1,833.00
1923			
Jan.	30—	“ 3rd Distribution to Claimants.....	1,347.00
April	9—	“ 4th Distribution to Claimants.....	10,907.33
April	9—	“ Expenses of Cor. Sec.....	2.50
April	9—	“ T. A. Murray, Treas Am't of Annual Dues.....	97.00

\$15,838.83

Balance

1,012.22

\$16,851.05

Report D

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 24.)

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully submit their report for the conference year ending April 1st, 1923, as follows: The present membership of the Board is F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. G. Usilton until 1925; A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, J. P. Dodge, T. W. Donoho until 1924; J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and T. A. Murray, whose terms expire in 1923, and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the conference.

The income from the legacy of the late Mrs. A. S. Eversole has been properly used for Church Extension purposes in accordance with the terms of the bequeath.

We submit herewith the report of our Treasurer for the year, showing the receipts and expenditures of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate and now subject to disposition by the Trustees under the will of Dr. Drinkhouse in accordance with the terms created by the said will.

The books and accounts of the Trustees have been duly audited by the committee provided for in the By-Laws of our charter.

We report that our Board has complied with the instructions given by the conference at its last session in signing such legal papers as the Headquarters Committee has required in promoting the work committed to it by the conference. The result of this action will be seen in the report of the Headquarters Committee.

ROWLAND WATTS,
Secretary.

F. T. LITTLE,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, APRIL, 1922-1923.

In Account With

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer,

TRUSTEES MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GENERAL FUND

To Balance per last report.....		\$	595.56
To Interest on deposits	\$	76.46	
To Commissions on Trust Income collected.....		90.25	
			<u>166.71</u>
		\$	762.27
By expenses of management.....	\$	78.31	
By balance on deposit.....		683.90	
			<u>762.27</u>

Sale of No. 316 N. Charles Street and Purchase of No. 516 N. Charles Street:	
To net amount from purchaser.....	\$54,927.69.
To amount from H. E. Gilbert, donation from commissions	1,000.00
	\$55,927.69
By amount paid Drinkhouse Trust Estate in repayment of loan	\$ 2,000.00
By amount paid account purchase of No. 516 N. Charles Street	5,000.00
By commissions on sale paid broker.....	1,487.50
By amount paid Title Guarantee & Trust Co. for Title Insurance on 516 N. Charles Street.....	316.50
By amount paid Hinkley, Hiskey & Burger, charges account No. 516 N. Charles Street.....	100.00
By counsel fee for legal services in matter of sale and purchase above	100.00
By amount paid Martenet & Co for survey.....	20.00
By interest on loan account purchase above.....	42.50
By amount invested per directions of Trustees.....	46,000.00
By balance on deposit.....	861.19
	\$55,927.69
To income received from investments above.....	974.72
By amount paid Baltimore Book Directory thereout \$	649.80
By balance on deposit.....	324.92
	974.72
N. B.—Treasurer has also on deposit to credit of Trustees from rents of McQueen Mortgaged Property, after payment of expenses thereon and interest on mortgage held by Drinkhouse Trust Estate.....	\$ 427.37
Cash balances to Special Accounts.....	5.14
	\$ 432.51

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

Principal Account

To amount received in repayment of loan account No. 316 N. Charles Street.....	\$ 2,000.00
By amount invested per direction of Trustees.....	2,000.00

Income Account

To income from investments.....	\$ 1,318.50
To interest on deposits.....	14.61
	\$ 1,333.11
To appropriations of income made by Trustees and paid as follows:	
Baltimore Book Directory, for use of The Methodist Protestant	\$ 766.46

Maryland Educational Endowment Society, for Ministerial Education	500.00	
To Trustees, commissions on incomes collected.....	66.65	
		\$ 1,333.11

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

Report E

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

(See Journal, page 31)

We have apportioned the assessments according to the plan as published in Regulation 21 of the Manual, and will make such changes as may be required by resolutions offered herewith for your action:

General Conference Budget.....	\$110,000.00
Maryland Conference Budget.....	29,000.00
President's Salary and Expenses.....	4,000.00
Total	\$143,000.00

To be distributed as follows:

	Per cent
General Conference	76.7
Maryland Conference	20.5
President's Salary and Expenses.....	2.8

100

Assessments 1923-1924, to be distributed as follows:

General Conference Budget:

	Per cent
Board of Foreign Missions.....	27
Board of Home Missions.....	24
Board of Education.....	24
Board of Young People's Work.....	4
Superannuates	4
Children's Home	1
Old People's Home	1
W. F. M. S.....	10
W. H. M. S.....	4.5
American Bible Society.....	.5

100

Maryland Conference Interests.

	Per cent
Incidental Expenses of Conference.....	8 62
Superannuates	24.14

Church Extension	37.93
Our Church Home.....	20.69
Deaconess' Home	8.62
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	100
President's Salary and Expenses:	
President's Salary	90
To Agent of President's Parsonage, for expenses	10
	<hr/>
	100

Your Committee on Finance has had the two following resolutions referred to them:

Amend Regulation 21 by inserting after the word "purposes," in the first line of Article 2, Item "a," "plus unpaid total assessments".

Recommendation 3 of Committee on President's Report:

"That in order to provide some relief from the pruning of church rolls and to make perhaps more equitable the distribution of the assessments, the division be 40 per cent for membership and 60 per cent for financial ability."

We have carefully considered these two resolutions and recommend that the conference adopt both of them.

G. A. OGG, Chairman.
W. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.
PAUL F. WARNER.
E. E. WOODEN.
WILLIAM E. CAIN.
H. M. PHILLIPS.

Report F

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

(See Journal, pages 30, 35)

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders respectfully submits its report, as follows:

1. We recommend that William Schmeiser be received into the conference on trial.
2. We recommend that Paul M. Cassen, L. Colvin Randall, John A. Trader be received into the conference and ordained, they all being graduates of the Westminster Theological Seminary.
3. We report that the transfer of H. A. Kester, of the Eastern Conference has been received, and we recommend that he be admitted into the conference.

4. We recommend Hugh Carroll Burkins to the Board of Education for aid.

5. We recommend that William Schmeiser, C. M. Jenkins, Robert Browne, M. W. Sutcliffe be given license to administer the ordinances.

6. We recommend that S. C. Wood be given license to administer the ordinances, provided he receives an appointment from the President.

7. We recommend that Charles F. Cummins, S. R. Martin, C. Dawson, F. Bailey, C. S. Marshall, J. M. Minnard, W. D. Wilson, Leon A. Smith, A. W. Betts, J. G. Lynn, C. S. Larrimore, Cecil Bright, C. H. Richmond, Charles H. Reed and C. B. Robey be placed in the hands of the President and that they be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they shall be employed by the President, and W. A. Sites placed in the hands of the President.

Under the new regime of your committee, we recommend that a suitable book be secured in which to keep permanent record of all papers and proceedings pertaining to this special work. Adopted.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

Report G

BOARD OF SURVEY AND EXTENSION

(See Journal, page 27)

The papers of the new work known as Calvary Church, Washington, located at Aurora Hills and Virginia Highlands, have been considered. As the papers of application were in due form and the Quarterly Conference of Alexandria has recognized the organization of said congregation as a Methodist Protestant Church, as required by our Discipline, we recommend:

First. That said congregation be admitted as a charge of the Maryland Annual Conference and placed upon our Roll of Charges.

Second. That Mrs. Hattie Rickard, who was duly elected to represent that charge, be seated as a delegate from that charge.

We have carefully considered all papers referred to us, including the applications for change of boundaries and for financial aid. While we are not able to grant all requests, your Board has sought to come to such conclusions as would be for the glory of God and the best interests of the Kingdom of Christ, both in the recommendations it makes for the readjustment of boundaries and the distribution of funds for Church Extension.

The reports of the Baltimore City, Peninsula and Conference Church Extension Societies have been studied with great pleasure. We heartily commend these organizations for the efficient work performed, by which success has come to our work at many points.

We call the special attention of the conference to the constant and untiring efforts on the part of the Church Extension Superintendent for the extension of our work throughout our territory. He has proven himself a wise, capable and successful leader who deserves the hearty cooperation of the whole church in the work committed to his hands.

Recommendations:

1. That the sum of \$11,000, same as last year, be assessed on the conference district for Church Extension.
2. The reappointment of Rev. J. M. Sheridan as Church Extension Superintendent and that his salary be \$1,600.00.
3. That the Board of Managers be instructed to continue their efforts for settlement in the Butler will case, as this case cannot be closed until July 1, 1923, because of the mortgage held by Mr. Adams being due on that date.
4. That the omitted items of last year's report, due to transcribing copy, namely \$100 each to Jones' Chapel and Chesaco Park, and \$50 on pastor's salary for Queen Anne's Charge, be paid by the Treasurer of the conference.
5. That Oak Hill Church, on Prince George Charge; Fairview, on Bedford Charge; Smithson Church, on Grove Charge; Green Hill Church, on Quantico Charge, and Liberty Church, on Northumberland Charge, be declared closed churches.
6. That the regrouping arrangements for Finksburg and Deer Park Charges be left in the hands of the Board of Survey and Extension, with power to act.
7. That Clayton Church and Downs' Chapel constitute Clayton Charge.
8. That Bethesda Church, of the present Clayton Charge, be placed under the fostering care of Clayton Charge.
9. That New Hope be detached from Pittsville Charge and attached to Whaleyville Charge.
10. That Union be detached from Pocomoke Circuit and attached to Quantico Charge.
11. That Nassawango, Friendship and Nazareth Churches, of the present Pocomoke Circuit, and Girdletree, of Franklin City Charge, constitute a new charge, to be known as Snow Hill Circuit, with the understanding that Girdletree and Nassawango Churches get preaching every Sunday, and that the parsonage of this new charge be located in Snow Hill.
12. That the request of Graceland Park to be a station be granted.
13. That Jones' Chapel be attached to Chesaco Park, and the two churches be known as Chesaco Park Charge.
14. That Providence Church, formerly Harbeson Charge, be attached to Selbyville Charge.
15. That the Maryland Conference request the Board of Home Missions to transfer to the Trustees of Taylor Memorial the title of the property of that church.

16. That Item 19 of the Recommendations of the Church Extension Committee of Sessions of 1922, which on motion was referred to this Board by said conference, shall read as follows: "That under the Minimum Salary Regulation (See Regulation 13, under Duties of Pastors, page 187, Minutes of 1922), it shall be understood that the maximum appropriation shall not exceed \$300.00, except in such cases as are specifically recommended by this Board. And further, that Regulation 13 shall be changed to read accordingly."

17. That the item in the Baltimore City Church Extension Society's report, recommending that Waverly Church and Parsonage, Baltimore, be sold, be approved.

18. That the pastor of Edmondson Avenue Church be appointed under the care and supervision of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.

19. That the pastor of Calvary Church, Washington, be appointed under the care and supervision of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of our conference.

20. That the joint recommendations from the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society and of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society that the Baltimore City Church Extension Society be merged into the Conference Church Extension Society; and that the necessary committees representing both organizations be raised to adjust property and other interests.

Whereas, The Portsville Church was last year placed under the fostering care of Laurel Station, and because of the omission from the report of the Board of Survey and Extension, we hereby recommend that its relationship be changed and that the same church be placed under the fostering care of the Laurel Circuit Charge.

APPROPRIATIONS

Board of Managers of Conference Church Extension Society for reimbursement on lot, Lauraville.....	\$ 500.00
Grace Church, Baltimore, \$500 in two annual installments.....	250.00
Cumberland, Melvin Chapel, on pastor's salary.....	200.00
Deer Creek, on salary	200.00
Deer Park, on building project, to cost at least \$10,000, \$500 in four annual installments, provided they raise annually at least \$2,000	125.00
Evangelistic Committee, for refund for tent rental used in the establishment of Aurora Hill Church.....	100.00
Evergreen, on pastor's salary, provided it is supplied with married man	350.00
Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, third installment on \$1,000 appropriated	250.00
Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, second installment on \$1,500 appropriated	500.00
Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, on salary.....	100.00
Greenbush, on debt, \$500 in two annual payments.....	250.00
Glenburnie, on salary	300.00

Hallwood Church, on Conquest Charge, third annual installment on \$500	125.00
Lauraville, on interests of debt of \$2,500.....	250.00
Liberty, on pastor's salary.....	100.00
Queen Anne's, on salary.....	150.00
Payson Street, fourth annual installment of \$1,000.....	250.00
Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Del., fourth annual installment on \$1,000	250.00
Peinsula Church, Wilmington, Del., third annual installment on \$2,500	625.00
St. Paul's, Baltimore, fourth annual installment on \$1,000.....	250.00
Salary for Church Extension Superintendent.....	1,600.00
Selbyville, on salary	150.00
Susquehanna Circuit, second installment on \$1,000.....	250.00
Taylor Memorial, fourth installment on \$1,000.....	250.00
Union Bridge, on salary.....	100.00
Violetville, second installment of five annual payments on \$2,500	500.00
Wallace Memorial Charge, \$200 in two annual instalments.....	100.00
Wye, on salary	250.00

Adopted.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.
 EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.
 G. W. HADDAWAY.
 L. F. WARNER.
 G. I. HUMPHREYS.
 W. H. LITSINGER.
 F. P. ADKINS.
 W. C. SCOTT.
 W. O. ATWOOD.
 H. B. LINTON.
 J. N. WARFIELD, JR.

Report of Baltimore City Extension Society, 1923.

The following report is respectfully submitted:

We regret to have to report that not much effective work has been done by this society during the past year. The campaign in the interest of the Peninsula Church, Wilmington, has prevented any special effort in raising funds for any other church extension enterprise. It was deemed imperative that attention be given to this work exclusively, and the splendid response of the field seems to indicate that the conference at large approves the preference thus shown Peninsula Church.

The Waverly Church, Baltimore, has not been able to make progress due to changed conditions in community. After careful consideration by the Board of Directors, it has been deemed advisable to recommend to the Annual Conference the closing of this church, with the view of disposing of our property interests and using the money received for same for church extension purposes elsewhere.

The campaign for membership dues was not put on during the year on account of the Wilmington work.

The Treasurer's report shows the following receipts and expenditures: Total receipts, \$484.55; total expenditures, \$442.80; balance \$41.75.

Signed.

DANIEL MacLEA, President.

Report of the Peninsula Church Extension Society

The Peninsula Church Society has held two meetings during this conference year. One was an informal meeting held during the session of the Annual Conference in Chestertown. The other meeting was in conjunction with the Group Conference of the Eastern Shore Churches, held in Salisbury, Md., March 5, 1923. This meeting was largely attended. Officers were elected and all vacancies in the Board of Managers were filled. The society decided to resume its active solicitation of members and assumed the obligation of carrying the interest on the debt of the parsonage in Wilmington to the amount of \$690.00. Because of the aggressive and successful efforts of the pastor of the Peninsula Church and the Superintendent of Church Extension, we had thought it best not to press the people for contributions to this cause through this society. We believe the time has now come for us to resume our regular activities.

The society heard with great delight the account of the success of the Peninsula Church in Wilmington. This church was organized in May, 1920, with 47 members. Services were held in hall until the church entered the new building in December, 1922. At that time the membership numbered 140, and has since grown to 200, with an enrollment of 300 in the Sunday School.

About \$100,000 has been spent at this point, of which about one-half has been secured. The pastor will make his detailed report to the conference. We desire to express our congratulations to the conference on the success of this enterprise. We record our judgment that this is one of the most remarkable triumphs in church organization and building ever realized in our denomination. The pastor, Rev. L. B. Smith, deserves unstinted praise. The church still needs assistance far beyond that which it is possible for the society to give it, and we commend it to the attention of the conference as a point where an investment of the funds they may control will bring large returns in the near future.

The problem of the church at Selbyville has been presented to this society. The difficulties at this point have been increased by a fire which destroyed the church building just at a time when interest in this work seemed reviving. There ought to be an immediate liquidation of the obligation against this property so that its future may be planned with the smallest possible embarrassment. The society is planning to help in this.

This society has felt free to call upon Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Superintendent of Church Extension, for advice and help. He has spent much time in this section of the conference territory. His service has been incalculable. His wide knowledge of the conditions of the church, his business acumen, his tactful approach to possible contributors, his tireless activity have been great factors in the success of the work in Wil-

mington, the settlement of affairs at Selbyville, and in keeping the ideal of Church Extension before the members of our church. We desire to express our high appreciation of his labors for the whole church and his cheerful co-operation with us in all we have tried to do.

The report of the Treasurer is attached. We hope to show evidence of larger activities next year.

FRED. P. ADKINS, President.
R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

PENINSULA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Treasurer's Statement, April 1, 1923

April 1, 1922, balance on hand.....	\$ 74.95
Received from Rev. Avery Donovan.....	\$ 61.00
Kennedyville Church.....	4.00
Salem Church.....	9.00
Laurel Church.....	16.00
Advanced by Rev. L. B. Smith, for interest.....	300.00
Amount collected at meeting at Salisbury for P. C. Ex. Society.....	46.50
	436.50
	\$511.45

Expenditures

Reduction on note at Pocomoke City.....	\$ 50.00
Discount and stamps on renewal.....	15.16
Reduction on note Pocomoke City National Bany.....	50.00
Discount and stamps on renewal.....	14.14
Paid Accomac Banking Company, interest.....	200.00
Returned Rev. L. B. Smith.....	100.00
Discount and stamps on note Pocomoke City National Bank renewed	14.14
Interest paid Elkton Bank Company for December.....	50.00
Balance in treasury April 1, 1923.....	18.01
	\$511.45
Amount of note at Pocomoke City National Bank, April 1, 1923....	\$700.00

MILTON L. VEASEY, Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Closed Churches

I have made every effort to sell Shiloh Church, on Dorchester Circuit, and Bambury Church, in Talbot County, but without success in either case. Bethel Church, near Laurel, Del., has been sold for \$325 and the money paid to W. C. Scott, Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension. In this sale I had valuable assistance from Mr. A. E. Culver, a layman of our Laurel Church.

Fairview Church, on Bedford Circuit, was supplied for a time by H. L. Schlincke, of Cumberland. A year ago it was again attached to Bedford Circuit, but it has not had preaching during the year. I visited

the community last summer and discussed the opening of the church with some of the people. They were not favorable to the continuance of preaching services, stating that they did not have enough members to meet the financial obligations. I recommend that this be declared an extinct church and that steps be taken to dispose of the property.

Greensboro Church is still closed. The parsonage at this place is looked after by Mr. C. B. Jarman, who collects the rent, and, after deducting the expenses, is applying the balance to the payment of the debt.

There are several other small churches standing idle, but I have not been able to make any practical use of them. If the committee is continued they will receive attention in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN.

Report H

SUPERANNUATES

(See Journal, page 27.)

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits its report as follows: First, by the generosity of North Baltimore Church we have been able to add to the amount already appropriated a substantial sum, 15 per cent, for immediate distribution to our superannuates, for which we are sure every one feels grateful.

Second. Mrs. S. J. Smith has made no request for this year.

Third. We are glad to report all appropriations paid in full for this year, and are able to report an equal sum for distribution next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

First. We recommend that the assessment on the district be the same as last year, \$7,000.00.

Second. We recommend that Rev. P. L. Rice, Rev. H. S. Johnson, S. W. Coe, Mrs. W. D. Litsinger, Mrs. C. W. Sanderson and Mrs. C. N. Alexander be granted superannuated relations. Mrs. Sanderson's husband served the required five years, one of which was supply.

Third. We recommend that the following be added to the questionnaire: "If a widow, how long were you in the active ministry with your husband?"

Fourth. We recommend that the superannuated claimants' blanks be referred to the Committee on Superannuates for revision, and to report to the next annual session of this conference.

Fifth. We recommend that the apportionment in column marked "Special" be paid out of any funds available at that time, it being understood that all income from every source shall be distributed to the superannuates of the year, even if such income should justify a larger amount than stated in column marked "Special."

	Invested Fund	Collections	Special	Total
J. W. Gray.....	\$480.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00	\$575.00
A. W. Mather.....	490.00	10.00	75.00	575.00
J. L. Mills.....	510.00	.....	76.00	586.00
W. M. Strayer	480.00	20.00	75.00	575.00
J. G. Sullivan	290.00	.....	43.00	333.00
J. M. Holmes	520.00	.....	78.00	598.00
F. H. Mullineaux	440.00	.....	66.00	506.00
F. T. Tagg	470.00	30.00	75.00	575.00
G. F. Farring	350.00	.....	.....	350.00
C. E. McCullough	290.00	35.00	48.00	373.00
W. N. Sherwood	190.00	210.00	60.00	460.00
J. L. Elderdice	410.00	90.00	75.00	575.00
G. J. Hill	280.00	220.00	75.00	575.00
G. Q. Bacchus	470.00	30.00	75.00	575.00
L. A. Bennett	320.00	180.00	75.00	575.00
P. L. Rice	90.00	150.00	35.00	275.00
S. W. Coe	320.00	150.00	70.00	540.00
Mrs. A. C. Cushing....	65.00	135.00	30.00	230.00
Mrs. S. G. Ferguson..	100.00	50.00	22.00	172.00
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert	15.00	110.00	18.00	143.00
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell..	210.00	40.00	37.00	287.00
Mrs. J. B. Jones	115.00	35.00	22.00	172.00
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore	90.00	60.00	22.00	172.00
Mrs. R. L. Lewis.....	115.00	160.00	37.00	312.00
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger...	35.00	215.00	37.00	287.00
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas..	55.00	195.00	37.00	287.00
Mrs. C. B. Middleton..	35.00	140.00	26.00	201.00
Mrs. W. J. Neepier....	155.00	.....	23.00	178.00
Mrs. G. J. Smith	105.00	45.00	22.00	172.00
Mrs. S. G. Valiant.....	15.00	160.00	25.00	200.00
Mrs. A. J. Walter	75.00	125.00	30.00	230.00
Mrs. R. S. Williamson	35.00	100.00	20.00	155.00
Mrs. H. F. Wright	65.00	185.00	37.00	287.00
Mrs. J. M. Yingling....	15.00	35.00	7.00	57.00
Mrs. F. L. Stevens	95.00	205.00	45.00	345.00
Mrs. R. T. Tyson	45.00	155.00	30.00	230.00
Mrs. S. B. Treadway..	190.00	110.00	45.00	345.00
Mrs. D. L. Greenfield..	130.00	20.00	22.00	172.00
Mrs. E. O. Ewing	195.00	30.00	33.00	258.00
Mrs. G. R. Hodge.....	135.00	165.00	45.00	345.00
Mrs. J. A. Weigand ..	70.00	105.00	26.00	201.00
Mrs. J. S. Bowers.....	170.00	.....	25.00	195.00
Mrs. R. K. Lewis.....	25.00	125.00	22.00	172.00
Mrs. W. R. Graham ..	225.00	25.00	33.00	283.00
Mrs. J. W. Norris.....	160.00	40.00	30.00	230.00
Mrs. E. L. Beauchamp	45.00	205.00	37.00	287.00
Mrs. E. H. Vandyke....	165.00	60.00	33.00	258.00

	Invested Fund	Collections	Special	Total
Mrs. E. A. Warfield....	130.00	170.00	45.00	345.00
Mrs. W. D. Litsinger	175.00	75.00	37.00	287.00
Mrs. C. W. Sanderson	25.00	75.00	15.00	115.00
Mrs. C. N. Alexander	30.00	170.00	30.00	230.00
Rev. H. S. Johnson....	330.00	20.00	45.00	395.00

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

Report I

LITERATURE AND EDUCATION

(See Journal, page 32)

The great need of the world today is Christian Education. A trained mind, without a regenerated heart, leads to mere pride of intellect, with no saving impulse of righteousness. "Knowledge is power," but it may be a power for evil as well as for good. The educated criminal is infinitely more dangerous than the ignorant one, for he is usually the brains of organized criminal activity. Therefore, if education is to be a blessing to humanity rather than a menace, it must tend to moral and spiritual development as well as to ethical culture. The teaching function of the Church cannot be ignored or neglected without serious loss to the world, and even more serious impairment of the Church's efficiency. And, as the responsibility for earnest and successful missionary and evangelistic effort is an individual as well as a collective responsibility, so the solemn obligation to teach the great truths of the Christian faith, and to teach all truth under Christian auspices, rests upon a personal basis.

The various religious bodies of this country seem to be recognizing this educational opportunity and responsibility, and are enlarging their educational programs accordingly. We are glad that the Methodist Protestant Church has a part in this great work, and that our colleges and seminary are making a distinct impression upon, and a definite contribution to, the educational world. But we, too, need an enlarged program if we are to keep pace, even relatively, with our sister denominations. Our educational leaders are ready to give us such a program whenever we can assure them of the sympathetic co-operation and financial support necessary to carry it out. They can point the way, but we must follow. They can plan, but if we fail them their plans are doomed to failure. They can point out the opportunity, but we must measure up to it.

It is gratifying to note that there has been a marked increase in student attendance in all of our colleges during the past year, and that the total enrollment was considerably greater than in any other year in the history of the church. But none of these institutions is adequately financed. Although economically administered they are all running on an

insufficient budget. Therefore, we heartily endorse the following statement prepared by our educational leaders and recommend that this conference concur in the appeal contained therein:

A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES

Whereas, The Council of Church Boards of Education, in annual session at Chicago January 9 and 10, 1922, issued the following message to the Protestant churches of the United States:

1. The cause of Christian Education is fundamental to the maintenance and extension of the work of the Christian Church at home and abroad.

2. "When a man's got, all's got." Trained leaders are essential to the realization of the Christian program. Christian education is concerned with the training of the leaders and of all who co-operate in the work of the Kingdom. The success of home and foreign missions and of all other enterprises of the church admittedly depends upon the success of Christian education.

3. While these truths are generally admitted by leaders of all the churches, they have not yet come to the consciousness of the entire membership, as is evidenced by the fact that, while gifts for education in general have been greatly multiplied, the increase in the gifts of the church for education under the auspices of the church has not kept pace with its increase of gifts for other philanthropic and benevolent enterprises.

4. In view of the situation thus briefly outlined, the Council of Church Boards of Education urges the leaders of the churches so to increase the budgets allotted to educational interests as to enable them to meet their increasing opportunities and requirements. It also earnestly calls upon the members of all the churches to give themselves in prayer and devoted activity to a nation-wide effort for the purpose of endowing and supporting their educational institutions and agencies, to the end that a sufficient number of trained leaders may be provided for the building of the Kingdom of God.

And, Whereas, Our own educational institutions, Adrian College, Western Maryland College, Kansas City University, Westminster College and the Westminster Theological Seminary, have always lacked adequate support at the hands of their denominational constituency.

And, Whereas, Our church's educational conscience has never been awakened to our duty and ability to provide the necessary means for the equipment, maintenance and endowment of our own institutions of Christian education.

Therefore, be it Resolved:

1. That the Board of Education of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Presidents of our several educational institutions, after mature consideration, notify our people that unless we immediately take a greater interest in the cause of Christian education our entire church program faces failure.

2. That we appeal to the next General Conference to formulate plans by which during the next quadrennium our educational institutions shall have the right of way for a special campaign in their behalf.

H. L. ELDERDICE.

H. L. FEEMAN.

J. C. WILLIAMS.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education, under the efficient administration of its faithful Secretary, Dr. George H. Miller, continues its splendid work. During this school year it is assisting 26 young men who are preparing for the ministry with loans aggregating \$4,760. Ten of these men are of the Maryland Conference. Seven of the present beneficiaries are students in Western Maryland College and four in the Westminster Theological Seminary. Many of the active ministers of this conference have received help from the Board in recent years, and have thus been enabled to equip themselves for the work of the Christian ministry. Without such timely aid they would have been seriously handicapped in their preparation for their life work, and might, in some instances, have been compelled to abandon it altogether. The greater part of these men have met their financial obligations to the Board in full, but we regret that there are a few who seem to be unnecessarily tardy in paying back the amounts loaned them. A sense of gratitude, as well as of honor, should prompt them to give this matter their immediate and earnest consideration and lead them to at least make an honest and sincere effort to repay these loans as soon as possible.

We urge all our pastors and churches to observe Educational Day, when the work of the Board of Education may be presented and explained and a liberal free-will offering taken for its support. Upon this occasion, also, as well as at other opportune times, the need of young men for the Christian ministry should be emphasized and the claims of this high and holy calling upon the consecrated manhood of the church clearly and appealingly set forth. It is a matter of regret and concern that fewer young men are studying for the ministry this year than last. Let us pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into his harvest. We commend Dr. G. H. Miller for his wise leadership and pledge him our co-operation and support.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

We note with pleasure that the enrollment of students for the year reached the high-water mark of 463, surpassing all previous records. For the first time the Freshman Class contains more boys than girls, having 74 boys and 58 girls. We are all justly proud of the handsome new athletic field, which was dedicated last commencement and opened for use in September, and desire to thank all those whose generous contributions made this much needed improvement possible. We especially express our appreciation of the splendid gift of Mr. Arthur P. Hoffa, of Barton, Md., after whom the field is named, who donated the grandstand. McDaniel Hall, the beautiful new dormitory for women, costing \$150,000,

is another magnificent achievement in which we all rejoice, and is but the first step in a great building program projected by Dr. Ward.

The rating given the college by the Association of Colleges and Preparatory schools for the Middle States and Maryland, as an accredited A No. 1 Standard College, is most gratifying. But we are under obligations to increase our endowment from \$300,000 to \$500,000 as soon as possible in order to maintain this high rating. Therefore, in view of this fact, and also in consideration of the plans for additional new buildings, we reaffirm the two recommendations adopted last year, as follows:

"First. That the Maryland Annual Conference give its endorsement to the campaign to raise \$650,000 for the endowment and building funds of the Western Maryland College during the next four years, \$200,000 of which will be apportioned to the Methodist Protestant Church, the balance to be raised by an appeal to the alumni and the general public. And

"Second. That the President of the College, or any representative of the college, be welcomed to all our charges and given the privilege of organizing Western Maryland Clubs, whose purpose shall be to find at least one new student annually, and raise annually for the endowment fund an amount of money on the charge equal to \$1.00 per member for every member of the charge."

We recommend that Dr. A. N. Ward be continued as President, and that Rev. K. K. Haddaway be loaned to the college for another year.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The report from the Seminary shows that, in spite of the graduation of a large class last May, the enrollment this year is up to the average. There are 26 students from 7 annual conferences, of whom 14 are from Maryland. We are not surprised to hear them described as representing "a high type of mental ability, moral earnestness and consecrated Christian character." These are the kind of men we would naturally expect God to call into his service as preachers of the Gospel of his blessed Son, but we do rejoice that they are to represent the Methodist Protestant Church as they go forth to proclaim the good news of salvation. And yet, on the other hand, it is a matter of gratification that other denominations are beginning to send their young men to our Seminary for training, one student representing the Methodist Episcopal Church and three the United Brethren Church this year. We appreciate this evidence of the esteem in which they hold our own beloved "School of the Prophets."

We rejoice that of the six members of the graduating class, two are sons of honored ministers of this conference, namely, Paul Cassen, son of Rev. S. F. Cassen, and Colvin Randall, son of Rev. Louis Randall. It is an inspiration to see these splendid young men following in the footsteps of their fathers, and it is an eloquent testimonial to the influence and example of the fathers that their sons should do so. May our parsonages continue to be worthy sources of supply for the ranks of the ministry, sending forth the young men, who have such a goodly heritage, to carry on the work when their fathers shall have laid it down.

The Board of Education, at the dedication of the new Seminary building, assumed the last \$15,000 of the indebtedness. Only a small

part of this amount has been raised up to the present time. Dr. Miller recently sent out an appeal for \$1.00 contributions to apply on this balance, and has received about \$2,000 to date. We join with the Board of Governors in urging our people everywhere to respond generously to this appeal, so that there may be a speedy liquidation of the last dollar of this indebtedness.

We call attention again to the need of a new house for the President, and express the hope that the enterprise, having been inaugurated, may be carried through to a successful completion. We concur heartily in the recommendation that May 6 of this year be set apart as the date when all the churches which have not made a contribution to the Silver Jubilee Offering for this cause may do so, or at the earliest convenient date thereafter, and that the churches be opened to Dr. Elderdice to present this interest.

We join in the recommendation that Dr. H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for another year.

BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

The Book Concern reports another very good year. The fact that the gross income, in all the departments, amounted to \$140,860.00, which is \$17,240.00 in excess of last year, indicates a healthy growth and a normal expansion of the business. This is undoubtedly due to the wise direction of the members of the Directory and the efficient management of the agent, Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr. We heartily commend these men for their loyal interest in, and their devotion to, this important enterprise of our church.

It is gratifying to note that the new Printing Plant has already justified itself, and during the second year of its operation has brought in net profits amounting to \$1,174.96. Our churches and pastors would do well to consider our own well equipped plant when there is printing to be done. And here again the personal element enters in, for the foreman, Mr. Levine Price, has proved himself to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and serves the church not only with technical efficiency, but with denominational pride. We call attention to the fact that the Directory, since the installation of the printing plant, is prepared to furnish church envelopes, both single and duplex, at a lower rate than formerly.

The sale of the old property at 316 North Charles Street and the purchase of a new property at 516 North Charles Street we believe to be a wise move which will receive the endorsement of this conference. The Book Concern will be in a better position to handle this growing business in its new and commodious quarters. We rejoice in these incidental evidences of progress.

We are all proud of our Church Organ, "The Methodist Protestant." And we are all grateful to the editor, Mr. F. T. Benson, for giving us a paper of which we can be proud. He is giving his very best to this work, and, for that very reason, deserves not only our appreciation and thanks, but our earnest and active co-operation. We urge all our pastors to do their utmost to place "The Methodist Protestant" in every home on their

charge, and appeal to our official boards to work with them to this end. We believe that the best way to do this, in the long run, is to secure subscribers who feel, or who may be led to feel, that the \$2.00 which their church paper costs them is a good investment in every way. But if other methods can prevail where this one fails, then by all means let them be tried. It is to the best interests of the pastor himself to put "The Methodist Protestant" in the hands of as many of his members as possible. We again recommend the conscientious observance of the third Sunday in October as "Methodist Protestant Day."

G. M. CLAYTON, Chairman.
C. M. ELDERDICE, Secretary.
SETH H. LINTHICUM.
W. H. HODGES.
ROWLAND WATTS.
E. L. KAYSER.

Report of the President of Western Maryland College

Westminster, Maryland, April 6, 1923.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the
Methodist Protestant Church:

Four distinctive things stand out in connection with the college year. They are:

1. The enrollment for the year surpasses all previous years. Last year the total enrollment was 402. The enrollment this year is 463. For the first time the Freshman Class contained more boys than girls. Of the total Freshmen enrollment of 132, 74 are boys and 58 are girls.

2. The new athletic field was dedicated at commencement and opened for use in September. This field cost \$50,000, including the grandstand and cost of the land. The grandstand was donated to the college by Mr. Arthur P. Hoffa, of Barton, Md., and for him the new field was named. It is now "Hoffa Field." This new field puts us in possession of the very finest athletic field in this part of the United States. Upon that field men and women will be trained not only as athletes, but attention will be given to the physical development that ought to go hand in hand with mental and spiritual development.

3. The new dormitory for women was opened in September. This building is named in honor of Dr. William R. McDaniel, the Vice-President of the college. His long and efficient service for Western Maryland College entitles him to the loving appreciation of all friends of the college. The building cost approximately \$150,000, and takes place by the side of the best built and best furnished dormitories to be found anywhere. It is the first of nine buildings to be built during the next ten years.

4. The Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools for the Middle States and Maryland has approved Western Maryland College as an accredited A. I. Standard College. This action was taken with the understanding that the endowment shall be increased at the earliest time

to the minimum required endowment of \$500,000. We now have an endowment of \$300,000. We have \$200,000 to raise, and I have no doubt that the Methodist Protestant Church will see to this. Our graduates are admitted into all the highest universities and professional schools of the United States. They take their place by the side of the graduates of all the great colleges of the land. But to keep this standard means increases in endowment and in buildings and equipment. Plans are being made for a great financial campaign to be put on in the near future, and the endorsement of this campaign by the Maryland Conference is earnestly desired and requested.

The interests of the college are dear to the Methodist Protestant Church. The college stands ready to serve the church in every way possible, and the future of the college is in the hands of the Methodist Protestant Church, whose servant she is and, in the providence of God, I hope always will be.

A. N. WARD, President.

Recommends that K. K. Haddaway be loaned to college.

THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary respectfully submits its forty-first annual report.

THE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

At the Commencement of 1922 there was graduated the largest class in the history of the institution, the number being eighteen. It was not expected that the incoming class would equal that abnormal number, but it is gratifying to report that the matriculations were sufficient to keep the annual enrollment at its average. Fifteen new students registered. In this class are graduates of the Western Maryland College, the Penn State College, Adrian College and Muskingum College. As usual the geographical distribution of the 26 students is widespread: Maryland, 14; West Virginia, 3; Alabama, 2; North Carolina, 2; Pittsburgh, 2; Ohio, 2, and Eastern, 1. As an indication of the high esteem of sister denominations for our Seminary, we report that the Methodist Episcopal Church has sent this year one student and the United Brethren Church has sent three students. The entire student body represents a high type of mental ability, moral earnestness and consecrated Christian character.

THE GRADUATING CLASS

The graduating class consists of six men: Paul Moyer Cassen, John Nicholas Link, Louis Colvin Randall and John Albert Trader, of Maryland; Jesse James Jackson, of West Virginia, and Colburn Maske, of Alabama. Of this output the Maryland Conference falls heir to 66 2-3 per cent, and 50 per cent of this legacy comes from the Methodist Protestant parsonages in the Maryland Conference. All our ministry will rejoice with Rev. S. F. Cassen and Rev. Louis Randall, because at this session of the conference they will witness the ordination of their sons, Paul and Colvin. In these days when the charge is thoughtlessly made

that the sons of ministers seldom follow in the footsteps of their fathers—it may be well to call attention to the fact that the Westminster Theological Seminary has graduated twenty-three products of the parsonage. And may the Great Head of the Church send more! Statistics show that the farm is the most fertile field for the cultivation of candidates for the ministry, 32 per cent coming from this source, and the next highest source is the parsonage, with 17½ per cent. But when we take into account the fact that farmers vastly outnumber ministers, we may well conclude that the largest pro rata per cent comes from ministerial homes.

THE NEW BUILDING DEBT

On the day of dedication, December 17, 1920, the approximate debt on the New Seminary Building was \$30,000. To meet this deficit, five conferences, by their representatives present, made the following subscriptions: Maryland, \$1,500; North Carolina, \$1,500; Ohio, \$1,500; Pittsburgh, \$1,000, and Eastern, \$1,000, totaling \$6,500. Individual subscriptions were made to the amount of \$8,500, or a grand total of \$15,000. One-half of the debt thus being provided for, the Board of Education authorized its Secretary-Treasurer to announce that the Board would assume the remaining \$15,000 of debt. All the conferences have subscribed the quotas assumed by their representatives, but most of the pledges were made on the basis of four years payments, which means that a considerable sum of interest has been semi-annually collected from other sources, and as some of the payments were not made when due we have been pressed to meet the interest. The Board of Education has not found itself in position to make any payment on its \$15,000 subscription until quite recently, when in response to an appeal it was able to pay \$1,000. But as the Seminary paid \$1,800 interest on this \$15,000 during the last two years, the original amount is unreduded. We urge upon all loyal Methodist Protestants to rally to the appeal of the Board of Education so that there may be a speedy liquidation of the last dollar of debt.

SILVER JUBILEE NEW HOME FOR THE PRESIDENT

The Maryland Annual Conference in its last annual session, April, 1922, adopted the following report and recommendation of its Committee on Literature and Education:

“The report of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary has especial significance this year because it celebrates the Silver Jubilee of Dr. H. L. Elderdice as President of the institution. We rejoice in the growth of the Seminary in the enrollment of students increase of the Endowment and Scholarship Funds, and new building. We recommend that the first Sunday in May be designated as Silver Jubilee Day for the Seminary, and that attention be called to this fact in all our pulpits, and, if possible, an offering be taken on that day to be used for the construction of a new home for the President.”

In harmony with that action, one month later the Board of Governors in annual session passed the following resolution:

"That an architect be employed to draw up plans for a New Home for the President to cost not more than \$12,000, and that H. L. Elderdice, T. P. Fisher and J. M. Gill be a committee to draw up a statement of the work of the Seminary and an appeal to the church for a free-will offering for the purpose of a Silver Jubilee House for the President, to correspond in design and appearance with the New Seminary Building."

In his Presidential Letter in The Methodist Protestant May 3, 1922, President Straughn called attention to the conference action, and added: "The time is not great for preparation, but it is not too late to keep faith with this recommendation. Personally, I trust that it may be the pleasure of all our churches to make a financial contribution at this time. The new home is needed, and this kind of appreciation of the institution and its President is quite fitting." On June 26, 1922, he gave to the President of the Seminary this recommendation: "Since many of our pastors may not have received notice in time to present this matter the first Sunday in May, or if that date was not suitable for some, I recommend the use of any date that may suit the pastors and congregations during the year."

In response to these several appeals the following have made cash subscriptions: J. L. Mills; North Baltimore, First Church, Cumberland; Laurel, Delta, Linthicum Heights, Lauraville, Calvary, Buckeystown, Leeds, Denton, Pittsville, First Church, Wilmington; Greenbackville, Rhode Island Avenue charges which, with interest, total \$399.50. June, 1920, Daniel Baker sent to the President of the Seminary his check for \$500, with the request that it go into a new home for the President of the Seminary. This has now to its credit \$60 interest, total \$560. This makes the grand total \$992.98.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

2. That in view of the lack of timely notice for the Silver Jubilee Offering last May, and the pressure of the Superannuated Fund Campaign during the year, both of which prevented many churches co-operating, that May 6 of this year be designated as the date for all churches which have not responded to the appeal to do so, or if not convenient then to make use of the earliest possible date, inviting the President of the Seminary to personally present the work.

J. L. MILLS, President of the Board of Governors;
J. W. KIRK,
J. M. GILL.

Baltimore Book Directory

Baltimore, Md., April 4, 1923.

To the Members of the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

With great pleasure again the Baltimore Directory submits to this conference its annual report. Under the providence of God we have had another successful year in business, which the clear and concise financial statement herewith attached will show.

The gross business in all departments reached the very creditable sum of \$140,863.00, which is \$17,240.00 in excess of last year, or an average of nearly \$1,500 per month in new business over the preceding year. All should rejoice in the steady growth in this department of the church. The future is more hopeful than ever, and we firmly believe that the Board of Publication, under continued efficient management, can be made the greatest revenue producing agency in the church.

The net income for the year, however, only about equals that of last year. This is largely due to a compulsory increase in overhead expenses, such as rent for 316 N. Charles street after it was sold and general operating expenses.

The Methodist Protestant steadily improves in quality and increases in prestige among our people. We love this oldest organ of the church and the "Mother of us all." We regret that while our subscription list is quite large, that the paper is not in every home of our people. If it were in all homes we believe the Methodist Protestant would become self-sustaining. We are strongly of the opinion, which constantly grows upon us, that all of the churches should put the church paper in their budgets and send it to every home of the church membership. The benefit of this plan cannot be fully estimated in dollars and cents. After careful study of this whole question, we offer this suggestion for the serious consideration of this conference. During the past month a general campaign was conducted in the interest of the church paper. It is impossible to make a report at this time of the results. The outlook is encouraging.

The Printing Plant, our newest venture (and which is no longer a venture), we are glad to report, has experienced a successful year. This is rather remarkable, considering the fact that this is only the second year the plant has been in operation. The net profits amount to \$1,174.96 in this department, which amount has been applied to the needs of The Methodist Protestant. We are not only getting a creditable share of the printing from our own churches, but this plant is being generously patronized by the general public. By the purchase of new machinery we are now prepared to take care of the church envelope printing, both duplex and single systems.

Both the Sunday School periodical and book departments show a healthy and steady increase in sales. We have recently purchased a stock of \$8,000 worth of graded literature and are now prepared to furnish this literature to all of our Sunday Schools.

In concluding this report we cannot fail to say that "Day by day in every way" our genial editor, Dr. F. T. Benson, our accommodating agent, Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., are growing better and better. We also express our appreciation of the co-operation and efficiency of our employees, who have made their contribution toward the success of the year. We hereby express our very sincere appreciation of the support given to the Book Concern by this conference, especially by her loyal ministers. With your hearty support we cannot fail; without it we cannot succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY, President.

The Methodist Protestant Book Concern.
316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

BALANCE SHEET, FEBRUARY 28, 1923.

Assets

Current:

Cash	\$	560.14
Baltimore Postoffice, deposit		27.00

Accounts Receivable:

Customers' Accounts.....	\$14,094.36
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts.....	281.89
	<u>\$13,812.47</u>

Suspense Accounts, Methodist Protestant	540.00
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant.....	31.15
	<u>14,383.62</u>

Inventories, Stock on Hand:

Merchandise	\$25,780.70
Sunday School Periodicals.....	2,331.49
Materials, Printing	1,154.56
Work in Process, Printing.....	145.90
Paper, Methodist Protestant.....	578.75
	<u>29,991.40</u>

Total Current Assets\$44,962.16

Fixed.

Printing Machinery and Equipment....	\$18,770.41
Less: Reserve for Depreciation.....	3,590.31
	<u>\$15,180.10</u>

Office and store furn. & fixt.....	\$ 1,610.95
Less: Reserve for Depreciation.....	568.74
	<u>1,042.21</u>

Printing Furn. and Fixtures.....	\$ 224.90
Less Reserve for Depreciation.....	42.47
	<u>182.43</u>

Total Fixed Assets..... 16,404.74

Deferred Charges:

Insurance Premiums paid in advance.	\$ 232.51	
Office Supplies	443.54	
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Total Deferred Charges.....		676.05
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Total Assets		\$62,042.95

Liabilities

Current:

Bills Payable	\$ 3,000.00
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Accounts Payable:

Creditors' Accounts	\$ 8,317.46	
Subscribers, Methodist Protest't, Cr..	\$ 3,490.16	
Subscribers, Methodist Protest't, Dr..	2,131.67	
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Subscribers, S. S. Periodicals.....	985.03	
Taxes Accrued	54.02	
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Donations for Methodist Protestant Subscribers.....		35.50
Picture Fund		8.77
General Conference		1,315.75
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Total Current Liabilities		\$15,075.02

Capital:

Capital, beginning of year.....	\$44,008.40	
Add:		
Contributions during year	321.31	
	<hr/>	\$44,329.71
Add.		
Net Profits for year ended Feb. 28, 1923, for Profit and Loss State- ment	\$ 3,297.77	
Less:		
20 per cent Net Profit to General Conference	659.55	
	<hr/>	2,638.22
Net worth		46,967.93
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Total Liabilities and Capital.....		\$62,042.95

Report J**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**

(See Journal, page 28)

Your Committee on Young People's Work is unable to make a satisfactory report because so little information has come to us. However, your committee reviewed the work of the Young People's Union during the past year and considered its needs for the coming year. Therefore, your committee makes the following recommendations:

First. The work of our Union Missionary, Rev. C. S. Heininger, of Kalgan, China, be approved and that we give him our hearty financial support through every Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society in the Conference.

Second. We recommend that the annual dues for the Union of Young People's Work be two cents per member from our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, with a minimum rate of \$2.00 from each Sunday School or Senior Christian Endeavor Society, and a minimum of \$1.00 from each Intermediate or Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Third. That we urge that each of these organizations send at least two delegates, and as many more as possible, to the Young People's Institute at Westminster July 30 to August 5.

Fourth. We heartily endorse the action of the conference in setting apart August 13 as "Deaconess Sunday," and that the Deaconess work be emphasized at the Institute.

Fifth. We urge the official body of each Sunday School not to grow weary in the effort to stress the great need of the grading of their respective schools, and that due attention be given to Teacher Training, organized classes, the Cradle Roll and Home Department.

Sixth. Realizing the vital importance of Decision Days in the Sunday School, we urge that careful plans be made for the observance of this day.

Seventh. Realizing that the future of our churches, to a very large extent at least, lies in the hands of our present young people, we urge that our ministers and the official boards of our churches show a more active interest in their Christian Endeavor Societies by their presence at meetings and by their co-operation.

Eighth. We recommend that more careful attention be given to the grading of our Christian Endeavor work, so that these young people may be given the training they ought to have. We further recommend the organizing, wherever possible, of Intermediate and Junior Societies and the enrollment of our former Endeavorers in Alumni Councils.

Ninth. We urge that each Christian Endeavor Society be represented at all Denominational Christian Endeavor gatherings and also at the Interdenominational Christian Endeavor meetings either in their respective districts or in their respective States.

Tenth. We suggest that our Christian Endeavor Societies make more use of the programs being promoted by their respective State Unions, and that the Societies of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia use the Monthly Service Programs being supplied them.

Eleventh. In order that they may become more efficient in their work, we suggest that our Endeavorers devote more time to study in classes, such as Bible Study Classes, Mission Study Classes, Stewardship Classes and classes in Expert Endeavor.

Twelfth. We recommend a greater emphasis during this year on Family Worship and the Family Altar, and also on "Personal stewardship of money, time, strength and ability."

We feel highly gratified that Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, our effective President, has been honored by being chosen General Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work of the Denomination. We pledge him our hearty co-operation in this larger field of service. We salute Rev. L. B. Smith, our new President, and promise him our fidelity and loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. KINDLEY, Chairman.

W. P. ROBERTS.

W. L. HOFFMAN.

MRS. F. T. H. HAY.

ALFRED SIMPSON.

E. J. HOLLAND.

Report J

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

(See Journal, page 28)

TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:

In submitting this report I face the embarrassment of having occupied this position for so short a time that I am unable to report either any unusual discoveries or marvellous achievements which may be traced to my official leadership. What God hath wrought through our young people's union thus far argues for the efficiency of my predecessors rather than myself. When the former President of this Union, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, resigned to accept the position of General Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, our disappointment at the former was only offset by our appreciation of his eminent fitness for the latter position. At a subsequent meeting of our Executive Committee I was elected to this position in spite of my earnest pleadings to be relieved of the extra responsibility, while in charge of the strenuous position I now hold in the pastorate. However, it is needless for me to say that it is one of the joys of my life to be closely associated with those co-laborers in the churches and the conference who consider the young men and women,

the boys and the girls, the greatest asset to any pastorate; and who focus the greater amount of their energies upon this kind of work. The enormous possibilities of winning, saving and training our young people is the greatest discovery any pastor ever made. How many have made this discovery we are not in a position to estimate, but we do venture the assertion that wherever our itinerant system may take them, "their works do follow them."

Let me call attention to the fact that our Conference Union is now supporting a most efficient Foreign Missionary in Kalgan, China, Rev. Dr. Charles S. Heininger. Dr. Heininger is doing a most excellent and far-reaching work in the foreign field. We are happy to know that our young people are interested to the extent of supporting financially a missionary in the foreign field, but we are hoping to add to this joy an early announcement that our Union will both send and support one or more of its own number to the foreign field.

Our Institute, or Summer School, at Western Maryland College last year had the largest enrollment in its history, and both the group and mass sessions were exceedingly interesting and helpful. This Summer School has become the one big event in the year for our young people and their leaders. Many of the representatives from the various churches are already qualifying through the courses of study during this week for definite work in the local churches, and are earning certificates of efficiency in the various classes. A number of them also offered themselves last summer for life work, and are awaiting a definite call. The simultaneous meeting of the Summer Conference of Ministers with that of our young people proved most acceptable and successful, and will be continued this year. The plan for separate group classes in the morning and for joint sessions with the ministers in the evening will also be continued. Experts have been engaged to head the departments of Bible Study, Christian Endeavor and some other lines of work, and prominent speakers have been secured for the inspirational sessions.

We feel confident that nowhere can we more profitably send a number of young people from every one of our churches for a short but thorough course of training than to Westminster next July 30 to August 5, inclusive. We earnestly hope that our pastors will diligently endeavor to interest their young people in this summer school, and whenever necessary enlist the support of their churches in raising the expenses of young men and women who otherwise cannot afford to go.

We renew our request for a contribution of two (.02) per capita, or a minimum of not less than \$2.00 from each Sunday School and C. E. Society in the conference, and of at least \$1.00 from each Junior and Intermediate Society, in order that the expenses of this important organization may be met without embarrassment. Pastors can very materially assist the work by giving some personal attention to this matter in the business sessions of their local bodies, and having these contributions sent promptly to our Treasurer, Rev. W. P. Roberts, 3229 Harford Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

L. B. SMITH.

Report K

MORAL REFORM AND SOCIAL SERVICE

(See Journal, page 32)

Your Committee on Moral Reform and Social Service respectfully submits the following report:

The battle for righteousness is as fierce as ever, and it is the duty of the Christian Church to show her loyalty to her Master and His commands, to panoply herself with the whole armor of God, to firmly stand for the right, "and having done all, to stand."

We rejoice that our church has always stood, and we believe will always stand in the very front ranks of the forces of righteousness in the great conflicts for moral reform. One day the victory will be the Lord's and His Church's, and we want to be so thoroughly identified with Him in the battle that we shall have the right to join the great song of triumph that shall fill the earth when it shall be announced that "Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ."

We again lift our voices against the race track evil, and regret that more and more it seems to be injecting its insinuating and unholy influence into the social and political life of our State. Other States have long since driven out this evil from their midst, but Maryland continues to foster it, and has become a rendezvous for the gambling and vicious element of the States that have discarded it. This form of so-called sport has always been a breeder of vice and lawlessness, and we deeply regret that it has fastened its poisonous fangs in the financial system of our State.

We believe that every dollar thus turned into the treasury of our State brings a corresponding loss to the citizenship of our State in character, manhood and self-respect, and a State that has to depend upon the dishonest gains of race track gambling ought to hang its head in shame.

In fact, we believe greater financial prosperity would come to our State by abolishing the unholy thing, and thereby honoring God, than by sharing its dishonest dividends.

We not only lift our voice against this evil, but we express our hope that the next session of the Maryland Legislature will be composed of enough good men to pass laws to suppress it, or, better still, to annihilate it altogether within the borders of our State.

We also regret the tendency to make the Lord's Day a mere holiday rather than a holy day. The Christian Church must stand for the observance of the Christian Sabbath, and the Christian ministry must continue to lift its voice in its defense. There seems to be a concerted effort throughout our land to destroy the sanctity of this day. We are glad that there are those who are giving their time and talents and means to the task of opposing this effort and helping us to retain the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship.

1. We recommend the Lord's Day Alliance to all our people, and most heartily endorse its educational program, and recommend that all

our Sunday Schools take a membership in same, thereby qualifying the members of our Sunday Schools for the Essay Contest.

2. We urge all our Sunday Schools to use the world-wide Lord's Day Survey program prepared by the Lord's Day Educational Committee.

3. We request the President of our conference to bring the importance of Lord's Day Observance to the attention of our Quarterly Conferences, and urge the hearty co-operation of all our church officials with the Lord's Day Alliance.

4. We further request this conference to elect one of its members to membership in the Executive Committee of the Lord's Day Alliance, as per request of said body.

5. We reaffirm our pledges of co-operation with the Lord's Day Alliance in the Moral Reform report as officially adopted by our conference at its session of 1922.

We note with regret the persistent efforts of the wet element to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment of our Constitution, and particularly the wet press of Baltimore and the wet officials of our State. This is unpatriotic and anarchistic and deserves the condemnation of all law-abiding citizens. For the banner of the Stars and Stripes every true American citizen has the greatest respect. This banner stands for the American Constitution.

He is a contemptible traitor to his country who tears down this banner and tramples it under his feet. No less a traitor is he who seeks to destroy that for which the banner stands, and let it be understood that this applies not only to the bootlegger who defies the law, but as well to the publisher of a daily newspaper whose paper lends its influence to the nullification of a law that has been written into our national Constitution by an overwhelming majority of the members of our Congress, and to the State official who in any way uses the influence of his position to weaken the enforcement of this law.

To save us from continued humiliation as a State, may the good Lord raise up a Pinchot in Maryland. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;" when the wicked are in authority the bootleggers rejoice.

We wish to reassert our confidence in the leaders of the Anti-Saloon League in our State and Nation. To weaken the cause of temperance and law enforcement, the wet element is making an effort to reflect upon the integrity of these leaders and their methods. So we gladly express our confidence in the Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League and his associates and their methods of conducting the work and assure them our continued co-operation. In connection with this subject we offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, The people of the United States have determined by constitutional and statutory enactment to prohibit the liquor traffic. And

Whereas, There is a determined effort on the part of an organized minority to nullify the law, and

Whereas, A challenge is presented to the Church, in some instances grown complacent regarding the serious situation presented, by this lawless element. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we again enter our approval of the prohibition amendment and the law enacted for its enforcement; that we deplore the fact that Maryland as a State has refused to pass a law to put the authorities of the State in a position to do her part toward stopping the lawless liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we further appeal to our constituency throughout the conference to use all honorable means to place on guard, in an official capacity, only persons whose high character and standing are guarantees of safety. Be it further

Resolved, That we pledge our best endeavor to oppose any effort to in any way weaken the prohibition laws and support any amendments that experience may make necessary for the proper enforcement of the law.

We endorse the Anti-Saloon League as an effective force and agent of the Church, and pledge it our prayers and hearty support in the coming fight to secure for Maryland a law that will assist the Federal authorities in dealing with the bootleggers.

And be it further Resolved, That we congratulate our friend and brother, Mr. J. Bibb Mills, for the splendid work he is doing as Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Alabama.

We have read of the controversy in the State of New York. While we may not know all the issues in the discussion, we do know William H. Anderson, and we are sure his efforts have been in the interest of real moral reform, and we are confident that the Church will do well to follow his leadership in this day of forward movements in temperance legislation.

We recommend that this conference send a memorial to the President of the United States requesting that no official recognition of the Soviet Russian Government be made by the Government of the United States until such time as civil and religious stability has been far enough secured to guarantee civil and religious liberty to natives and foreigners alike, as we do not feel that it would be respectful to ourselves or beneficial to Russia for us to clasp hands with the Soviet Russian Government whose heart is still murderous and whose fingers are dripping with blood.

W. B. JUDEFIND, Chairman.
CARROLL MADDOX, Secretary.
J. T. NORRIS.
C. M. ADAMS.
N. J. WIMBROW.
R. P. SMITH.

Report I

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

(See Journal, page 25)

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies has examined the one paper referred to them, viz: the report of the Deaconess Board, which is herewith presented. We commend the Board for its efficient management.

We note with regret the reported illness of two of our Deaconesses during the year, but rejoice that both of them are now sufficiently improved in health to permit them, at least partially, to attend to their respective duties.

We note an important change in the plans of the Board concerning the training of our Deaconesses in nursing, viz: "First Aid" nursing under the direction of the Young Women's Christian Association of Baltimore, and we express the earnest hope that this change may result not only in the increased efficiency of our Deaconesses, but will also serve to correct some of the difficulties previously encountered.

We concur in the request of the Board in their report that the conference designate August 13, the Sunday following the Young People's Institute, "Deaconess Day," for the presentation of the call of our young women to this important Christian activity, and we suggest that the matter should be brought personally to the attention of young women who, our pastors may feel, are capable of becoming Deaconesses.

We concur in the request of the Board for a continuation of the present assessment of \$2,500 on the District during the coming year.

While we have had no paper referred to us relative to the aid afforded through appropriations of the St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society to various enterprises of our conference, yet we desire to renew an expression of appreciation of the valued co-operation of these two benevolent agencies.

We again call attention to the excellent work of the Maryland Tract Society and the Maryland Bible Society, and commend them to the sympathetic co-operation of all our churches.

JOHN A. WRIGHT, Chairman.
LEONARD B. SMITH, Secretary.
J. L. WARD.
C. H. GRUMBINE.
E. G. COVER.
J. ED. NICHOLS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESS WORK

In summing up the successes of the Deaconess Work for the past year, we find many things for which to be thankful. Not that there has been no discouraging features, for there have been several. Yet the outcome of it all helps us to walk with more scrupulous care.

We found during the early part of the past conference year that the health of Miss Lilian N. DeMoss would not permit of her acting as Head Deaconess and at the same time doing full-time service as a Parish Deaconess. Warning had been given her by her physician and by members of the Deaconess Board, and especially by the Committee on Deaconess Services, but she loves her work and was not satisfied unless she, with the rest, was assigned to some definite work among the churches. After being fully convinced that she must not attempt to do the work of two people, she now takes care of the Deaconess Home, and then does what

other work she can perform without harm to her health. Miss DeMoss is a useful woman, and her work for "Christ and the Church" will tell for much if she will continue to conserve her strength.

Miss Mary E. Ford, who also has been exceedingly diligent in her noble work, also found that her health was failing. She was ordered by the Board, after a conference with her physician, to cease her work for several months. This she did reluctantly and tried not to fret. By painstaking rest she has so far recovered that she has begun her parish work again and is now doing part-time service. We are assured by her physician that she will fully recover.

It is necessary to report that Miss Juanita K. Young resigned in December, 1922, to get married. She married the Rev. T. J. Turkington, a member of this conference, on Friday, February 2, 1923. She entered the Deaconess Home on September 1, 1921, and resigned from the work on December 2, 1922.

Miss Georgia Mason, whose name has been mentioned in our reports for the past three years as pursuing a course in nursing at the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and who continued all during the time to insist that she would reapply to the Deaconess Board to enter the work of a Deaconess just as soon as she graduated, did not make such an application. But, when the President of the Deaconess Board interviewed her concerning the matter, she admitted she had changed her mind.

At this point, we feel that we should state that the Board has arranged to have our girls take training in "First Aid" nursing under the direction of the Young Women's Christian Association of Baltimore. We did not arrive at this conclusion merely because Miss Mason failed to renew her application to the Deaconess Board, but because of past experiences, and because we believe that the "First Aid" work as now planned will better qualify the girls for their work of nursing than simply six months training in the Maryland General Hospital.

Miss Myrtle Baus, who entered the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia to complete a three-year course in nursing, which fact was mentioned in our report last year, has been very ill during the year, undergoing a severe operation. At the present time she is back at her duties in the hospital, but is not entirely recovered. We are hoping that she may fully recover and return to the Deaconess work, according to her promise, when the Board granted her a furlough for one year. The Board has renewed her furlough for one more year.

Three young women have been received into the Deaconess Work during the Conference year, as follows: Miss Bessie Lillian Johnson, Miss Elizabeth S. Wells and Miss Ethel Grace Beach. These three, with Miss Lillian N. DeMoss, Miss Mary E. Ford and Miss Maybelle E. Waples constitute the six Deaconesses now in the Home.

Miss Maybelle E. Waples, having successfully completed a probation of two years of continuous service under the direction of the Deaconess Board, will be "set apart" to the noble office of a Deaconess at this conference. She has been a faithful student also at the Deaconess Training School and will graduate in May.

Mr. H. K. Muller has continued to give special attention to the needs of the Home and has kept it in perfect repair. The five ladies of the

Board, who constitute the "House Committee," have looked after the needs of the Deaconesses. These six persons deserve much praise for their constant and efficient labor of love.

Dr. E. B. Fenby has been elected House Physician" and Dr. H. T. Martin has been elected House Dentist.

We will pay \$500 again on the mortgage this year, according to Annual Conference requirements, thus reducing the mortgage to \$500. This property, which is in fee, is worth at least \$9,000.

The Board respectfully requests the Annual Conference to set aside a Sunday during the conference year, to be known as "Deaconess Day," when the pastors and church leaders will present to the various services during the day the need of young women to enter the Deaconess Work. Sermons might be preached on such timely subjects as "A Call of the Methodist Protestant Church to Her Young Women," and "An Opportunity for Young Women in the Methodist Protestant Church."

We also respectfully request that the Annual Conference will continue the present appropriation of \$2,500 for the ensuing conference year. And we also ask that the churches and friends of Deaconess Work will continue their helpful contributions of money for the use of the Board and splendid donations of provisions for the inmates of the Home.

The Board wishes to express its hearty thanks to Rev. W. P. Roberts, Rev. Louis Randall, Rev. W. F. Wright, Rev. A. S. Beane, Rev. W. A. Melvin, Rev. R. W. White and Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, members of the Faculty of the Deaconess Training School, for their faithful and efficient services, given freely, in teaching the young ladies in the Training School.

The terms of G. W. Haddaway, E. D. Stone, James H. Roberts, Allen S. Ellis and Mrs. E. B. Fenby expire at this session of the Annual Conference, and their successors must be elected by the conference.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, President.

A. S. BEANE, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Home of the Methodist Protestant Church from April 1, 1922, to March 31, 1923, inclusive:

Receipts

Balance in Bank April 1, 1922.....	\$	65.59
Received from conference	\$2,434.72	
Deaconess Services	309.50	
Donations	10.00	
Baker Watts Co.....	1,200.00	
Interest on Deposits	8.64	
Board of Beneficence of St. John's I. M. P. Ch.....	100.00	
F. M. Roberts (Loan).....	500.00	
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		\$4,628.45

Disbursements

Paid for Salaries	\$	855.00
Provisions	710.00	
Clothing	292.37	

Coal	194.50
Repairs	162.23
Care of Furnace, etc.....	101.25
F. M. Roberts, account Mortgage.....	500.00
Baker Watts Co. (notes).....	1,100.00
F. M. Roberts (interest on mortgage).....	75.00
Baker Watts Co. (interest).....	24.84
Mrs. Roberts (interest)	10.00
Miss DeMoss (Westminster trip).....	60.00
Con. Gas & E. L. Co.....	92.97
Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co.....	29.06
Miscellaneous	212.06
	4,419.28

Balance March 31, 1923.....\$ 209.17

Liabilities

Balance Due James Roberts, on Mortgage.....	\$1,000.00
Baker Watts Co.....	600.00
Mrs. Florence Roberts.....	500.00
	\$2,100.00

HARRY K. MULLER, Treasurer.

Report M

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

(See Journal, page 35)

The personal report of each minister has been examined. Sixteen pastors give a negative report to the question, "Is your Board of Trustees incorporated?" Some of these are of churches in Virginia. Twenty-four charges failed to supply Disciplines to newly admitted members. Twenty-nine charges failed to appoint a lady visitor to our Church Home. The Board of Education has again submitted a list of the names of the men who have not met their obligations to the Board. We urge those who are in arrears to meet their deficits as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend the loan of Rev. T. R. Woodford to the Women's Board of Home Missions.
2. We recommend that Rev. K. K. Haddaway be loaned to Western Maryland College.
3. We regret to report that no communication has been received from Rev. J. R. Wright as to his relationship to this conference. We recommend, however, that he be continued in his present relations as Chaplain in the U. S. Army, and the Secretary write that it is necessary that he annually report to the conference.

4. We recommend that the request of Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Haddonfield, N. J., for the loan of John A. Trader be granted, provided it can be satisfactorily arranged between the Presidents of the Eastern and Maryland Conferences.

5. We recommend that the request of M. L. Smith to be transferred to the Illinois Conference be granted.

6. We recommend that the request of J. P. Adams for a transfer to the Pittsburgh Conference be granted.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

Supplemental Report of the Committee on Official Relations

The conference hereby expresses its hearty appreciation for the many courtesies shown by the Pastor, Trustees and members of St. John's Church during this, our Ninety-fifth Annual Session.

To the Postmaster of Baltimore for the convenient facilities provided for handling the mail of the conference, and for the courteous services of Mrs. Chappelle, assigned to the sub-station established in the church. And to the committee of this church which has been so attentive to the wants and conveniences of the members of the conference and visitors.

To the Press of Baltimore for the notices of the conference work.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

P. W. CROSBY, Secretary.

We report that 32 charges are on the Honor Roll, having paid 100 or more percent of the assessments, and as your committee is required by conference regulations to give the per cent of the totals raised, we report as follows:

The following charges have paid 100 per cent or more. Alnutt, Brooklyn, East Baltimore, Edmondson Avenue, Eutaw, North Baltimore, South Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, Violetville, West Baltimore, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Centreville, Delta, Denton, First Church, Newark; Hawley Memorial, Lewes, Parksley, Jones Memorial, Pocomoke City, Potomac, St. James, Cherrydale, Washington.; Congress Street, Washington; Mt. Tabor, Washington; North Carolina Avenue, Washington; Rhode Island Avenue, Washington; Westminster, Peninsula, Wilmington; First Church, WWilmington.

Oxford, 89 per cent; Greenbush and Tasley, 83 per cent**; New Church, 83 per cent; Wesley Chapel, 81 per cent; First Church, Cumberland, 78 per cent; Baltimore Circuit, 75 per cent*; Christ Church, 72 per cent; Union, 72 per cent; Stewartstown, 70 per cent; Caroline, 70 per cent; Pipe Creek, 69 per cent; Alexandria, 68 per cent; Union Bridge, 68 per cent; Linthicum Heights, 66 per cent; Milford, 63 per cent; Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia, 61 per cent; Finksburg, 59 per cent; First Church, Washington, 59 per cent; Crisfield, 58 per cent; Kent Island, 58 per cent; Leeds, 57 per cent; Evergreen, 56 per cent; Hampden, 56 per cent; Milton, 56 per cent; Trinity, 55 per cent; Chestertown, 53 per cent; Indian R. ver, 53 per cent; Nichols Memorial, 53 per cent; Pittsville, 53 per cent; Howard.

52 per cent; Lynchburg, 52 per cent; Wallace Memorial, 52 per cent; Lawsonia, 51 per cent; Dover, 51 per cent; Liberty, 51 per cent; Lisbon, 51 per cent; Salisbury, 51 per cent; Seaford, 50 per cent; Clayton, 50 per cent; Elizabeth, 50 per cent; Lowe Memorial, 49 per cent; Harmony, 48 per cent; Cambridge, 47 per cent; Easton, 47 per cent; Glenburnie, 47 per cent; Kennedyville, 47 per cent; Lauraville, 46 per cent; Fawn Grove, 46 per cent; Payson Street, 44 per cent; Federalsburg, 43 per cent; Emmanuel, Philadelphia, 43 per cent; Texas, 43 per cent; Deer Park, 42 per cent; Laurel, Delaware, 42 per cent; Tyreanna, 42 per cent; Wye, 42 per cent; Keen Memorial, 41 per cent; Wilton Heights, 41 per cent; Conquest, 41 per cent; Harrington, 41 per cent; Leipsic, 40 per cent; Frederick, 40 per cent; Rowlandville, 40 per cent; Grace, 39 per cent; Belair, 39 per cent; Cecil, 39 per cent; Dorchester, 39 per cent; Calvary, 38 per cent; Delmar, 38 per cent; Chesaco Park, 37 per cent; Franklin City, 37 per cent; Marley, 37 per cent; Sharptown, 36 per cent; Harper's Ferry, 35 per cent; Powellville, 35 per cent; Queen Anne, 35 per cent; Trinity, Baltimore, 34 per cent; Georgetown, Delaware, 34 per cent; Whaleyville, 34 per cent; Melvin Chapel, 33 per cent; Susquehanna, 33 per cent; Salem, 31 per cent; Grove, 30 per cent; St. Luke's, Philadelphia, 30 per cent; Fairfax, 29 per cent; New Market, 28 per cent; Snow Hill, 28 per cent; St. Michaels, 28 per cent; Hurlock, 27 per cent; Reliance, 27 per cent; West Wilmington, 27 per cent; Amelia, 26 per cent; Deer Creek, 26 per cent; Mardela, 26 per cent; Concord, 25 per cent; Laurel Circuit, 25 per cent; Greenwood, 24 per cent; Kemptown, 24 per cent; Cannon, 23 per cent; Chincoteague, 23 per cent; Harbeson, 23 per cent; Maple-side, and Fairview, 22 per cent; Patapsco, 22 per cent; Bivalve, 21 per cent; Northumberland, 20 per cent; St. Paul's, 19 per cent; Warwick, 18 per cent; Accomac, 15 per cent; Felton, 15 per cent; Lewistown, 15 per cent; Selbyville, 14 per cent; Pocomoke Circuit, 12 per cent; Waverly, 11 per cent; Mariners, 10 per cent; Bedford, 9 per cent; Middleway, 9 per cent; Oak Grove, 9 per cent; Mt. Nebo, 8 per cent; Prince George, 4 per cent; Crumpton, 0 per cent; Greensboro, 0 per cent; Tioga Heights, 0 per cent; Quantico, 0 per cent.

*Towson Church, of this charge, paid 110 per cent.

**Greenbush Church, on this charge, paid 100 per cent.

Report N

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

(See Journal, page 31)

The Committee on Missions has received and read with pleasure the reports from the various missionary boards and societies, and are pleased to note the constantly growing condition of our work in these departments.

The Board of Foreign Missions has before it at this time the greatest opportunity during its history. The passing away of prejudice against missionary activity in the foreign field and the readiness to accept West-

ern ideals opens the door and presents its challenge that should stir the entire church. We are pleased to note that we have under the direction of this Board in Japan, China and India 12 missionaries, 22 native ministers, 35 preachers and evangelists, besides 16 Bible women and Christian workers in India; total, 85. In the Board's educational institutions in the three countries there are 64 teachers. The missionaries, pastors and teachers make a total of 149, and other workers and helpers bring the number up to over 160. In Japan there are three theological students, 5 in China, and 9 in India under special instruction. The Tokio Blind School last reported 63; Yokohama Night School, 233; Nagoya College, 945; 211 students declared their purpose to become Christians last fall. Kagan, China, Boys' School had 88 enrolled. The Girls' School in India had 80 enrolled, and the Boys' School 65.

As in the Foreign Field, so in the Home Field, do their communications set before us the fact that their opportunities were never greater. It is a pleasure to record the efficient work this Board is doing throughout the borders of our entire church, especially in the South and Southwest. We feel particularly grateful for its assistance in the church enterprises of our conference, especially in Peninsula Church, Wilmington, and Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.

We most heartily commend the plans of this Board for the enlargement of their work, and urge all our churches to observe Easter Sunday with an appropriate Home Missionary Program and a liberal offering, endeavoring to raise the entire apportionment of the budget for this cause.

We urge the observance of Children's Day in all our churches, and that a special effort be made to increase the funds for this work through the Children's Day offering.

Recognizing the fundamental needs of education in our missionary activities, we recommend wherever practicable the organization of Mission Study Classes and Schools on Missions, and the observance of regular monthly missionary days in our Sunday Schools.

The reports from the Maryland Branch of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies are most encouraging. Their work is constantly growing, as the report shows, both financially and statistical. We commend in general the work of the societies, and in particular such steps as taken in the organization of Schools of Missions, as held this past year at St. John's, Starr and Eutaw, and we urge our pastors to co-operate with them in their endeavor to more thoroughly organize the women of our conference in the interest of their work.

We concur in the request of the Women's Home Missionary Society in the continuation of the second Sunday in February as Girls' Home Day.

FRED G. HOLLOWAY, Secretary.
E. A. SEXSMITH, Chairman.
F. W. WHITAKER.
S. F. CASSEN.
J. WEST THOMPSON.
SETH GRIFFITH.

Maryland Branch Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Maryland Branch Home Missionary Society sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, in session this year at St. John's Church, and begs to submit the following report.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness and these things will be added unto you."

This text expresses perhaps in the fewest words not only our aim and object, but also our accomplishment for the past year. Never any more than in the year just passed have we been more prayerful for the success of our work, and never before have we had more to be thankful for in every phase of our Home Missionary work.

Three new auxiliaries have been organized this year—Federalsburg, Kennedyville and South Baltimore Church—and one Young People's Mission Club at Starr Church. We feel if we had the full co-operation of all the ministers this number would be more than doubled.

The Maryland Branch this year raised \$4,176.74; disbursements, \$3,785.55, leaving a balance of \$391.19 on hand. Our apportionment was \$3,000, and all money raised over this amount will be put to the Girls' Home fund.

The Girls' Home in Baltimore, we feel, is almost a reality. Mrs. Gilligan, Treasurer, reports \$1,585.11 on hand toward this fund, with donations constantly coming in. There are waiting lists in all such homes here in Baltimore, and we feel the necessity of launching our Home as soon as possible. This seems to be a very ambitious program, but wherever we go in the Home Field we hear the cry for help on all sides. Others have heard the cry and heeded it, and it is not for us to pass these things by.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. J. HEATH.

Maryland Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. G. I. Humphreys, Secretary Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brother.—It is with pleasure that the Maryland Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, in session at St. John's Church, Baltimore, Md., and submits its annual report to March 7, 1923.

Our ranks were depleted this year. God saw fit to take our beloved Treasurer, Mrs. Ella B. Marley, who for twenty-three years labored faithfully with us. We could not see why, but He knoweth best; we must not question. He raised up another one worthy to take her place, Miss Florence A. Hammond.

Mrs. L. F. Warner has entirely recovered from her illness of last year, and is again in her place as the President of the Maryland Branch. Our work has been progressing right along this year.

With the aim before us, "Go Forward," we are depending on the Pastors to open the way for us to organize auxiliaries on every charge that has none. We are ready—let us know when you are.

We have 50 auxiliaries, 48 of which are active, with an enrollment of 2,184, an increase of 217 members. Eight auxiliaries were organized this year—Dover, Federalsburg, Tioga Heights, Payson Street, Towson, Kennedyville, Trinity (Falls Road) and Hawley Memorial.

At present we have five scholarships and six native workers in Japan, one scholarship in Union College in Tokyo, eight scholarships and one native worker in China, five scholarships and one native worker in India. Receipts for the year are \$6,343.44.

MRS. H. M. LEAS, Corresponding Secretary.

Report O

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OUR CHURCH HOME

(See Journal, page 28)

Your committee has carefully considered the contents of the several papers referred to it and submit the following report:

We take pleasure in nothing that there seems to be an increasing number of churches and individuals sending and bringing donations to the Home, and that the donations are fine and substantial; also that friends of the Home who are not members of the Methodist Protestant Church are among those who have sent gifts. This means that this splendid church charity is being appreciated beyond the borders of the church, and this should challenge Methodist Protestants who have not taken any part to some activity in the future. We hope that the churches of the conference will take note of this and make a hearty response to the needs of the Home.

We recommend that every Pastor of the conference call special attention to the Home at some time or times during the year from the pulpit, and that he make it a point to appoint the "right woman" for a lady visitor from his appointment, and then see that she gets in touch with the Home as soon as possible.

We earnestly hope that the attention of the Summer Conference and the Summer School of the Union of Young People's Work will be very definitely called to the Home, and that they be urged to visit the Home and see the situation.

We recommend to the Board of Managers that the admission fee be \$400.00.

We also recommend to the Board of Managers that they seriously consider the matter of admission fees being graduated according to the ages of the applicants.

We recommend that the present assessment of \$6,000 be continued for the year.

Respectfully your Committee.

J. L. NICHOLS.
A. W. EWELL.
W. H. RICHARDSON.
THEO. A. RICHARDS.
H. B. JESTER.

Treasurer's Report

I herewith submit my annual statement of receipts and disbursements of Our Church Home of the M. P. Church at Washminster, Md., for the year ending March 15, 1923, as follows:

Receipts

Amount received from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$5,890.92
Amount received from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer, Special	105.50
Amount received from Lady Board of Managers (collected).....	533.39
Cash donations from different churches in district.....	380.46
Cash donations from different individuals in district.....	12.00
Amount borrowed from investment account to make good.....	373.47
Balance on hand as reported to last conference.....	50.03
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Total receipts for the year.....	\$7,345.77

Disbursements

Amount expended for supplies for table.....	\$2,508.31
Amount expended for labor of all kinds.....	1,816.51
Amount expended for general running expenses.....	1,794.48
Amount expended for additions or betterments.....	771.24
Refund to H. C. Staley, Treasurer, as ordered by Board at last meeting	144.96
Cost of New Charter, secured by Thomas A. Murray.....	10.25
Cost of three funerals	287.52
Premium on Treasurer's fidelity bond.....	12.50
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Total disbursements for year.....	\$7,345.77

I also beg to advise that all the bequests that have been left to this Home by the last will and testament of different deceased persons have all been invested in first-class securities, and these securities have been appraised by the following auditing committee, and show an appraised value of \$15,580.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to examine the books, accounts and securities of James Pearre Wantz, Treasurer of the Home for the Aged of the Methodist Protestant Church, at Westminster, Maryland, beg to report that they have performed that duty and have found everything correct and supported by proper vouchers.

T. W. MATHER,
GEORGE MATHER.
O. S. HERR.

Report of Board of Managers

The Board of Managers of Our Church Home of the Methodist Protestant Church makes the following report.

We have had two meetings during the year in the Home in Westminster, Maryland, and have transacted the business committed to us. Reports from the Treasurer of the Board of Managers and from the Board of Lady Visitors are also submitted to this conference, and give details which will familiarize the conference with the affairs of the Home.

We report that, according to our new charater approved by our conference at its session in Chestertown last year, the term of office of the following members of the Board of Managers expires with this session of the conference, namely:

James H. Straughn, Edwin B. Fenby, George K. Mather and Ober S. Herr.

Their successors are to be elected by this conference.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY,
Secretary Board of Managers.

Report of the Board of Lady Visitors of Our Church Home

The Board takes pleasure in reporting that conditions in the Home are very satisfactory at the present time.

There are twenty-two in our family—eighteen inmates, matron, nurse, cook and assistant. Considering the advanced age of the majority of them, their general health is very good with two exceptions: Mrs. Mary Duhurst is failing very fast and Mrs. Thomas Simpson is in the hospital for treatment.

We regret to report the following deaths:

Mrs. Alice Hall, died May 22, aged 77 years; Mrs. Sarah Phile, July 8, aged 82 years; Mrs. Annie Penn, October 19, aged 76 years; Miss Martha J. Read, December 19, aged 77 years. It is a great satisfaction to us that we have a resident nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth Stahl, who cares for them in illness and their last hours. In nearly every case they are helpless invalids for some months before they are released from their suffering, and the nurse is seldom without one or more patients to look after.

Three applicants were admitted during the year: Mr. William M. Wright, of Peninsula Church, Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rosen, of North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington.

We feel that interest in the Home is increasing throughout the conference, and it will continue to increase if each pastor will give especial attention to the selection of the right woman for the Lady Visitor from his church, and urge her to visit the Home whenever it is possible for her to do so.

The Annual Donation and Visitors Day will be held during the Summer Conference, the first week in August, due notice of which will be sent each Pastor and Lady Visitor. We hope for a large attendance.

Last year thirty-one churches and seventy-five individuals sent donations; this year sixty-nine churches, one hundred and five individuals and

four outside organizations. Many friends of the Home who are not members of the Methodist Church sent gifts.

The donations were fine and substantial. They helped us provide nourishing food for our large family and made possible a real Thanksgiving and the Christmas treat. Right here I want to tell a little story for the benefit of those who do not believe in Stanta Claus: A few weeks before Christmas we published in The Methodist Protestant an appeal for funds for the treat. The Christmas spirit had so taken hold of people's hearts that they sent us a great deal more than enough for the treat, and when the Treasurer of the Men's Board had no money to pay bills, we were happy to be able to come to his rescue with a check for \$400.00.

The list of donations includes provisions of every kind—groceries, flour, canned goods, fresh and jarred fruits, jelly, vegetables, butchering, cured meats, oysters, poultry, eggs, butter, cake, candy, clothing, linens, scrim for curtains, china, furniture, floor coverings, electric pad and grill, gas range and money.

The following churches and organizations sent donations:

Atlantic, Hampden, Milton, Salem, North Carolina Avenue, Providence, Deer Park, Christ Church, Baltimore; First Church, Wilmington; Broadway, West Baltimore, Mt. Zion, Woodensburg, Violetville, four churches of New Market Charge, Parksley, St. John's, Central, Harrington, Evergreen, Stewartstown, Norrisville, Leipsic, Alnutt Memorial, Eutaw, Starr, North Baltimore, Centreville, Kennedyville, Harmony, Dover, Wattsville, Wye, St. James, Worton, Mt. Olivet of Potomac, Denton, Lowe Memorial, Uniontown, Bivalve, Cannon, Delta, Fawn Grove, First Church, Cumberland; St. Luke's, Taylor Memorial, Linthicum Heights, East Baltimore, First Church, Newark; Texas, Belair, Howard, Union Chapel and Ridgeville, Lisbon Circuit; Chestertown, Salisbury, Grace Church, Baltimore; Mt. Tabor, Vienna, Cambridge, Pocomoke, Wesley Chapel, Bayview and Shelemiah of Cecil, Laurel, Keen Memorial, Brookville, the Lend-a-Hand Club of Mechanicsville, the Little Sunday School on the Severn, the Y. M. C. A. and Sunday School of Western Maryland College.

We have been most careful to send a note of thanks for each donation received, but we wish to again express our appreciation to all who so generously remembered the needs of the Home during the year.

The Board of Lady Visitors:

MRS. CHARLES BILLINGSLEA, President.

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, Vice-President.

MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH, Recording Secretary.

MRS. WILLIAM R. McDANIEL, Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER.

MISS EVA HERR.

MRS. J. PEARRE WANNTZ.

Report P**The Committee on Audit.**

(See Journal, pages 23, 32)

May 19, 1922.

The Committee on Audit met on the above date at the Book Rooms and examined thoroughly the accounts of the Treasurer. We found them to be correct in every detail, with a balance on hand in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Maryland, of \$6,057.74, with outstanding checks to the amount of \$3,151.53.

(Signed) N. C. CLOUGH.
J. OLIVER JOHNSON.
PAUL F. WARNER.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the accounts of the Secretary of the Conference and annual report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage, and annual report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, and the report of the Treasurer of the Peninsula Church Extension Society and find them correct.

GEORGE H. STOCKSDALE.
E. C. GRAHAM.

Report Q**THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

(See Journal, page 22)

Brethren:

The Program Committee met at the Book Concern Rooms in February. Their conclusions are found in the Printed Program before you ready for distribution.

We recommend said Program for adoption.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Secretary.

Report R**THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDDOWMENT SOCIETY**

(See Journal, page 24)

The Society respectfully submits the following report for the conference year ending April 1, 1923:

There has been no change in the personnel or in the business management during the year.

The income from the Henrietta Gibson Fund, together with the sum of \$500 placed at our disposal by the Trustees of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, have been used through the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary in the education of young men for our ministry in strict accord with the requirements imposed by the said trust.

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

Report S
SUMMER CONFERENCE, 1922

(See Journal, page 28)

The Summer Conference for Ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church having, as we confidently believe, passed successfully through the experimental stages of its history, and which is filling such an important place in the lives of the men who have been privileged to avail themselves of the opportunities it presents, had a most successful session July 31 to August 6, 1922. The attendance was most gratifying, there being eighty-eight ministers, forty-one ministers' wives, and nine visitors who enjoy the "feast of fat things" prepared and presented by the men of our own conference, as well as by the speakers from abroad, a grand total of one hundred and thirty-eight.

The enthusiasm, which began with the opening of the conference and abounded to the very close of the session, was manifested by the keen interest shown by all the men in the splendid papers presented by the men chosen to treat the vital topics under consideration, and the speakers who came to us from abroad with their stirring messages, and though some of our brethren had fears of "physical paralysis, mental indigestion and spiritual appendicitus," to quote Dr. Elderdice, we would say that this was, in every respect, "A great conference." We are now addressing ourselves to the completion of the program for 1923, which we hope to make, if such a thing is possible, a GREATER one than that of 1922. Some changes thought to be advantageous are being worked out for our next gathering on College Hill. First, we are planning for greater freedom of expression by having one less period each day, allowing for a ten-minute season of prayer for God's guidance and blessing on the topic to be considered, with fifteen minutes for an open parliament on the same at the close. Then we are introducing an innovation this year in having a visitor, experienced in such things, to conduct the early morning devotions and the twilight services, and the Rev. Charles B. Alspach, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., has been secured for these services.

We shall pursue the same course this year as last in presenting a consecutive line of thought during the entire conference. Dr. Alspach will take up the "Prayer-Life" at the Ministers early morning devotional period. Our Bible Teacher this year will be the Rev. Robert Wells Veach, D. D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, N. J., highly recommended by Dr. Curry, who so ably led our thought in the study of the first eight Chapters of Romans last summer. Dr. Veach will take as his study for the coming summer "Christian Ethics and the Corinthian Epistle," treating his subject as follows: "The Basis of Christian Ethics, Chapters 1 and 2"; "The Inclusiveness of Christian Ethics, Chapters 3 and 4"; "Problems in Daily Conduct, Chapters 5 to 12"; "The Controlling Motive in Human Relations, Chapters 12 to 14"; "The Influences of the Resurrection on Conduct, Chapters 15 to 16." Following the Bible Study period there will be two instead of three periods. The first on "Pivotal Moments in the Life of Christ," as follows. One

each day, "The Incarnation," "The Baptism," "The Transfiguration," "The Crucifixion," and "The Resurrection." The second period will be on "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit," as follows: "The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit," "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit—in Relation to Christ," "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit—in Relation to the Believer," "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit—In Relation to the World," and "Baptism with the Holy Ghost the Secret of Power."

The afternoons will be given up, as formerly, to rest and recreation. Rev. Joseph H. Cudlipp, familiarly known as Colonel Cudlipp, has been secured to direct the play-life and give us a vision of how to direct the social activities of our young people.

The success of the joint gathering last summer was such as to win over the most reluctant to the wisdom of the plan, and again we are to meet in joint session, the date decided upon being July 30 to August 5. The evening services will be blended with those of the Young People's Institute in mass meetings in either Baker Chapel or Alumni Hall, with such outstanding speakers as Rev. Charles B. Alspach, D. D., who will speak on the subject, "Why a Conference?" Rev. Forest E. Dager, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., who delighted us with his stirring messages on two or three occasions before, will speak on Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening Rev. A. Norman Warfd, D. D., LL. D., President of the Western Maryland College, will conduct the meeting in the interest of "Religious Education." Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D., of New York City, with many years experience at such great religious centers as Ocean Grove, N. J., and Northfield, will bring the message, using the crayon method which has made him popular on both sides of the Atlantic. "Life Recruit" service Friday evening will be addressed by Rev. J. E. Broomfield, D. D., of Fairmont, W. Va. Saturday evening will be given over to the "Social Hour," or "Stunt Night," which will also be planned by Colonel Cudlipp. The climax will come with the Sunday services. At 10.30 A. M. in Alumni Hall we hope to have with us Rev. William J. Thompson, D. D., of Drew Seminary, and the Rev. Don S. Colt, of Baltimore will preach the closing sermon in Alumni Hall at 8 P. M.

Two forward steps were taken last summer. First, an invitation was extended the brethren of the West Virginia and the Eastern Conferences to meet with us and participate in our program; and second, the organization of the "Conference of Ministers' Wives," with Mrs. A. Norman Ward as President; Vice-President for the Western Shore, Mrs. W. P. Roberts; for the Eastern Shore, Mrs. W. L. Hoffman; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Nichols; Treasurer, Mrs. T. O. Crouse, and so the vision of Dr. Elderdice, President of the Seminary, and the hope of Dr. Ward, President of the College, of "An assembly in which all the ministers of the Maryland Conference, some from the Eastern and West Virginia, a few from North Carolina, several from the Western Conferences, and here and there a stranger within our gates," bids fair to become a realization.

We should feel that this report would be incomplete without some appreciative word of the many courtesies extended our conference on the Hill last summer by Doctors Ward and Elderdice and their corps of capable and painstaking assistants, and we can but express the hope that the appreciation of the men of the Maryland Annual Conference, what-

ever the conditions imposed may be, will be shown by an enlarged attendance at our thirteenth session.

We note with pleasure that the invitation extended the brethren of the West Virginia and the Eastern Conferences was cordially received and favorably acted upon, and already we are advised that a goodly company may be expected from these conferences, and it is to be hoped that our brethren will come in large numbers to greet and make our visiting brethren welcome and thus strengthen the bonds of sympathy and fraternity which should exist between brethren of a common brotherhood.

An item, overlooked at the annual meeting last summer, was taken up at the Executive Committee meeting on December 19, 1922, namely, the financing of our conference for another year, and the President of the conference was instructed to ask the Annual Conference to grant us a drawing account of \$200, only such part to be drawn as is absolutely necessary to carry on the work of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, President.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

August 4, 1921, balance on hand.....	\$ 19.84
August —, 1922, dues	152.00
August 10, 1922, G. I. Humphreys, Md. Con. appropriation	100.00
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Total receipts	\$271.84

Disbursements

October 13, 1921, R. L. Shipley, Comm. meeting expenses..	\$ 3.00
March 27, 1922, Louis Randall, expenses to New York.....	13.00
August 4, 1922, Dr. Robert Watson, exp. addressing confr.	40.00
August 5, 1922, Louis Randall, conference expenses.....	22.80
August 5, 1922, Stockton Press, for printing.....	21.00
August 5, 1922, J. R. Williar, Treas. Young People's Conference, for money advanced.....	63.50
August 30, 1922, ditto	52.35
January 1, 1923, G. I. Humphreys, comm. meeting exp.....	2.05
January 1, 1923, G. J. Hooker, comm. meeting exp.....	2.05
January 16, 1923, Stockton Press, for stationery.....	13.50
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Total disbursements	245.85
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Balance on hand April 1, 1923.....	\$ 25.99

WILLIAM L. HOFFMAN, Treasurer.

Report T**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON \$100,000 SUPERANNUATE FUND**

(See Journal, page 31)

Your committee appointed to raise \$100,000 to be added to the invested fund of the Superannuated Fund Society of the Conference begs leave to report as follows:

Acting on authority of the conference the President of the Conference was made the chairman of the committee. After several meetings the following procedure was approved and carried out:

1. The \$100,000 was apportioned among the various charges on the same basis that the conference has adopted for levying the various budgets, and the charges were urged to accept the amounts.

2. The set-up on the charges contemplated a local committee, with a general chairman, who should be the connecting link with the conference committee.

3. The first two Sundays in November were fixed for the presentation of the appeal.

4. The method of publicity was in the nature of three separate leaflets for distribution on the three Sabbaths immediately preceding November. These set forth the occasion of the campaign, the present available resources, present distribution, endorsements of laymen of the church. A further leaflet was printed outlining four sorts of special gifts which might be made, hoping thereby to supplement the amounts from the quota. A special edition of The Methodist Protestant giving information, showing endorsements by many laymen, together with cuts and illustrations, was issued.

5. A group of laymen responded to our appeal for service by visiting a large number of our churches and presenting the campaign from the viewpoint of the layman.

6. Subscriptions were taken as covering a three-year period, making the subscription card as flexible as possible, accommodating it to the pleasure of the subscriber.

7. The Treasurer of the conference provided the necessary funds for the expense of the campaign, to be reimbursed as subscriptions were paid in.

8. As an incentive to the success of the campaign the ministers of the conference in regular standing and in active service were asked to accept \$10,000 of the total amount, and the following suggested basis of giving was made: That ministers receiving a cash salary of \$1,200 and under, give the equivalent of 2 per cent for two successive years; those receiving over \$1,200 and under \$2,000, 3 per cent for two successive years, and those receiving \$2,000 and over, 4 per cent for two successive years. The alternative proposition was made to double the percentage on this present year's salary and take four years if necessary in which to make payment.

RESULTS

1. A great majority of the charges accepted the apportionments assigned them and made an earnest effort to raise their quotas. Some few of the charges have done very little. Some others, because of local conditions, have declined to make the appeal at this time, but insist that an effort will be made within the three years.

The total subscription for the churches through the regular apportionments is over \$90,000.

2. The preachers' subscriptions have far exceeded the \$10,000 we at first asked them to subscribe. The total is \$14,226. This is a remarkable demonstration of co-operation, and one that must impress all who consider the facts—an average of almost \$100 each.

3. The appeal for special gifts up to this writing total \$4,600. Your committee is earnestly striving to make this a full \$10,000 in order to complete the fund.

4. The North Baltimore Church requested the privilege of raising a fund for immediate distribution, so that while the larger fund was becoming productive the present superannuates might share in the benefits of the campaign. They report a sum of \$4,000, which is being reported to and handled by the conference through other channels. This \$4,000 is a part of the \$90,000 subscribed by the churches.

5. The expenses of the campaign aggregate \$800, less than one per cent of the fund raised, the list of which is herewith attached for record and audit.

6. We have insisted that either the original subscription cards or duplicate lists be sent the committee in order that the conference might follow up the campaign effectively and collect in the funds as rapidly as possible.

7. In turning over the results of this campaign we recommend that the Treasurer of the conference be the custodian of the lists of subscriptions and of the moneys paid in, and that periodically the sums in hand be turned over to the Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray, of the Superannuated Fund Society. As subscriptions mature the Treasurer will notify either the pastor or the chairman of the local church committees and will work through the local committee and not independently of them. He will send individual receipts for all moneys paid, and at the end of each year send a blanket receipt to each pastor for incorporation in his annual report to conference.

8. We further recommend that until the collections from the present campaign shall have fully matured and the invested fund become a more or less fixed amount, which should be by the conference of 1926, the method of distribution shall be as follows: That the amounts now received by each superannuate from the invested fund, based on years of service, be supplemented each year by the percentage of net increase in dividends from the invested fund over the present income of approximately \$7,000. If, for example, the income next year should be \$9,000, that would indicate an increase of \$2,000, or two-sevenths. Applied to a superannuates present amount of \$500, it would mean an increase of two-sevenths, making a total of \$642. In the meantime the conference

will have time to work out a permanent schedule of distribution, knowing approximately what the ultimate income from the invested fund will be, and made applicable at the expiration of the present temporary schedule above.

9. Your committee also suggests to the conference the consideration of the payment by all ministers eligible to superannuation an annual percentage of salary into the invested fund, a percentage of perhaps one per cent or one-half of one per cent, to begin at the expiration of the payments of the present campaign and effective with the conference year beginning 1926-1927.

10. Some of the special gifts are conditional, in accord with the propositions made by the committee. Your committee, therefore, recommends that the Conference Trustees receive these gifts and so invest the same as to pay to the donor the four per cent interest promised.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.
G. W. HADDAWAY.
J. W. KIRK.
C. P. NOWLIN.
T. A. MURRAY.
J. P. DODGE.
DANIEL BAKER, JR.

NOTE:—The conference gave the committee permission to continue its efforts to complete the fund after conference. April 30 the fund was fully subscribed and credits are included in the table that follows.

Financial Statement—\$100,000 Superannuate Campaign

October 16, 1922—January 15, 1923.

Printing bill, in account with The Methodist Protestant Book Concern, covering:

1. 3 series of 4-page leaflets, 35,000 each;	
2. 40,000 subscription cards;	
3. Clerical labor in wrapping and cost of mailing;	
4. Special issue of The Methodist Protestant	\$520.09
Expense account of clerical assistance, stenography, mailing, multigraphing, Miss Minnie T. Baker	189.48
Expense account J. H. Straughn, chairman, including traveling, phone calls, telegrams, etc.	109.53
Miscellaneous	16.31
Total expense	\$835.41

Quotas and Subscriptions.

CHARGE	SUBSCRIBED					Total
	Quota	Pastor	Charge	Special		
Accomac	\$ 686	\$ 100	\$ 586	\$	\$ 686	
Alexandria	564	90	637	300	1,027	
Amelia	483	50	362	.....	412

CHARGE	SUBSCRIBED					Total
	Quota	Pastor	Charge	Special		
Baltimore:						
Alnutt Memorial	1,245	168	500	.....	668
Brooklyn	798	108	1,299	.....	1,407
Calvary	834	100	472	.....	572
Chésaco Park.....	216	18	11	.....	29
Christ Church.....	2,105	175	1,789	.....	1,964
East Baltimore	758	84	674	.....	758
Edmondson Avenue .....	.....	48	.....	.....	48
Eutaw	869	160	709	.....	869
Evergreen	439	20	419	.....	439
Grace	807	160	659	.....	819
Hampden	2,552	160	.....	.....	160
Keen Memorial	731	96	.....	.....	96
Lauraville	453	100	329	.....	429
Linthicum Heights	620	96	524	200	820	
Lowe Memorial	1,427	160	1,267	.....	1,427
North Baltimore	1,407	200	5,207	250	5,657	
Payson Street	322	40	150	.....	190
South Baltimore	746	108	638	.....	746
Starr	1,874	280	1,594	.....	1,874
St. John's	1,907	200	1,800	700	2,700	
St. Paul's	997	200	367	.....	567
Trinity	429	78	351	.....	429
Violetville	304	100	204	.....	304
Waverly	304	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Baltimore	1,803	200	1,603	100	1,903	
Wilton Heights	843	100	198	.....	298
Baltimore Circuit	622	48	701	.....	749
Bedford, Pa.....	730	50	140	.....	190
Belair	707	100	379	.....	479
Bivalve	590	48	156	.....	204
Buckeystown	883	100	1,035	250	1,385	
Cambridge	894	108	997	.....	1,105
Cambridge Circuit	258	75	161	.....	236
Cannon, Del.....	461	50	160	.....	210
Caroline	459	40	238	.....	278
Cecil	514	48	178	.....	226
Centreville	490	100	390	.....	490
Chincoteague	291	60	231	.....	291
Chestertown	1,139	160	979	.....	1,139
Clayton, Del.....	546	48	516	.....	564
Concord, Pa.....	616	45	23	.....	68
Conquest, Va.....	366	80	84	.....	164
Crisfield:						
Crisfield	1,316	200	1,116	.....	1,316
Lawsonia	145	40	109	.....	149
Mainer's	779	40	108	.....	148

CHARGE	SUBSCRIBED				Total
	Quota	Pastor	Charge	Special	
Crumpton	197	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland:					
First Church	851	90	514	.....	604
Mapleside & Fairview.....	297	40	53	.....	93
Melvin Chapel	274	50	151	.....	201
Deer Creek	356	.....	40	.....	40
Deer Park	720	50	680	.....	730
Delmar, Del.....	647	100	547	.....	647
Delta, Pa.....	664	100	564	.....	664
Denton	608	90	678	500	1,268
Dorchester.....	527	50	205	.....	255
Dover, Del.....	417	60	357	.....	417
Easton	779	96	683	.....	779
Elizabeth, N. J.....	669	48	621	.....	669
Fairfax	356	81	293	.....	374
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	852	90	762	.....	852
Federalburg	679	100	579	.....	679
Felton, Del.....	273	60	.....	.....	60
Finksburg	1,143	100	1,043	.....	1,143
First, Newark, N. J.....	2,692	280	4,079	400	4,759
Franklin City, Va.....	645	48	439	.....	487
Frederick	660	50	684	.....	734
Georgetown, Del.....	630	100	297	.....	397
Glenburnie	442	200	510	.....	710
Greenbush & Tasley.....	352	60	326	.....	386
Greensboro	136	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood, Del.....	518	48	470	50	568
Grove	340	48	64	.....	112
Harbeson, Del.....	385	18	27	.....	45
Harmony, W. Va.....	369	48	159	.....	207
Harper's Ferry, W. Va.....	453	78	375	.....	453
Harrington, Del.....	732	48	431	.....	479
Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	.....	40	166	.....	206
Howard	884	96	821	.....	917
Hurlock	573	120	453	.....	573
Indian River, Del.....	97	20	.....	.....	20
Jones Memorial .....	.....	100	.....	.....	100
Kemptown	1,107	50	830	.....	880
Kennedyville	585	50	27	.....	77
Kent Island	304	40	86	1,000	1,126
Laurel, Del.....	1,065	108	957	.....	1,065
Laurel Circuit, Del.....	505	50	138	.....	188
Leeds	507	50	495	700	1,245
Leipsic, Del.....	259	30	183	.....	213
Lewes, Del.....	145	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewistown	261	.....	42	.....	42
Liberty	393	32	268	.....	300

CHARGE	SUBSCRIBED				Total
	Quota	Pastor	Charge	Special	
Lisbon	886	72	522	500	1,094
Lynchburg, Va.....	598	90	917	.....	1,007
Mardela	716	100	197	.....	297
Marley	301	60	340	.....	400
Middleway, W. Va.....	77	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milford, Del.....	919	100	819	1,000	1,919
Milton, Del.....	520	48	264	.....	312
Mt. Nebo, Pa.....	736	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Church, Va.....	720	90	630	.....	720
Newmarket	811	48	226	.....	274
Nichols Memorial	237	190	150	.....	340
Northumberland, Va.....	906	100	98	.....	198
Oak Grove, Va.....	346	40	103	.....	143
Oxford	418	50	387	.....	437
Parksley, Va.....	758	90	669	.....	759
Patapsco	87	.....	99	.....	99
Philadelphia:					
Emmanuel	696	100	525	.....	625
St. Luke's	1,132	126	500	.....	626
Taylor Memorial	1,277	80	1,197	.....	1,277
Pipe Creek	548	50	215	.....	265
Pittsville	1,107	200	921	.....	1,121
Pocomoke City	972	160	812	.....	972
Pocomoke Circuit	414	.....	.....	.....	.....
Potomac, Va.....	695	108	587	100	795
Powellville	439	90	403	.....	493
Prince George, Va.....	237	20	71	.....	91
Quantico	343	50	48	.....	98
Queen Anne	234	.....	50	.....	50
Reliance	734	36	18	.....	54
Rowlandville	289	50	71	.....	121
Salem	567	.....	44	.....	44
Salisbury	1,891	208	1,683	.....	1,891
Seaford, Del.....	834	100	785	.....	885
Selbyville, Del.....	462	.....	100	.....	100
Sharptown	701	48	291	.....	339
Snow Hill	792	84	330	.....	414
Stewartstown, Pa.....	627	90	372	.....	462
St. James	741	50	691	.....	741
St. Michaels	598	50	163	.....	213
Susquehanna	657	48	636	.....	684
Texas	176	24	165	.....	189
Trinity	678	90	514	.....	604
Tyreanna, Va.....	95	.....	173	.....	173
Union	830	100	655	100	855
Union Bridge	374	50	386	.....	436

CHARGE	SUBSCRIBED				Total
	Quota	Pastor	Charge	Special	
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	421	48	373	.....	421
Warwick	523	50	94	.....	144
Washington:					
Cherrydale	689	105	584	.....	689
First	994	100	1,087	.....	1,187
Georgetown	783	112	688	.....	800
Mt. Tabor	433	84	545	.....	629
North Carolina Avenue....	1,181	108	1,073	.....	1,181
Rhode Island Avenue.....	1,787	240	3,791	1,000	5,031
Wesley Chapel, of Kent....	380	60	320	.....	380
Westminster	888	90	798	.....	888
Wilmington:					
First	284	38	262	100	400
Peninsula	374	192	182	.....	374
West Wilmington	92	100	.....	.....	100
Whaleyville	567	60	200	.....	260
Wye	354	36	239	.....	275
In General Work:					
F. T. Benson.....	.....	160	.....	.....	160
H. L. Elderdice.....	.....	260	.....	.....	260
K. K. Haddaway.....	.....	160	.....	.....	160
F. C. Klein.....	.....	200	.....	.....	200
T. H. Lewis.....	.....	304	.....	.....	304
J. M. Sheridan.....	.....	115	.....	.....	115
J. H. Straughn.....	.....	288	.....	.....	288
A. N. Ward.....	.....	320	.....	.....	320
T. R. Woodford.....	.....	50	.....	.....	50
Miscellaneous:					
Herbert Hammond.....	.....	.....	.....	100	100
Charles S. Holt.....	.....	.....	.....	100	100
A Friend .....	.....	.....	.....	100	100
C. L. Price.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Totals.....	\$101,615	\$14,226	\$78,210	\$7,600	\$100,036

Report U

COMMITTEE ON UNPAID MILLION-DOLLAR PLEDGES

(See Journal, page 30)

Your Committee on Unpaid Million-Dollar Pledges beg leave to submit the following report:

We have communicated with every pastor in the conference, calling his attention to the amount due on the Million Dollar Fund on his charge, asking him to bring this matter to the attention of his Quarterly Conference and with them make every effort to collect the deficiency.

We followed this first letter with a second one requesting a final re-

port from each charge as to whether its deficit was collectable or non-collectable.

As a result, we report that \$1,080.17 has been collected and that \$55,406.29 is reported as absolutely non-collectable.

We therefore recommend that this entire deficit be now charged as uncollectable and the campaign definitely closed.

We herewith submit all papers and correspondence appertaining thereto.

C. P. NOWLIN,
J. N. LINK,
W. F. WRIGHT,
Committee.

Report V

THE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 35)

Your committee raised by the conference session of 1922 under recommendation of the president of the conference, as per pages 41 and 42 of the 1922 Conference Minutes, with full authority to proceed with the sale of our present Book Room property, 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., to purchase a new location, to arrange a new agreement between the conference and the Baltimore Book Directory, as in their judgment indicated, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The committee met at 316 N. Charles Street May 31, 2 P. M., and organized with J. H. Straughn, chairman, and G. I. Humphreys, secretary. The whole situation was outlined and a procedure discussed. At this meeting it was duly moved and carried "That it is the sense of this committee that we ought to sell 316 N. Charles Street and relocate. A sub-committee was appointed, and after several meetings brought to the attention of your committee a number of properties which they had investigated.

2. At a meeting of your committee July 28, 2 P. M., it was decided to purchase 516 N. Charles Street (northwest corner of Charles and Hamilton Streets). This property has a frontage on Charles Street of 28 feet 5 inches and a depth on Hamilton Street of 155 feet to an alley, containing in all about 4,400 square feet of ground. There is a large brick dwelling on the property, now being used as a lunch room. The property was purchased of P. M. Womble for \$60,000. The deal was consummated through Mr. Harry E. Gilbert who, because of his interest in the enterprise and loyalty to his church, made a gift of \$1,000, making the price \$59,000. The property was surveyed by Mr. W. O. Atwood, a member of the committee.

3. Several offers were made for 316 N. Charles Street. In October an offer of \$55,000 cash was received from Mr. Morton C. Stout and was accepted.

4. Inasmuch as the occupancy of 516 N. Charles Street was uncertain, a lease fixing a rental for 316 N. Charles was made, and to continue for such a period of two or three years until the prospective occupancy of

516 N. Charles Street might be concluded. The money received from the sale 316 N. Charles Street has been invested, the interest from which is being used in payment of present rental.

5. The legal details of all these transactions, the purchase of 516 N. Charles Street and the sale and lease of 316 N. Charles Street, were duly referred to the Trustees of the conference. The Trustees have co-operated most heartily with your committee, and the record of these transactions are duly embodied in their report to this conference. Mr. T. A. Murray, Treasurer of the Board, has given the committee much legal assistance and advice.

6. Architects have been visited and a sketch of a new building to occupy the site of 516 N. Charles Street has been made, five stories in height, having a large storeroom for the Book Concern, large space for the Stockton Press, a commodious assembly room, extra rooms for the editor of The Methodist Protestant and the President of the Maryland Conference, three and one-half stories of offices for rental. It will be a beautiful building on a magnificent location. This building will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Methods of finance have been discussed, and some feasible suggestions have been made. Your committee has made some very careful and conservative estimates of the possible income from such a property, as well as its carrying cost, and has every assurance that the deal will finance itself. Indeed, the feeling from the very beginning has been and frequently stated that this whole enterprise can and ought to carry itself with a yearly reduction of cost.

7. Your committee has had the most harmonious meetings. There has been unanimous agreement on every important question considered. And we therefore recommend to the conference the continuance of the Headquarters Committee to act under its former instructions.

JAMES H. STRAUGHAN, Chairman.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Secretary.

F. T. LITTLE, President Board of Trustees.

G. W. HADDAWAY,

President Baltimore Book Directory.

F. T. BENSON.

L. F. WARNER.

T. A. MURRAY, of the Board of Trustees.

E. G. COVER, of the Book Directory.

T. W. DONOHO.

W. O. ATWOOD.

HARRY E. GILBERT.

Report W
COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

(See Journal, page 35)

Your Committee on Evangelism beg leave to report that the program laid down and followed last year with such a remarkable affirmation of the wisdom of the efforts made, has this year been reaffirmed. We believe that in every way the summer tent meetings were helpful and inspiring and that this emphasis must eventually yield large returns to our churches and to the conference.

Twenty-one meetings were held, from June to October, as follows: Northumberland, Howard (two meetings), Potomac, Cherrydale, Greenwood, Hurlock, Violetville, Stewartstown, Mt. Nebo, Towson, Deer Creek, Deer Park (two meetings), Pipe Creek, Melvin Chapel, Lisbon, Aurora Hills, West Wilmington, Laurel Circuit, Chincoteague.

There were about three hundred conversions in these meetings, with the largest number, one hundred, at Stewartstown. Most of the meetings were finely attended and fruitful. Some of them, due to the long rainy season of the early summer and a few to the early fall weather, were not so successful. But we are thankful to God for the many evidences of His presence and the blessed leading of so many to Christ.

We purchased three tents and rented two. The three cost \$600, and are in good condition for another season. Financially, while some of the meetings yielded no returns, we have paid more than half the purchase price of the tents and have met all other expenses. Another season should see our entire indebtedness paid.

For the meeting at Aurora Hills we rented a tent, costing \$100 for the time employed. Since this meeting was in the nature of church extension, your committee requests that the \$100 be remitted to the committee by the Treasurer of the conference as a church extension appropriation.

Your committee, believing that all results justify the continuance of these tent meetings, most heartily recommends that the same conference sanction and authority as of 1921 and 1922 be given for this year.

We give thanks to God and offer an earnest prayer for the leading of His Holy Spirit.

The financial statement is herewith appended.

JAMES H. STRANGHN, Chairman.

J. M. GILL.

E. D. STONE, Secretary.

J. L. NICHOLS.

FRANK L. BALL.

A. W. BEAM.

T. R. MATTHEWS, Treasurer.

Financial Statement

		Receipts	
1922			
June	1	Balance on hand.....	\$ 6.64
June	25	Loan from C. P. Nowlin.....	700.00
Aug.	24	From F. M. Clift, Laurel Circuit.....	40.00
		" Geo. Hines, Stewartstown.....	40.00
Sept.	5	" T. J. Turkington, Chncoteague.....	40.00
Oct.	6	" Carroll Maddox, Howard, 2 tents.....	80.00
Oct.	26	" J. N. Link, Deer Park, 2 tents.....	65.00
Oct.	27	" E. L. Ballard, Melvin Chapel.....	10.00
		" J. L. Green, Potomac.....	25.00
		" J. R. McKeawn, Deer Creek.....	25.00
		" M. W. Sutcliffe, Greenwood.....	40.00
Oct.	30	" C. M. Adams, Hurlock.....	40.00
Nov.	9	" W. B. Judefind, Violetville.....	40.00
1923			
Jan.	8	" J. E. Cummings, Pipe Creek.....	40.00
April	6	" S. F. Cassen, Towson.....	25.00
		" W. M. Snyder, Cherrydale.....	25.00
Total receipts			\$1,241.64

Disbursements

1922			
June	27	Loane Bros., for 3 tents.....	\$600.00
		Rentals	200.00
		Incidentals	12.60
			<u>\$ 812.60</u>
Sept.	6	Aggregate committee expense	36.70
Sept.	28	Insurance on tents	18.00
Oct.	30	Paid C. P. Nowlin, on loan.....	250.00
		Total disbursements	\$1,117.36
		Balance on hand	\$ 124.28
March	30	Loan, Baker, Watts & Co.....	400.00
April	6	Total on hand	\$ 524.28
		Paid balance on loan, C. P. Nowlin.....	450.00
		Net balance	\$ 74.28

Summary

Present cash balance	\$ 74.28
Due from the conference.....	100.00
	<u>174.28</u>
Total	\$174.28
Loan, Baker, Watts & Co.....	\$400.00
Less total cash above.....	174.28
	<u>225.72</u>
Actual indebtedness	\$225.72

T. RALMOND MATTHEWS, Treasurer.

Report X**COMMITTEE ON RELOCATING PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE**

(See Journal, page 27)

Your Committee on Relocating the President's Parsonage, appointed at the Conference of 1922, having had several meetings during the year just closed, and having faithfully canvassed the situation as to the necessity of such action and available possibilities, beg leave to submit the following report.

First. That owing to conditions that prevail in the real estate market at this time, no definite steps have been taken in the matter of the sale of the old parsonage, 1420 Linden Avenue, and the purchase of a new site or house. We have followed up several leads, but for reasons deemed advisable at this time, no steps have been taken to close the deal.

Second. That it is the conviction of your committee that this is a wise move and should be carried through as soon as possible. We therefore recommend that the Committee on Relocating the President's Parsonage be continued, with power to act, as per action of the conference of 1922.

(See Conference Minutes, 1922, page 43, President's Report.)

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.

LOUIS RANDALL, Secretary.

J. M. GILL.

WILLIAM H. LITSINGER.

SETH H. LINTHICUM.

ROBERT S. JETT.

Report Y**COMMITTEE ON GROUP INSURANCE**

(See Journal, page 28)

Your committee appointed to consider the matter of Group Life Insurance has met the representatives of the company and has investigated the plan proposed. We unanimously agree it is a most attractive plan whereby all our ministers may receive protection of high-grade insurance at a very reasonable rate.

The adoption of this plan would require:

1. That three-fourths of our active ministers would agree to enter the scheme.
2. That the conference, as the employing body, would agree to pay 40 per cent of the premium.
3. That all ministers may enter the plan without physical examination.
4. At the expiration of a 60-day period no minister can enter the plan without physical examination.

This is straight life insurance, including disability benefits and immediate coverage or protection can be secured for the whole group on the payment of \$100, the balance to be paid when the policies are issued.

The average premium per man will approximate \$18 per annum per \$1,000, of which the conference must pay 40 per cent, amounting to \$7.20 per \$1,000; and furthermore, these premiums may be paid on a quarterly or semi-annually basis, as the conference may require.

We find that this method of insurance is being adopted by Methodist bodies throughout the country. Therefore we recommend that a committee of five be appointed to further investigate the whole subject, and also to report to the next conference the number of men who are willing to enter into such a group insurance.

W. P. ROBERTS.
LEONARD B. SMITH.
ROWLAND WATTS.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION No. 1

(See Journal, page 21)

Esteem of Mr. Daniel Baker

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Annual Conference, meeting in Baltimore for the first time since the death of our lamented brother, Mr. Daniel Baker, desires to renew and adopt the expressions of appreciation by the President of the conference at our last session, and to request our venerable brothers, Rev. W. M. Strayer and Rev. J. L. Mills, accompanied by the delegate representing the church of which Brother Baker was a member, and Mr. John H. Baker, a nephew and delegate from Buckeystown (his home church), and Mr. W. C. Scott to visit Loudon Park Cemetery, and in the name of this conference lay a suitable floral tribute of respect and affection on Brother Baker's grave.

T. H. LEWIS.

RESOLUTION No. 2

(See Journal, page 24)

Printing of Conference Sermon

RESOLVED, That Rev. R. L. Shipley is hereby requested to furnish the manuscript of the Conference Sermon for publication in the Conference Minutes.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY.
J. M. SHERIDAN.

RESOLUTION No. 3

(See Journal, page 24)

On Loan of J. H. Lynch

RESOLVED, That the President of this conference is hereby authorized, if he can do so without serious embarrassment and injury to the work, to arrange the Plan of Appointments so that Rev. J. H. Lynch may give his services over to the churches in Texas for the months of May, June and July of this year.

T. H. LEWIS.
E. C. MAKOSKY.

RESOLUTION No. 4

(See Journal, page 28)

Appreciation of College Banquet

RESOLVED, That we express our thanks to Dr. A. N. Ward and the Trustees of Western Maryland College for the splendid banquet tendered

the pastors and laymen of this conference on Thursday evening, and our appreciation of the inspiring addresses of Dr. Kelly, Dr. Thompson and others; and

RESOLVED, That we heartily reaffirm our sympathetic interest in the program for the expansion of the College outlined upon that occasion.

C. M. ELDERDICE.
G. M. CLAYTON.
SETH H. LINTHICUM.
ROWLAND WATTS.

RESOLUTION No. 5

(See Journal, page 30)

Endorsing Near East Relief

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Baltimore, Maryland, this 6th day of April, 1923, commends the work of the Near East Relief to the churches and Sunday Schools represented by this body for their prayers and their continued financial support.

A. N. WARD.
H. L. ELDERDICE.

RESOLUTION No. 6

(See Journal, page 32)

Sympathy for J. W. Gray

We have heard with profound regret and sorrow of the extreme illness of our brother beloved, Rev. J. W. Gray.

His genial presence is greatly missed at this session of our Annual Conference. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, That this body express its sorrow because of his illness and absence, and that his pastor, Rev. H. B. Jester, be authorized to convey to him the love and sympathy of his brethren, assuring him of our prayers that he may speedily regain his health and be spared to sojourn with us many years to come.

SETH H. LINTHICUM.
B. W. KINDLEY.

RESOLUTION No. 7

(See Journal, page 32)

Appointing Publicity Secretary

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Conference appoint a Publicity Secretary to act during the session of conference, whose duty it

shall be aid the representatives of the Press in reporting the work of the conference that may be interesting to the general public.

R. L. SHIPLEY.
E. L. BUNCE.

RESOLUTION No. 8

(See Journal, page 34)

Appointing Committees Prior to Conference

RESOLVED, That this conference request the President to appoint the chairman of the leading committees at least one month before the meeting of the conference and to notify them of their appointment.

FRANK T. BENSON.
EUGENE C. MAKOSKY.

RESOLUTION No. 9

(See Journal, page 34)

Increasing President's Salary

RESOLVED, That the salary of the President of the Maryland Annual Conference be increased \$500 per annum.

W. O. ATWOOD.

FRANK L. BALL.

F. W. WHITAKER.

FANNIE T. H. HAY.

HARRY E. BURCK.

JAMES E. CHAMBERLAIN.

A. R. LEWIS.

ERNEST E. WOODEN.

SETH W. GRIFFETH.

M. W. GAINES.

ROWLAND WATTS.

SETH H. LINTHICUM.

JULIAN P. DODGE.

W. C. SCOTT.

RESOLUTION No. 10

(See Journal, page 35)

Reimbursing Retiring President

RESOLVED, That this conference shall reimburse the outgoing President, Dr. Straughn, in part for moneys expended for traveling expenses in the sum of five hundred dollars, said amount to be paid from a fund known as "Conference Incidental Account."

W. C. SCOTT.

JULIAN P. DODGE.

FRANK L. BALL.

WALTER G. MONROE.

W. O. ATWOOD.

Conference Societies

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

Meeting was opened Monday morning with F. T. Little in the chair. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and adopted.

The Treasurer, T. A. Murray, read report. F. T. Little spoke in appreciation of the long and faithful services of T. A. Murray in office of Treasurer. A. W. Mather made motion that Secretary make record of splendid services of T. A. Murray. A standing vote was taken. The Treasurer's report was adopted. Election of officers and Board of Managers took place. A tribute of respect and gratitude was paid to work of A. W. Mather, Corresponding Secretary, by F. T. Little. Motion made by E. C. Makosky that high appreciation of the services of A. W. Mather be expressed by rising vote. Conference stood. A. W. Mather announced that he was elected to office for the fiftieth time.

G. W. Haddaway made motion concerning distribution of money to superannuates. T. H. Lewis moved that recommendation in motion be referred to conference. J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray and W. M. Strayer spoke. Motion to refer carried. T. H. Lewis made motion to adjourn.

Ajourned.

Officers

First Vice-President—J. L. Mills.
Second Vice-President—F. T. Benson.
Third Vice-President—C. M. Compher.
Recording Secretary—E. W. Simms.
Corresponding Secretary—A. W. Mather.
Treasurer—T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers

Ministers—G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Judefind.

Laymen—T. A. Murray, Daniel MacLea, Dr. E. B. Fenby, E. J. Paige.

C. C. DAY, Recording Secretary.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to conference all those names which, in their 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 superannuated 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. Pecuni-

liarities 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 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?
7. If a widow, how long were you in the ministry with your husband?

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report for Year, April, 1922-1923

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society:

PERMANENT FUND

To balance per last report.....	\$1,875.40
To annual dues from Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 115.50
To balance of principal Peregoy mortgage.....	600.00
To amount from exchange of securities.....	250.00
To amount from U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. Rights..	26.25
	991.75
	\$2,867.15
By amount invested	\$ 297.50
By balance on deposit.....	2,569.65
	2,867.15

INCOME ACCOUNT

To amount of income from investments.....	\$7,236.14	
To interest on deposits.....	99.24	
		\$7,335.38
By 1923 taxes on securities.....	\$ 54.18	
By rent Safe Deposit box.....	5.00	
By Treasurer's allowance for expenses.....	250.00	
		\$ 309.18
By amounts remitted to Conference Treasurer:		
July 29, 1922.....	\$1,750.00	
October 19, 1922.....	2,000.00	
January 24, 1923.....	1,500.00	
Check herewith for balance.....	1,776.20	
		7,026.20
		7,335.37

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 all income from the securities and investments of the Society fully accounted for; and that we have also examined the securities of the Society and find them properly deposited in the Safe Deposit box of the Society.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
W. B. JUDEFIND,
Auditing Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Friday, April 6, with First Vice-President J. F. Wooden presiding.

Meeting of last meeting read and approved.

Report of the Board of Managers read and adopted.

E. L. Ballard was elected Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following officers:

President—E. C. Makosky.
First Vice-President—J. F. Wooden.
Second Vice-President—G. Edwin Brown.
Secretary—E. L. Ballard.
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.

Society recessed for other reports to come in.

Church Extension Society reconvened Monday, April 9, E. C. Makosky, presiding.

Report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Secretary was read and referred to Board of Survey and Extension.

Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Board of Survey and Extension; also referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Peninsula Church Extension Society and Treasurer's report referred to the Board of Survey and Treasurer's report to Auditing Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

Report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church

Church Extension work has shown gratifying development this year. New work has been taken up and churches started before this year have grown. Nowhere has this growth been more apparent than in the Peninsula Church, Wilmington. Realizing the importance of this, the largest Church Extension enterprise ever undertaken by the conference, the attention of the Board and the time and effort of the Superintendent have been devoted to it chiefly. Results justify all that has been done here. This work has passed the experimental stage. The fine new building has been completed save for the furniture and the organ in the auditorium. The total cost, including ground and furniture, is estimated at \$105,856. Cash and unpaid subscriptions amount to \$67,725. There has been used out of this sum about \$4,000 for interest and expenses, leaving \$63,725 to be applied on building. This leaves about \$42,000 to be provided for. It is proposed to complete and open the auditorium next fall. In the meantime the canvass for funds will be continued in Wilmington, and it is expected that on opening day a large sum will be secured toward the balance of the debt. Growth in church and Sunday School membership has been remarkable; there are now over two hundred of the former and three hundred and fifty of the latter. New members are being added almost every week, and the congregations increase steadily. The church will need the sympathy and support of the conference for at least another year, and we recommend that the conference continue its fostering care and support to this promising enterprise, and that L. B. Smith and the Superintendent be given the privilege to collect unpaid subscriptions over the Conference District, and to secure new subscriptions on the charges not yet visited.

GRACE CHURCH, BALTIMORE, was completed and opened for service last August. It is a substantial and attractive building, excellently planned, and as large as the local committee and the Board felt they would be justified in undertaking. It cost \$65,319. There is a mortgage of \$20,000 and a note given by the local Trustees for \$2,600. A payment of \$1,000 will be made on this note in June next, and the church expects to pay the balance during the next conference year. Congregations have increased since moving into the new building. Forty-one new members have been received during the year. The Sunday School has an enrollment of four hundred and fifty. From this time on there should be a steady growth in all departments of the church.

TRINITY CHURCH, BALTIMORE, was the first enterprise under-

taken under the new administration of Church Extension. Its development has proven the wisdom of its location. Many new homes have been erected in the community, and there will be many others within the next few years. The outlook is bright for continued growth. There are now one hundred and seventy-six members and three hundred and seventy-five in the Sunday School. The pastor's salary for next year will be increased to \$1,500.

GRACELAND PARK is making commendable progress. Membership of both the church and Sunday School has increased. They paid \$350 on their \$500 debt this year and expect to pay the balance soon. They are planning to begin the erection of a new Sunday School room immediately after conference. The salary, which has been \$500, will be \$900 next year. This church asks to be made a station. We recommend that this request be granted, the charge to be called Graceland Park, and that Chesaco Park and Jones be united, to constitute a charge known as Chesaco Park.

JONES MEMORIAL has been splied by Brother Paul M. Cassen, who has done all possible with the opportunities he has had. At the session of the Annual Conference a year ago the Committee on Church Extension intended making an appropriation of \$100 to Chesaco Park and Jones Memorial each, but in some way this item was omitted from its report to the conference. The work of these churches has been done this year with the understanding that this mistake would be rectified at this conference. We ask that it be done.

THE ARUNDEL COVE property is also held by this Board. The church has made some progress during the year. It needs a parsonage so that the pastor may live among his people. It is the purpose of this Board to urge the starting of a parsonage fund, with the hope that building operations may begin within the next few years.

EDMONDSON AVENUE. This is a very important Church Extension field. It is a suburban section of Baltimore and in one of the most rapidly growing communities of the city. Hundreds of homes are being erected and occupied as soon as completed. Forty persons have been received into church membership. Pastor's salary of \$900 has been paid, other expenses met and several hundred dollars spent in improving the basement. Mr. James Keelty, from whom we purchased the church lot, very kindly gave us last year the use of one of his new homes for a parsonage, and will continue the same favor for next year. The parsonage was furnished by the local church, assisted the churches of Baltimore. In view of the great opportunity here, the fact that this Board of Managers holds the property, and the necessity for the Board to keep in close touch with the church in the effort to further develop it, we recommend that the pastor be appointed under the care and supervision of this Board.

CALVARY CHURCH, WASHINGTON, is a new work begun this conference year. It is located in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, on the electric railroad between Washington and Alexandria. The community is developing rapidly and the prospect for a self-supporting church is good. This Board, working with the Washington ministers, purchased a lot 100x150 feet for \$1,175. The \$475 left in the treasury of this Board from the sale of the Park Road Church was used, the balance

being furnished by the Washington Churches. A tent meeting was held last summer, at which time a congregation was gathered and a Sunday School organized. Friends in the community rallied to the cause and at once undertook the erection of a chapel. The building cost \$1,500, which was assumed by the citizens, and the entire amount has been paid except \$300. Rev. G. Q. Bacchus was appointed by the President to have charge of the work and he has conducted services regularly. On Easter Sunday Brother Bacchus and Superintendent Sheridan organized a Methodist Protestant Church with 20 members. A messenger was appointed to represent the church at this conference and to ask that it be received and a pastor appointed.

There have been no developments in the Butler will case. The settlement of the estate cannot be effected until the mortgage given by Mr. Adams on the farm is due, which will be July 1, 1924.

When the LAURAVILLE lot was purchased for \$5,700, in order to encourage and assist the congregation in this forward movement, our Board made a donation of \$500 to the enterprise. Not having any funds in hand we borrowed this amount, and we now ask the conference to make an appropriation of \$500 to this Board with which to meet this obligation.

This Board recently received a communication from the Board of Directors of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society asking that in view of the fact that the two Boards are operating in Baltimore City and doing the same kind of work, and that we now have a Superintendent who has general supervision of all Church Extension Work, action be taken looking to the merging of the two organizations. The proposal was acted upon favorably by our Board, and it was ordered that the merger be recommended to the Annual Conference, and further, if the Annual Conference approves, that committees be appointed to each organization to work out and effect such a merger as early in the new conference year as possible. There will be some transfers of property which may take time to adjust.

Dr. Sheridan has spent another year of Church Extension labor. No man among us has been more unceasing in toil, and few, if any, more effective. His familiarity with the conference district, his experience in business, especially church business, and his untiring devotion to duty have rendered him again invaluable to this work. We recommend his reappointment, and entirely upon our own initiative and responsibility suggest some increase in his salary if it is possible.

EDWIN B. FENBY, President.

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 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."

Treasurer's Report.

1922

Year Ending April 4, 1923.

April 1—Cash on hand last report.....\$13,555.67

Receipts:

Sundry amounts from various sources for Broadway-Bethany fund	7,729.18
Church Extension Society mortgage on Broadway-Bethany Church to Hopkins Place Savings Bank	20,000.00
Edmondson Avenue Church, various sums received from Rev. J. M. Sheridan.....	270.00
Edmondson Avenue Church, proceeds for \$3,300 note, Church Extension Society.....	3,198.69
Loaned to Society by Treasurer.....	100.00
Sundry collections for Society by Rev. J. M. Sheridan	200.00
Proceeds sale by Society of Bethel Chapel.....	250.00
Received by Conference Treasurer for.	
Wilmington Church	250.00
Chesaco Park Church	100.00
Skinner's Neck Church	200.00

Total receipts\$45,853.54

Payments:

Broadway-Bethany, sundry sums to various contractors in the completion of church and parsonage	\$43,809.42
Fund returned to Washington Church Extension Society	475.00
Portion Conference appropriation to Wilmington Church	250.00
Conference appropriat'n to Skinner's Neck Church	200.00
Interest on \$1,400 note due Kent County Savings Bank	78.78
Premium on Treasurer's bond.....	12.50
Safe deposit box rent.....	3.00
Secretary's stationery expense	3.25
Returned Treasurer's loan	100.00
Interest on note \$2,000, Edmondson Avenue Church, one year	120.00
Paid on account \$3,000 note, Edmondson Avenue Church	300.00
Superintendent's traveling and incidental expenses for year	124.19

Total payments\$45,476.14

Balance, cash in bank\$ 377.40

W. C. SCOTT, Treasurer.

THE MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Mutual Relief Association met in St. John's Church, Baltimore, April 6, 1923, First Vice-President C. E. Dryden in the chair. Paul F. Warner and F. W. Ports were appointed Committee on Audit. The Secretary-Treasurer reported as follows:

Report of Secretary Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association. Financial Statement.

ON HAND APRIL 5, 1922.

For distribution:

Seventy-fifth case (advance).....	\$198.00
Seventy-sixth case (advance).....	5.00
Expense fund	36.71
	\$239 71

To complete:

RECEIPTS

Seventy-fifth case	\$ 3.00
Seventy-sixth case	196.00
Seventy-seventh case	190.00
Seventy-eighth case	185.00
Seventy-ninth case	2.00
Eightieth case	1.00
Eighty-first case	1.00
	578.80

Total\$817.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 25, 1922—To Rev. W. H. Litsinger.....	\$201.00
Feb. 10, 1923—To Mr. Wm. H. Phillips (partial)..	198.00
Mar. 2, 1923—The Stockton Press, 1,000 cards....	15.75
Mar. 13, 1923—To Mrs C.N. Alexander.(partial)..	187.00
	\$601.75

On hand April 1, 1923.....	\$215.96
For distribution	\$195.00
Expense fund	20.96
	\$215.96

MEMBERSHIP

Reported April 5, 1922.....	200
Deceased—Rev. W. D. Litsinger.....	
Mrs. Eva Phillips	
Rev. C. N. Alexander.....	
	3
Lapsed	2
	5
New members	195
	16
Membership April 1, 1923.....	211

The financial part of this report was referred to the Committee on Audit, which committee reported as follows:

The Committee on Audit reports that they have made a thorough examination of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association and have found them to be correct in every detail.

PAUL F. WARNER.
F. W. PORTS.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that we request the conference to grant us the privilege of using the Conference Auditing Committee each year.

The special committee appointed at the 1922 session to consider plans to increase benefits as offered in a paper presented by Louis Randall, recommended that in view of the Superannuate Fund Campaign the paper be held in abeyance for one year.

The recommendation was adopted, and the duty of revising the constitution was added to the work of the committee. Also of presenting equitable terms for reinstatement of members lapsed. This committee is composed of Louis Randall, W. F. Wright, E. E. Wooden, G. A. Ogg and E. C. Cover.

Officers were elected as follows, the Secretary, by order, casting the ballot for all:

First Vice-President—C. E. Dryden.
Second Vice-President—W. H. Litsinger.
Third Vice-President—C. R. Strausburg.
Secretary-Treasurer—G. A. Ogg.

Adjourned.

A special meeting was called on the afternoon of April 9 to hear the report of special committee on lapses and reinstatements. Report adopted as follows:

Report of Special Committee of Mutual Relief Association.

Your committee has had referred to it the matter of members who have lapsed and are desirous of becoming members again, and we recommend as follows:

First. For a new member at any age as at present, the entrance fee of \$1.00 prevail.

Second. In the matter of lapsed members who are desirous of reinstatement, that they be reinstated upon the payment of the following graduated scale:

Between the ages of 20 and 30.....	\$2.00
Between the ages of 30 and 40.....	3.00
Between the ages of 40 and 50.....	4.00
Between the ages of 50 and 60.....	5.00

It being understood that this is an entrance fee and that the usual dues of \$1.00 per member is exclusive of this entrance fee.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.
ERNEST E. WOODEN.
G. A. OGG.
W. F. WRIGHT.

Members of Mutual Relief Association.

Adams, Ziba
 Alexander, Mrs. C. N.
 Bacchus, G. Q.
 Bailey, J. T., and wife
 Balderston, J. W.
 Ballard, E. Lester
 Bauscher, W. F.
 Baxley, J. W., and wife
 Beauchamp, Mrs. E. L.
 Bennett, L. A., and wife
 Benson, F. T., and wife
 Betschler, T. J.
 Bowers, Mrs. Lucy
 Brewer, O. G.
 Brown, J. McL., and wife
 Browne, Robert
 Bryan, B. A., and wife
 Bryan, J. F., and wife
 Butler, C. P.
 Cain, F. S., and wife
 Cassen, S. F., and wife
 Clayton, G. M., and wife
 Clough, N. C., and wife
 Coe, S. W., and wife
 Crosby, P. W., and wife
 Crouse, T. O., and wife
 Cullum, C. M., and wife
 Cummings, J. Earle, and wife
 Cushing, Mrs. Clara P.
 Day, C. C.
 Dearholt, M. E.
 Dobson, C. H., and wife
 Donovan, Avery
 Dryden, C. E., and wife
 Dudley, J. A. and wife
 Dutton, C. R., and wife
 Elderdice, J. L., and wife
 Elderdice, H. L.
 Ewell, A. W., and wife
 Ewing, Mrs. Emma M.
 Farring, G. F.
 Fenby, J. T.
 George, J. P.
 Gibson, N. O.
 Gill, J. M.
 Gordon, L. W., and wife
 Graham, E. C., and wife
 Gray, J. W.
 Green, A. H., and wife
 Green, J. Leas, and wife
 Greenfield, Mrs. Kate
 Haddaway, G. W., and wife
 Haddaway, K. K.
 Haddaway, L. E., and wife
 Hanks, W. S., and wife
 Hill, G. J.
 Hines, George, and wife
 Hoblitzel, Mrs. Ella V.
 Hodge, Mrs. Emma F.
 Hodges, W. H., and wife
 Holland, F. A.
 Holloway, F. G.
 Holmes, J. M.
 Hooker, G. J.
 Hungerford, M. E., and wife
 Johnson, H. W. D., and wife
 Johnson, Mrs. W. W.
 Jones, E. H.
 Jones, Thomas C.
 Judefind, W. B., and wife
 Keen, H. O.
 Kelsner, C. M.
 Kindley, B. W., and wife
 Kirk, J. W., and wife
 Kirkey, E. T.
 Klein, F. C., and wife
 Leister, Guy
 Lewis, T. H., and wife
 Link, J. N.
 Litsinger, Mrs. Adele C.
 Litsinger, Mrs. Amelia C.
 Litsinger, W. H.
 Little, F. T., and wife
 Lynch, J. H.
 Makosky, E. C., and wife
 Marker, J. Lee
 Mather, A. W., and wife
 McCaslin, C. K., and wife
 McCreedy, Mrs. Mary C.
 McKeawn, J. R.
 McCorkle, F. P., and wife
 Melvin, W. A., and wife
 Mills, J. L.
 Mumford, W. C., and wife
 Murphy, H. L., and wife
 Neepier, Mrs. W. J.

Nichols, J. L., and wife
Nicholson, R. Y.
Nowlin, C. P., and wife
Ogg, G. A., and wife
Owens, I. S.
Parris, J. W.
Ports, G. W.
Randall, Louis, and wife
Raum, A. F. T., and wife
Read, E. T., and wife
Reynolds, F. D., and wife
Rice, P. L., and wife
Roberts, W. P., and wife
Ross, G. S.
Ruley, B. F.
Schlincke, H. L., and wife
Sexsmith, E. A., and wife
Shipley, R. L., and wife
Sheridan, J. M.
Simms, E. W., and wife
Smith, Mrs. G. J.
Smith, L. B., and wife
Stevens, Mrs. Sadie B.
Stocksdale, G. H., and wife
Straughn, J. H., and wife

Strausburg, C. R., and wife
Strayer, W. M.
Sutcliffe, R. W., and wife
Townsend, J. W.
Tredway, Mrs. Cornelia
Trout, J. W.
Turkington, T. J., and wife
Turner, G. E.
Vandyke, Mrs. E. H.
Volk, Frank M.
Walter, Mrs. Isabella S.
Ward, A. N., and wife
Wareheim, K. H.
Warner, L. F., and wife
Warner, Paul F.
White, R. W.
Weigand, Mrs. Anne R.
Williamson, Mrs. Laura B.
Wood, S. C., and wife
Wooden, J. F., and wife
Wright, J. A., and wife
Wright, W. F., and wife
Woodford, T. R., and wife
Yingling, Mrs. Ella

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 .....	.....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice	1814	1838	1874
John Robers	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Valiant	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert	1851	1873	1881

Name	Entered		Died
	Born	Conference	
Isaac Tunnel Adkins	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell	1832	1859	1884
James Mart.n Elderdice	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Olexander McFaden	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols	1815	1838	1886
James Thomas Ward, D. D.	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes	1822	1855	1900
Lawrence Webster Bates, D. D.	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond, D. D.	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.	1826	1845	1906
William John Neepier	1848	1871	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D.	1817	1841	1907
Jacob Mathias Yingling	1847	1873	1907

Name	Entered		Died
	Born	Conference	
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 Ashbury Hoblitzell	1836	1859	1911
John David Kinzer, D. D.	1841	1863	1911
William Sherman Phillips	1868	1889	1912
Herbert F. Wright	1866	1896	1912
Robert Semple Rowe	1832	1865	1912
Charles Smith Arnett	1852	1875	1913
Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D.	1854	1877	1913
James Ernest Litsinger	1879	1904	1913
Jacob Ezra Nicholson	1844	1881	1913
William James Dillon Lucas	1849	1873	1914
James Earle Maloy	1834	1859	1914
Charles Walter Sanderson	1879	1911	1914
George Roberts McCreedy	1850	1880	1915
John Carter Poston	1833	1913	1916
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens	1866	1895	1916
Robert Thomas Tyson	1867	1908	1916
Thomas H. Wright	1840	1895	1916
Silas Baldwin Tredway, D. D.	1846	1872	1917
David Lee Greenfield, D. D.	1848	1868	1917
John Lee Straughn	1848	1870	1917
George Robert Hodge	1862	1889	1917
Edwin Oliver Ewing	1851	1884	1917
Joseph Augustus Weigand	1847	1874	1918
Charles William Cole	1887	1916	1918
John Solon Bowers, D. D.	1861	1881	1919
Robert Kendall Lewis	1865	1891	1919
Aquilla Augustus Harriman	1845	1871	1920
Walter Raleigh Graham, D. D.	1852	1873	1920
Jesse W. Norris	1856	1884	1921
Edward L. Beauchamp	1885	1909	1921
E. H. Van Dyke, D. D.	1863	1887	1921
E. A. Warfield, A. M., B. D., Ph. D.	1869	1884	1922
Charles Nathan Alexander	1879	1917	1923
William Duncan Litsinger.....	1839	1863	1922

Obituaries

William Duncan Litsinger

Birth and Boyhood. William Duncan Litsinger was born September 27, 1839. The cradle of his birth was the village of Warren, snugly nestled among the hills of Baltimore County. From this place his parents, Joseph and Ann Hook Litsinger, moved to Towson, the county seat, where his father engaged in constructing and building, and where he spent his boyhood. Early in that period of life when he needed his father's guiding hand, a fatal accident robbed him of that domestic blessing. Though only fifteen years of age yet a large and dependent family compelled him to leave school and find employment in a printing office in his native town and thus he became a youthful wage-earner for the support of self and others. The first experience in the hard school of life was the beginning of a career of unselfish service which finally led into the widest and most unselfish of all service—that of the Christian Ministry. From the printing office he entered the Baltimore Commercial College, graduating therefrom May 18, 1860. This technical preparation the better fitted him for the clerkship upon which he entered in the store of his uncle, Joseph B. Mitchell, whose business house was located in Rockland, Baltimore County.

Call and Consecration to the Ministry. Commercial pursuits, however, did not appeal to him as his life-work, for the Master to Whom he had given his heart in early life and Whom he had publicly confessed by joining the Methodist Protestant Church, was calling him to that complete surrender which forsakes all to preach "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." Accordingly, March, 1863, he was received into the itinerancy by the Maryland Conference, and after two years of probationary preaching was ordained into the Ministry by the same ecclesiastical body, serving within its ranks until advanced years and physical infirmities bade him seek a superannuated relation after thirty-nine years of regular activity in pulpit and parish.

Conference Record. In the early sixties the common practice was for the large Circuits to be served by two pastors—a superintendent and an assistant. The former was the older and the married, the latter the younger and generally unmarried pastor. In the capacity of an assistant Brother Litsinger served the first three years of his ministry, Talbot in 1863, Newtown in 1864, and Bel Air in 1865. From 1866 to 1904, the year of his superannuation, he served the following charges: Frederick Avenue, Severn, Snow Hill, Kent Island, Sussex, Chesapeake, Peach Bottom—subsequently known as Fawn Grove—Finksburg, Susquehanna, Cecil, Dorchester, Lisbon, Liberty, Howard, Heathsville and Warwick. These nineteen fields of labor found him for nearly two score years preaching Christ and setting up Methodist Protestant banners in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and in ten counties of Maryland. The last score of years of his earthly career was spent in retirement from the scenes and

services of the active Ministry; yet his thought was still centered upon the things of the Kingdom of God, his heart was still beating in sympathy with every Methodist Protestant movement, and his presence and voice were always at the command of his brother ministers to the extent of his ability. Even though silent in the pulpit his eyes were an inspiration and his face a benediction to both preacher and audience.

His Place as Preacher and Pastor. To classify him as a Preacher of the Old School is not to discredit but to commend him; for he possessed many of the ministerial virtues which are now so often missing in the clergy. There was dignity without austerity, soberness without sanctimoniousness, enthusiasm without sensationalism, piety without cant, passion for souls without parade, and a constant magnifying not of self but of his sacred office. He had the credentials of apostle, prophet and scribe; for he was called and sent forth to preach by the Christ, he found the message for his day and generation, and he faithfully handed down the Biblical deposit of truth. He was also equipped as sage, seer, and saint; for he was wise in his ethical and religious application of Gospel rules and principles, clear of vision into the heart of spiritual realities, and striving constantly for the ideal of the perfect man in Jesus Christ. His sermons were Scriptural in content, spiritual in tone, conservative in exposition, careful in composition, and delivered with the force and fire of a man conscious that a dying man was speaking to dying men. Is it any wonder that the known record of his ministry is more than one thousand converts? How many more were led out of darkness into light by his words and works may not be known until the books of Heaven shall be opened. There is, however, another known record as rare as it is glorious—the record of nine young men led into the Ministry through his influence, three of whom were his own sons. All whom these nine heralds of the Cross led to Christ will some day be stars in the old pastor's crown of rejoicing. As a shepherd he knew well his flock, was diligent in his watch, mindful of every need, and sympathetic with every sorrow and suffering. He so identified himself with the families and the common interests of every community in which he lived and labored that "he was to all the country dear."

His Domestic Life. This was ideal. At the age of thirty he married, March 16, 1869, Miss Amelia C. Hawkins, daughter of William Hawkins, a prominent member of Holly Run Church, on Anne Arundel Circuit. He thus fell heir to Heaven's choicest gift whose "price is far above rubies," for in the bearing and rearing eight children, and in the canceling of every wifely duty during the fifty-three years of married life the heart of her husband safely trusted her; wisdom was in her words and kindness on her tongue, and her sons and daughters arose to call blessed. She and six children survive him. two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Coles, Jr., and Miss Miriam; and four sons, William H., of the Maryland Conference, Arlington L., a druggist in Baltimore, Vernon L., a physician in Farnham, Virginia, and R. Stanley, an Episcopal clergyman of Orange, Virginia. Two other sons, Dr. G. M., of Baltimore, and Rev. J. Ernest, Seaford, Delaware, a member of the Maryland Conference, passed before him into that land where doctors and preachers no longer minister unto sick bodies and sinful souls.

His Translation. On the 21st of October, 1922, while visiting in the home of his son in Farnham, Virginia, "he was not; for God took him." Though hard of hearing, dim of eye, and weak of heart for several years, yet a few days before the last he was unusually bright and cheerful. When the final summons came there was no lingering long in pain, but with the family circle gathered about him he quickly passed into the world of rest and reward. His body was brought to his home, Evergreen, Baltimore, and after the last tribute of love and respect, conducted by President J. H. Straughn, of the Maryland Conference, was laid in Rose Hill, Loudon Park, there to wait the Resurrection Call. "Before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." And there is abundant evidence that he also pleased men; for, if all his ministerial brethren and all the laity whom he served since 1863 could speak today, there would be one harmonious voice paying tribute to William Duncan Litsinger as a preacher of sound doctrine, a pastor of tender touch, a friend of unflinching fidelity, a counsellor of rare poise, and in mental traits and Christian graces "furnished unto all good works."

"Servant of God, well done.

Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last."

H. L. ELDERDICE.

J. W. GRAY.

A. W. MATHER.

T. W. DONOHO.

A. R. LEWIS.

J. T. CLARK.

Charles Nathan Alexander.

Born September 28, 1879, in Baltimore County, State of Maryland. Moved to the city with his parents when a child and was reared in East Baltimore.

As a young lad of the 'teen age he became a member of the Messiah English Lutheran Church in Canton, and for many years was its faithful and efficient secretary.

It was here he met, wooed and on October 30, 1902, married Emma L. Sinclair, a bright and blushing young maiden, who also was a member of the same church.

God blessed the lives of this happy union with two children, Lillian, a young lady just blooming into womanhood, and Cecil, now a lad of twelve years.

About the year of 1910 he felt that he was being called of God to enter the Gospel Ministry. He received but little encouragement from his church or pastor, so he turned to Brother F. R. Keyser, a member of this Obituary Committee, and through him sought admission for membership into the Methodist Protestant Church.

Accordingly on February 9, 1913, he presented his letter and was received into Calvary M. P. Church, under the pastorate of J. R. Gaar,

and was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of this church and recommended by it for the itinerancy.

To him his call was clear and definite. Concerning this Brother Link writes. "I had many heart to heart talks with Brother Alexander during those years when he felt the first impulses of his call to the ministry. It was during the time when my own call was becoming imperative, and many and earnest were our conversations. I had abundant opportunity to find out how real was his desire to serve his Saviour in any field to which he might be called. How honest was his conviction that he was being called of God, how hard he worked to prepare himself for the work and how he sacrificed to make the full surrender. Since entering the ministry I have been increasingly convinced that he rightly interpreted his call, and the churches he has served, our conference and the Kingdom are all the richer because of his ministry."

His Ministry.

Brief but fruitful. Nine years in the following charges: Harmony, Felton, New Market, Mardela Springs and Kemptown. From these charges have come many rich testimonials to his fidelity, among which we note: "He was a faithful minister, a genial pastor, a friend to all, ever willing to lend a helping hand, a hard worker, doing all in his power for the advancement of the Lord's work. He was a good man and earnest in his work."

Characteristics.

There are many outstanding characteristics in the memory of Brother Alexander, among which Brother Ogg mentions these:

1. The courage and persistence with which he overcame handicaps. He was successful in his calling in spite of drawbacks, for he had the spirit of a conquerer.
2. His passion to preach. He gladly did the pulpit work on his own charges and eagerly embraced and ever sought opportunities to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ in the pulpits of his brethren.
3. His brotherliness was very pronounced. It was easy to win an intimate friendship with him, and just as easy to hold it. He was more than appreciative of every little kindness done him and his.
4. He was a devout Christian. He thought little about himself and much about his work and his family.

It was while enroute to his last charge that he was taken ill. He was sent to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was operated upon, and for five weeks remained a patient in the hospital.

After leaving the hospital he was for two weeks with his brother on Liberty Heights Avenue before he could proceed to his appointment.

Through the summer months he was with his people on Kemptown Charge, doing his work as best he could, closing his ministry with a revival at Montgomery Chapel, where a number of souls were brought to Christ.

On Thanksgiving Day last he was suddenly stricken a second time and hurried to the Maryland University Hospital, where he was again operated upon, but his case was beyond the skill of physicians.

For several weeks he lingered at the hospital until he could gain sufficient strength to be removed once more to the home of his brother, where he gradually grew weaker in the flesh, but stronger in the spirit, until on February 22, 1922, as the clock was striking the midnight hour, he quietly and calmly slipped away to be with Jesus.

His funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, February 25, from Calvary Church in charge of the pastor, assisted by L. R. Randall, G. A. Ogg, G. W. Haddaway and F. T. Benson. His body was interred in the family lot in Orem Cemetery, Baltimore County, to await the call of the resurrection.

"I cannot say, and I will not say,
That he is dead—he is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
He wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
That land must be, since he lingers there.
And you, oh you, who wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return
Think of his as faring on as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away."

N. C. CLOUGH.
J. N. LINK.
G. A. OGG.
F. R. KEYSER.
J. D. LANDIS.
MILTON STIFFLER.

Mrs. William Sherman Phillips.

Mrs. Eva Thomas Phillips, widow of the late Rev. William Sherman Phillips, of precious memory in our conference, died in Newark, N. J., on Thursday night, February 1, 11.28 o'clock. To those of us who were watching by her bedside it seemed that she just went to sleep in Jesus, so peacefully came the end.

Others of the committee will speak of her helpfulness and efficiency as the wife and fellow-worker with her husband in the pastorate. I want to write briefly of what I have learned concerning her during the ten years and more that I have been her pastor.

Mrs. Phillips was a true servant of God in the church of Jesus Christ. She was frail of body, yet bore heavy burdens. She was cheerful, brave, true, gentle, broad-minded, capable, conscientious, faithful, painstaking, resourceful and sympathetic. Quiet and dignified in manner, she was intelligent and pleasing in her conversation. Without guile and duplicity, she tried to think of the good that was in others rather than parade their weaknesses and failures.

Mrs. Phillips had a strong will and a courage that never failed;

these enabled her to endure heart-breaking experiences with fortitude and resignation.

Her religious life was just what you would associate with the general features of her character. It was warm but not extravagantly demonstrative; earnest but tranquil and serene; a daily habit rather than an occasional or spasmodic impulse.

In her years as president of our Missionary Society she proved that she had the cause of Christ at heart. Her sympathies were enlisted in every needy cause, and, with a vision of a world-wide field for the church, she sought to enlist our womanhood in the great work of taking that world for her Christ. She wanted Christ crowned King and Lord of all.

Mrs. Phillips was a woman of rare faith in God and in Jesus. Few are called upon to pass through so many dark clouds, to endure such heart-searching, character-testing, faith-trying ordeals as were hers, yet through them all she proved herself truly the servant of God.

The end of her life came rather suddenly, but found her not unprepared. For years she had consistently loved and served her Redeemer and Saviour. By her own testimony, expressed to her pastor, she felt that Jesus was her ever sufficient and ever-present Companion and Refuge. Even when in the Valley of the Shadow she indicated that she felt that the Good Shepherd was with her and that His rod and staff comforted her. Peacefully, without a struggle, she went to sleep.

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

She leaves four sons and two grandchildren to mourn the loss of the best earthly friend—a fondly devoted, indulgent, self-forgetful and self-sacrificing mother and grandmother. She loved with a true mother-love and sought to shield her children and encircle them with that Divine love which "suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not, that vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil, rejoiceth not in unrighteousness but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

May the heritage which they have received from God, a father and a mother who lived lives of holy consecration and Christian usefulness, help these sons to stand fast, quit themselves like men and follow after them in holy life in Christ-like character and in the service of God and man.

A large congregation assembled in our church, Newark, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, February 4. Rev. J. W. Balderston assisted the pastor in the services. Mrs. Phillips' body was tenderly laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Salisbury, Md., to await that morning when we shall be united in tearless, painless, deathless life to praise God forevermore.

Dr. F. T. Benson, a member of the committee, writes: "Mrs. Eva

Phillips, who was then Miss Eva Thomas, was in my congregation at Mt. Tabor, Washington, my first appointment. She was a most gifted and devout servant of God even in her youth, and afterward, as she entered into the larger field as a minister's wife, she carried with her the consecration of those earlier years. No one who knew her doubts that she pleased God and has gone home to him."

Rev. B. W. Kindley writes: "April, 1885, I became acquainted with Miss Eva Thomas, subsequently Mrs. W. S. Phillips. She was then a member of the Mt. Tabor Church, Washington, D. C., the church in which I began my ministry. Evidences of her fitness for an active and fruitful Christian life were plainly shown, and when she chose to link her life with a minister of the Gospel, her friends who knew her best were certain she would prove herself a valuable co-laborer in the multiplied activities of her husband's busy life. In this she disappointed no one, for her splendid character and fine qualities of leadership bore fruit in abundance. Her going away to her heavenly coronation and reunion with her husband beloved was a happy climax of faithfulness to God and untiring toil on earth."

Mrs. Alice T. Barnes writes: "Having known and loved Eva (Mrs. W. Sherman Phillips) from her early childhood, I can truly say of her that she was a faithful and devout follower of our blessed Saviour. When I first knew her she was a scholar in the infant class in the Sabbath School of Mt. Tabor Church. She grew up in this church and married dear Brother Phillips there. Our church has lost a true and efficient member. Her place will not be filled easily."

Brother William E. Cain writes: "To those who knew her intimately, it is unnecessary for me to enumerate and extol Mrs. Phillips' many virtues."

It was my privilege to have Mrs. Phillips as a neighbor and friend during the past twelve years, and consequently had many opportunities to study her character. A modest, unassuming little woman, very fragile physically, but mentally alert and large of heart and faith.

Very few of us are called upon to bear the burden of cares and troubles that was Mrs. Phillips' portion in life; yet she bore them all heroically, never uttering a word of complaint, always looking on the bright side of everything and firmly believing that "All things work together for good to those who love and serve their Saviour."

That she will be missed in our church is putting it mildly. Her labors in the Missionary Society bore abundant fruit, and I have no doubt that she has received the "Well done, good and faithful servant," from the lips of the Christ she served so faithfully and well.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY,
 F. T. BENSON,
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 Committee.

Conference Sermon

Rev. Richard L. Shipley

I. Corinthians 11: 2-6. "Ye do shew forth the Lord's death."

"Ye do shew forth the Lord's death." This is the purpose of the Holy Communion which we will celebrate within an hour. This is the purpose of the Ministry of the Gospel to which we devote our lives. For this purpose I have lifted a gleaming phrase from a great text the context of which I ignore for the present. I attempt no philosophy of the sacrament or exposition in eschatology. I essay a simpler and a greater task: To shew forth the Lord's death.

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the central act of human history. It is the climacteric fact of Divine revelation. Men of genius have spent their noblest talents to shew for the Lord's death. The great artists have tried to depict the scene. Giotto, Mantagna, Van Eyck, Van Dyck, Grunwaldt, Velasquez, Munkacsy and Delacroix, have given us their canvases. But no paint is quite black enough to show the hideousness of that hour nor has any palette pigment white enough to reveal the radiance of suffering purity manifest on the cross. Biographers have described the crucifixion as the climax in the life of Jesus. Strauss and Renan, with hard criticism and misty imagination, have stripped the scene of all legend and tried to make it real. Others, with more faith and more loyalty to fact, have written of Calvary. Neander and Edersheim, Geikie and Farrar, David Smith and F. Patterson Smyth, W. J. Dawson and Donald Hankey, and last of all Giovanni Papini, born out of due season from scientific scepticism to a sure faith in Christ, have given us stirring chapters in their great books. They inspire us but leave us feeling that all has not been told. Theologians have enquired into the meaning of the Lord's death. Anselm and Grotius, Calvin and Macleod Campbell, J. B. Mozley and John Miley, R. W. Dale and James Denny have elaborated their theories of the atonement but the fact is greater than the sum total of them all. There is something unfathomable and unutterable about the cross. And yet we must preach it for unto this ministry we are called. Without the cross we have no message.

About the cross every element of life meets, mingles, jostles and contradicts. Every emotion of the heart and every act of hand is seen near the cross. Sin is there. Hate, triumphant envy, cruelty, taunting sneers and short-sighted scorn; demagoguery and mob passion; callousness seeking gain indifferent to spiritual reality; ribaldry, drunkenness, gambling, fear, remorse, contempt, are all within its shadow. Virtue is there. Divine love shines out sacrificial and forgiving. Self control faces hate without reviling and feels pain without whimpering. Love and loyalty forget danger and disgrace, and braves heart-break to be near a loved one who is suffering. Burdens are accepted. Confessions of faith are protested in an hour of darkness. Salvation is realized. All the richness of Divine grace is seen in the light of Calvary. The sin of all the world combines to make up the turgid flood of iniquity which engulfs the world on that black Friday. From

the holy hill on which our Lord died flow life giving streams for the healing of the nations. When we shew forth the Lord's death we shew forth all of life.

Who is sufficient for this? And yet, who dare preach and not try to do this? Our ministry is the ministry of reconciliation. Our message is the word of the cross. Our first intent in preaching is to know nothing but Jesus and him crucified. On this day I dare do nothing but what I always try to do, to shew forth the Lord's death. I therefore invite you to join with me in the remembrance of the agony of our Lord and Savior.

We will go back to the morning after the Passover Supper, A. D. 29, and stand just outside the North wall of old Jerusalem. There is a bare, rocky, despised spot where criminals are executed. The gleaming limestone is broken and scarred until little caves grin like eye-sockets in a bleached skull. The place is called Golgotha. Up this hill a Roman guard came with three prisoners to be executed. A great crowd followed. Some of the crowd were high dignitaries of the church whose priestly robes seemed strangely out of place in a mob that would go to watch a hanging. Beneath their sacred head-dress smiling faces showed great interest in the proceedings. The smiles were cruel grins. Many of the throng were perplexed. Some seemed disappointed. Some wept. The soldiers were only doing a day's work and resented the unusual number of people who had come out to witness this triple execution. Of the three criminals only one bore a sign telling of his crime. He seemed to be the weakest of the three. He had stumbled on the way. A man had been impressed to assist him with the cross. He reached the top of the hill staggering, wounded, thorn-crowned. He attracted the attention of all. He was Jesus of Nazareth. *Ecce Homo*. Behold the man. But as we look upon him let us remember that this man, blood spotted, spit spattered, naked, beaten, forspent, and dying, was the only begotten Son of the Father, the Eternal Word by whom all things were made, the Incarnate Deity, very God of very God, who by an infinite condescension came to shew forth the Lord's death for all mankind.

The kindly women of Jerusalem had prepared an opiate to deaden the pain of the crucified. Jesus refused to drink. His greatest work was to be done. His most precious words were yet to be spoken. He would allow no stimulant to cause him to speak too strongly nor would he permit a sedative to cause him to feel less keenly. His soul should be unclouded and calm in the epochal hour. Let the Lord shew forth in his death that life is to be met as it is, and diminished pain at the price of self control and a full realization of experience, is not for those who seek to do the best.

The cross was laid upon the ground and Jesus was laid upon it. He was lashed to the beams and the palms of his hands were opened. As the rough nails pierced the flesh, tearing sinews and crunching bones his lips moved. The crucified, crazed with pain, usually cursed their executioners. Jesus spoke

I. THE FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS.

"Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

A Word of Forgiveness.

Keener than the pain in the hands of Jesus was the anguish in his heart as he saw the ignorance of those for whom he was dying. He thought not so much of what they were doing to him as what they were doing to them-

selves. He loved them more than His own peace. "He prayed for them that did the wrong." He prayed not that he might be spared from the agony of the hour but that they might be saved from the retribution of their deeds.

For whom did he pray? The prayer included: First of all the soldiers, callous hirelings of a government that did not care; Pilate, cowardly representative of an authority that cringed when it should have controlled; the Jews, jealous fanatics of a selfish religion; the mob, who made their passions the plaything of demagogues and the disciples, whose fear added the bitterness of loneliness to the cup he was drinking. He prayed for these and others. He prayed for all transgressors of the past "Whose mortal taste brought sin into the world and all our woe." He prayed for those of our own age, whose indifference and indulgence, "crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame." As we show forth the Lord's death we see the efficacy of His eternal intercession.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
 Received on Calvary;
 They pour effectual prayers,
 They strongly speak for me:
 "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
 "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears him pray,
 His dear Anointed One;
 He cannot turn away
 The presence of His Son;
 His Spirit answers to the blood,
 And tells me I am born of God.

The cross was raised. It slid into its rocky socket with a sickening grind. Its quivering weight of agony settled to the hours of pain. The crowd turned their eyes from the face of the crucified to read a sign nailed just above his head. An inscription, written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek, read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." As they read it some wondered, some laughed and some grit their teeth in anger.

The inscription was a crude joke designed by Pilate to insult the Jews. They had accused Jesus of being a king. He sought to show his contempt for them and for their nation by publicly labeling him such. The sarcasm stung. The rulers of the Jews hastened to the Governor demanding that the sign be changed. But the man, who an hour before in a great moral issue was pliable, now when the issue was not decisive, was stubborn. He answered them with a word of finality: "What I have written, I have written."

The sign stirred all who saw it. They vented their resentment upon the victim. They all railed upon him and reviled him. The passing multitude wagged their heads and cried: "Thou that destroyest the temple and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God come down from the cross." The chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him sneering: "He saved others, Himself he cannot save. If he be the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let Him now deliver him, if he will have him; for he

said, I am the Son of God." Even the soldiers, forgetting their duty as executioners, mocked him. They took flagons of their sour wine and offered them to him with the gesture of cupbearers serving a king, saying: "If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself." And one of the robbers, in the same agony, cast a reproach at him, crying: "If thou be the Crist save thyself and us." There was none too high or too low to spend their spleen in worrying this man who was marked a king.

The inscription told the truth. Like other curt sayings of Pilate it held a fact that he did not know. The marks of shame were signs of royalty in Jesus. The ignorance of the multitude and the prejudice of their leaders prevented them from seeing that the humiliating incidents about the cross were points in the fulfillment of ancient prophecy by which the Messianic King might be recognized. His shameful place between two thieves identified him as the Suffering Servant of Jehovah of whom Isaiah had said: "He was numbered with the transgressors." (Isaiah 53: 13.) The soldiers at the foot of the cross, each holding a garment and snapping dice for the tunic, fulfilled the prophecy in Psalms 22: 18

"They part my garments among them
And cast lots for my vesture."

The rallery and reviling were not only marks of degradation but signs denoting the Divine King, whose glory and suffering are so woefully mingled in that strangest of Messianic Psalms.

"A reproach of men, and despised of the people
All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head saying,
He trusted in Jehovah, that He would deliver him.
Let Him rescue Him, seeing he delighteth in him.
A company of evil doers have compassed me
They pierced by hands and feet."

The king was not recognized then. They were too close to get the proper perspective. We see more clearly now. We now see that Jesus of Nazareth was king of the Jews. He was and is King of kings and Lord of Lords. He shall be king. The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. As we show forth His death we recognize his royalty.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

His kindness had other evidence as He hung on the cross. He manifested the kingship of self control in perfect mastery over pain. He proved himself supreme to hate and scorn. Something regnant in his spirit won the heart of the other thief who hung beside him. Hearing the taunt of his comrade malefactor he rebuked him, saying: "Dost thou not fear God seeing that thou art in the same condemnation? and we indeed justly; for we received the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss." Then he prayed to his comrade Christ: "Lord remember me when thou comest in

thy Kingdom." Here we have a confession of sin, a confession of faith in Christ and a prayer for salvation. No king hath power in the day of death. Is Jesus more than a King but also a Savior? Can he give royal largess now? Can his grace be shown on the cross? Can he rise above his personal pain and aid another in anguish? We listen for the answer and hear

II. THE SECOND WORD FROM THE CROSS

"Verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23:42.

A Word of Assurance.

The first word from the cross was a prayer for the salvation of the man who crucified him. The second word was a promise of salvation to a man who was crucified with him. The prayer of the penitent thief fell on the heart of Jesus with infinite warmth. It showed him that faith was in the earth though he was on the cross. The answer to the prayer came quickly and with absolute assurance. It was a wonderful promise. This crime hardened man, fastened to the cross too tight to find relief in writhing, held in a burning thirst, was told that on this very day he would be in the Garden of God with its flowing river of life, its waving trees of healing and in blessed companionship with God himself. Does it not seem incredible that a sinful man might be so lifted? But we see a more incredible thing. The sinless Son of God is hanging on the cross, the rudest scaffold of the most despised criminals. If he were willing to be numbered with the transgressors it is possible for the transgressors to be numbered with him. For this cause came he to that hour. His degradation was for our exaltation. He was with us that we might be with him. He descended to earth that sinners might ascend to heaven. Let us not ask any quibbling questions about Paradise nor lose our assurance in speculation on the intermediate state. Let us know that anywhere with Jesus, be it on cross or throne, in dungeon or quiet room, is Paradise. Let us know that when any soul feels earth growing faint and through the pains of death hears the voice of Jesus promising salvation that he has a certainty of heavenly felicity which compensates for any cross earth can raise. Happy thief for the death of the Lord to show forth so clear a promise of eternal life.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The crowd grew weary of baiting an unresentful victim. The sun rising higher made the day hotter. Many left the hill. A little group that had been standing afar off drew near. The refinement of their faces showed no cruel curiosity drew them there. The signs of grief which strained their countenances revealed deep sorrow. When they came within the range of sight of the man on the cross Jesus saw his mother. She was Mary of Nazareth, who had received him in her virgin womb, nursed him in babyhood, taught him in boyhood, tended his home in early manhood, sought to guide him in his ministry which she did not understand, and now, she had come to see him suffer and to comfort him with her presence. The sword of

which Simeon spoke pierced her heart. The brothers of Jesus were not there. They did not know. Her companion was John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. Jesus knew that John understood Him better than any other and that he could best care for and sympathize with Mary. To them both he spoke

III. THE THIRD WORD FROM THE CROSS

"Woman, behold thy son." "Behold thy mother." John 19:26, 27.

A Word of Provision.

By this saying he provided a home for Mary and laid a burden of love on John. It is a great word with intimate implications. At this time Jesus was wrestling with great issues in the heavenly world. He was fighting spiritual battles of eternal consequence. But he recognized that spiritual concerns are not the sum total of things. The needs of earth are present and real. He paused in his task of redeeming the race to provide a home for his mother. On the cross he showed us that food, clothing, home, associates are matters to be given attention. This word glorifies the common way of every plain man as he goes out in the morning to make a living for his family. This justifies those of us who give ourselves to his ministry in giving some thought to our appointments and our charges where we will provide for the comforts and necessities of our families. This places within the scope of our ministry the work on the Superannuate Fund by which we provide for the fathers and mothers of our Israel. This sanctifies every last will and testament, hallows our life insurance policies and takes the miserliness out of our small saving accounts. It tells us we have not done our full duty when we have neglected those whom God has given us. The cross is first, we cannot shun suffering and service to the utmost, but the practical duties of life must be fulfilled even on the cross. As we shew forth the Lord's death we see the importance of all of life.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that to all time abide.

Jesus had been hanging on the cross three hours. It was high noon. The rays of the tropic sun beat in straight shafts through the Syrian sky upon the heads of the spectators. Then the light faded and there was darkness until the ninth hour. It could not have been an eclipse of the sun for the moon was full. It might have been a sandstorm such as travelers have seen in Jerusalem. Whatever might have been the natural cause of the phenomenon it was most fitting.

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

The darkness was symbolic of the sins of man that shrouded the universe in murky gloom. It suggested the shame of nature that would veil the impious scene. It suggested the unfathomable mystery of the atonement. During these black hours great struggles took place in the spiritual domain.

Then was the crucial conflict between darkness and light, sin and holiness, the wilfulness of man and the will of God.

After three hours of shadow, as the afternoon sun began to slip beneath the curtain which had hid it, Jesus cried in a loud voice.

IV. THE FOURTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

"My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?"

Matt. 27: 46, Mark 15: 34. Psalms 22: 1.

A Word of Mystery.

The darkness of Golgotha is in this cry. Jesus himself did not understand the meaning of his bitter experience. He asked, "Why?" Can we hope to fully understand it? We only know that Jesus shows forth in his death an experience that is unique. Good men do not usually have this agony in death but are sustained by the conscious presence of God. Bad men do not usually have this experience for sin has made them callous to the absence of God. But this man, who had all his life enjoyed unbroken and unmediated communion with the Father, in his hour of noblest heroism and sacrifice, in his time of direst need, feels himself forsaken of God, whose will he is fulfilling. He tastes bitter loneliness and perplexity and cries "Why?" Can we solve this mystery?

Certainly we cannot fully know the meaning of this strange word from the cross. We can only hope to get some light on it by other passages of Scripture and possibly find comfort where our Lord found suffering. Isaiah, who saw the cross from afar, said: "The Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all." "The chastisement of our peace was upon him." Paul, who first seemed to grasp the philosophy of the cross, wrote: "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin." Peter, who was the first to taste forgiveness after the resurrection said: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." "Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust." It seems clear that Jesus did not endure this dark experience for anything that he had done. He suffered for others. He had no sin but he suffered the most agonizing result of sin, which is to be dying without God. The conclusion is inescapable. The suffering was vicarious. No easy theology can plumb the depths of His dereliction. The old iron ideas of the atonement can alone be strong enough for our faith here. Jesus suffers, the sinless for the sinful, that he may save sinners from the guilt and power of sin. I am not sure we can say with Luther and Calvin that in this hour Jesus suffered the full agony of Hell. Certainly we can see that he was in the outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth. In his death he did show forth with strong crying the exceeding evil of sin.

We may not know, we cannot tell,

What pains he had to bear;

But we believe it was for us

He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,

He died to make us good,

That we might go at last to heaven,

Saved by his precious blood.

My faith lays hold on a great hope as I hear this cry. Because the sinless Christ was forsaken by the Father in his death, I, though sinful, may walk through the valley of the shadow of death companioned by Him who first went that dark way in my stead. As we show forth the darkness of His death our hope of light at even-time becomes radiant.

The darkness passed. The struggles in the spiritual realm was over. Physical sensation asserted itself and Jesus spoke

V. THE FIFTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

"I thirst." John 19:28.

A Word of Suffering.

This utterance links Jesus with us in likeness of the body. He was human. His frayed nerves, bruised tissues, strained tendons and torn flesh registered pain as our bodies would have done. His physical organism was perfect. His brain had never been dulled by sin. He was sensitive to an extent that few men could know. The more perfect the nervous system the keener the perceptions and the sharper the suffering. For six hours he was hanging on the cross. His body was stretched in a strained position without relief. His wounds were torn and ragged. His heart was forcing spent blood through compressed arteries. He had hung beneath a burning sun and felt the fierce sirocco's breath. Fever, gangrene, and quick infection made his body a living mass of fire. He felt. Flesh and its pain were real to him. All the anguish coalesced in a fiery thirst. He groaned "I thirst." As we show forth the Lord's death we see his fellowship in suffering. We see that pain is real, that pain may be recognized without weakness, that we may seek remedy without wrong, but that it is not to be avoided if it lies in the path of duty.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
Was all for sinner's gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain!

There was a vessel sitting on the ground which contained sour wine. It was a drink allowed to soldiers on duty because it was not intoxicating and very refreshing. One soldier, kinder than the rest, soaked a sponge in this vinegar, stuck it on the end of a hyssop stalk that grew in a crevice of the rock, and put it to our Lord's lips. Some of the crowd cried out for him to stop so they might see if Elijah would come and help him. They had misunderstood the cry of Jesus a few minutes before. Theological speculation may be fiendishly cruel. But this nameless soldier saw him thirsty and gave him drink. Jesus took the refreshing draft and then spoke

VI. THE SIXTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

"It is Finished." John 19:30.

A Word of Fulfillment.

Not only was the refreshing drink given by the soldier finished but the bitter cup which he had prayed might pass from him was drained. The work of the cross was about ended. He had prayed for his enemies, pardoned a penitent, provided for his mother, fought the great battle in the spirit,

endured pain of the body and the bitterness of dying was done. Only the peace of sleep lay ahead. He had finished the work given him to do. The years of working, the long roads of wandering, the months of teaching disciples slow to understand, the bitter weeks of controversy with hate and hypocrisy, were past. "The perfect life in perfect labor writ" was complete. But there is more in this cry. The long, long redemptive work of God was perfected. All that prophecy had foretold and type foreshadowed was fulfilled. Tissot's fine picture is profoundly true. In its prophets, priests and poets of Israel stand round the cross holding aloft their scrolls which are rolled in token of completeness. "He hath made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world." Christ has finished all that God can do for the salvation of men. As we shew forth the Lord's death we see the fullness of an universal atonement. We also see that our times are in God's hand, life is not a broken thing, and death completes the whole.

Finished all the types and shadows
Of the ceremonial law;
Finished all that God had promised,
Death and hell no more shall awe:
"It is finished!"
Saints from hence your comfort draw.

Jesus, having accomplished his work, spoke

VII. THE SEVENTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

"Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23: 46.

A Word of Trust.

The mists which had hid the Father's face had passed and now he was conscious of his Father's presence. He had come from the Father. All his life he had followed the Father's guidance and now he knew that the Father would receive him. Within his body, that body which had been perfected in training, fatigued in his ministry, bruised on the cross, there dwelt a spirit pure and triumphant. Though men had cruelly broken the body the spirit was untouched. That Spirit, the essential personality of him, had taken the body in birth, had directed the body in service, had forced the body to the cross and would leave the body in a short while for a season. With the spirit he had taught, loved, decided. That spirit was he. His spirit was still alive and would live. Tired of the clinging burden of blood strained flesh he was ready to give the spirit into his Father's keeping. As we show forth the Lord's death we see the essentiality, the inviolability, the indestructibility of the spirit. He who keeps his spirit steadfast when men hate and hurt will find all things working together for good and in the end life everlasting.

"In suffering, be Thy love my peace:
In weakness, be thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
Jesus, in that important hour,
In death, as life, be thou my guide,
And save me, who for me hast died."

"And having said this he gave up the Ghost." Am I playing with words when I call attention to the active voice of this verb. "He gave up the ghost." No man killed Jesus. He had power to lay down his life and he had power to take it up again. There was never an hour in his passion when he could not have called a legion of angels to deliver him from his enemies and never a moment on the cross when he could not have arrested the processes of death and come down from the rood. He voluntarily gave his life as a ransom for many. His head fell on his breast. Ease came to his tortured body. The highest, holiest man was dead.

Three things occurred in the Holy City when Jesus died.

"The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." Matt. 27: 51. The heavy curtain, woven of fine linen and gold thread, sixty feet long, thirty feet wide and a hand's breadth in thickness, which hung between the holy place and the holy of holies, was torn from top to bottom in way impossible for human hands to do it. Behind this veil had been the sacred things of the worship of Jehovah that were unlawful for men to see. God revealed them to the public eye when Jesus died. There was no longer a need of a hidden mercy seat to which only one priest could approach bearing the blood of a beast. Christ had opened a new and living way into the holiest by his own blood, by which we all may enter. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus. Let us draw near with a true heart and full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10: 19, 22.

"And the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent; and the tombs were opened; and many of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; and coming forth out of the tomb after his resurrection they entered into the city and appeared unto many." Matt. 27: 51-53. This was a strange thing. There are some who say that here we are in the realm of legend. The text seems sure. To me the record is not incredible. It is supernatural and also natural. It was fitting that when the self-existent Deity entered the realms of death that the dead should come again into the land of the living. The passing of the ever-living God into death would seem more incredible than the passing of dead men into life. For Jesus to be bound by death is stranger than for other men to be loosed. The border line between the two worlds were shattered by him who triumphed over death and hades. As we shew forth the Lord's death we see that death and life are not twain but one. Heaven and earth are linked by the cross. The saints triumphant and militant are given a blessed contact and communion. When we realize our redemption in his blood we come to know "That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." Ephesians 1: 10.

"And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so gave up the ghost, he said, "Truly this was the Son of God." Mark 15: 39. This hardened Roman soldier had seen many men die. Seeing Christ so die he knew that this was the death of a God. The death of God cannot be futile. His blood is not wasted. There is efficacy in His atonement. As we show forth the Lord's death we see the manifestation of his divinity. We see his love and are constrained to love him more. He, being lifted on the cross draws all men to him. May we be drawn to that cross today. At the

cross our hearts pour out the highest adoration. Bishop Marvin is said to have told this story. A young girl, dressed for a party, went into her father's study to show him her new dress. As she turned about the room the gauzy fabric touched the fire in the open grate. In a moment she was aflame. Her father quickly threw a rug about her and smothered the flames. She was not scarred but his hands were so badly burned that they were twisted the rest of his life. The daughter married and moved to a distant city. After many years a telegram called her home on account of her father's illness. When she arrived he was dead. She went into the parlor to caress his silent form. She did not kiss his lips, nor his brow, but kissed the hands scarred and twisted in saving her life and bathed them with her tears. We also lay our deepest love, our highest adoration, our completest consecration at the foot of the cross where our Lord was wounded for our transgressions.

Brethren of the ministry is not this the task to which we devote our lives: "To shew forth the Lord's death." May it be our experience this day to feel it in our hearts. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's death until he come." God grant that he may come to us this morning and shew us his death so poignantly that we may be melted into tenderness so that we may be moulded unto his will. May our ministry be changed from a profession by which we make a living into a passion through we spend our lives. May we see that no poor appointment can be so humiliating as his shame upon the cross. May we see that no place is so isolated as the loneliness of Calvary. May we see that no scorn or persecution suffered on any charge can be so bitter as the reviling on Golgotha. May we see that no burden of church work will be heavy enough to break us as his hands and heart were broken. May be know that as we suffer with him in the ministry of reconciliation we become his co-laborers in the greatest work of God and man. May we be made glad to fill up on our part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in our flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Come with pardon for our past sins, come with passion for our present experience, come with power for our future tasks.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	Charge	President's Salary		Maryland Conference Budget		Children's Day	Special for For. Mis.	Y. P. Mis. Md Union	W. F. M. S.	Easter Off. Home Mis.	Spec. for Home Mis.	W. H. M. S.	Rally Day Y. P. Wk.	Educational Day	Total Credits
		Ass'd Paid	28	Ass'd Paid	28										
1	Accomac, Va.....	28	28	197	197	10									10
2	Alexandria, Va.....	23	23	162	162	45				18					83
3	Amelia, Va.....	20	20	139	139					9			20		9
4	Baltimore														
5	Alnut Memorial.....	50	50	356	356	20	10	25	207			300	21		583
6	Brooklyn.....	32	32	229	229	105	100	25	155	63	100	115	73	32	768
7	Calvary.....	34	34	239	239	18			73	80			10		181
8	Chesaco Park.....	9	9	62	62	4								15	19
9	Christ Church.....	85	85	604	604	175	25	118	324	178		225	55	39	1139
10	East Baltimore.....	30	30	217	217	25		25	90	18		10	25	20	213
11	Edmondson Ave.....	2	2	12	12	10				18			14		42
12	Eutaw.....	35	35	249	249	152		420	240	105		250	68		1235
13	Evergreen.....	18	18	126	126	20			60	50					130
14	Grace.....	32	32	231	231		25	10	9	110			26		180
15	Hampden.....	103	103	731	731	750		50	185	63			30	27	1105
16	Keen Memorial.....	31	31	224	224	100			60	50					210
17	Lauraville.....	18	18	130	119	12				80			12	10	114
18	Linthicum Heights.....	25	25	177	177	31		6	96	18	10	143	29	43	376
19	Lowe Memorial.....	58	58	411	411	100	50	15	107	35	50		35		392
20	North Baltimore.....	54	54	389	389	341	40	210	400	20		200	50	1261	
21	Payson Street.....	13	13	92	92										
22	South Baltimore.....	30	30	214	214	99	107	103	50	221		50	79	100	809
23	Starr.....	75	75	536	536			25	578	67		520			1190
24	St. John's.....	71	71	545	545	38	305		650	33		315	45		1386
25	St. Paul's.....	40	40	286	160	10				40			15		65
26	Trinity.....	17	17	123	123	20				20					40
27	Violetville.....	12	13	87	87	30	31	10	43	25		25	31	16	211
28	Waverly.....	12	12	89	18	10					5				15
29	West Baltimore.....	72	72	516	516	625		172	365	271		400	25	25	1883
30	Wilton Heights.....	28	28	242	85	24	131	15	51	40	60	26	21		368
31	Baltimore Circuit.....	25	25	179	179	100							20		120
32	Bedford, Pa.....	30	30	210	64										64
33	Belair.....	30	30	203	203	73				14				5	92
34	Bivalve.....	24	24	170	70	49				6			23	6	84
35	Buckeystown.....	35	35	252	252	96			211	52		160	19	22	560
36	Cambridge.....	36	36	257	257	54		100		34		65	39	88	380
37	Cambridge Ct.....	10	10	74	74	8					13		5		26
38	Cannon, Del.....	18	18	131	90	24		2		10			5		41
39	Caroline.....	18	18	132	132	41				29			10	20	100
40	Cecil.....	21	21	148	148	41				32					73
41	Centreville.....	19	19	141	141	75				25			40		140
42	Chestertown.....	46	46	327	327	107		10	152	50	45		10		374
43	Chincoteague, Va.....	12	12	83	23	36				10			10	10	66
44	Clayton, Del.....	24	24	171	171	80	52	5	5	15	5	5	21	22	210
45	Concord, Pa.....	25	25	178	121	49					11		11		71
46	Conquest, Va.....	15	15	105	105	30				30			20	10	90
47	Crisfield														
48	Crisfield	53	53	378	378	131		10	188	80		95	85	25	614
49	Lawsonia.....	6	6	42	42										
50	Mariners.....	32	32	225	29	65				79			10		154
51	Crumpton.....	18		57											
52	Cumberland 1st Church.....	36	36	259	259		97				278	65	39	126	605
53	Mapleside and Fairview	12	12	85	78										
54	Melvin Chapel.....	11	11	78	20	25		13					10	12	95
55	Deer Creek.....	14	14	103	72	32	14			30	5				46

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd	General Conference Budget		Total Assessments		Miscel. Gen'l Int.	Total Paid Gen'l Int's	Pastor's Salary		Rental Value of Parsonage	Current Expenses	Paid on Building and Improvements	Paid on Debt	Paid for Interest on Debt	Miscellaneous Local	Total Paid for Local Interests	Total Paid for all Purposes	Pastor's Salary 1922-23	Number		
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389	46	506	132		142	274	600	600	200	50	1000		6		57	1907	2181	600	53	

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		Ass'd Paid	208	Ass'd Paid	208										
54	Deer Park.....	29	29	208	208	127				43			26		196
55	Delmar, Del.....	26	26	186	186	25				15				7	47
56	Delta, Pa.....	25	25	191	191	160	77			20	12	20	15	20	374
57	Denton.....	24	24	174	174	136		11	84	53					284
58	Dorchester.....	21	21	150	150	70				25			15	10	120
59	Dover, Del.....	17	17	170	170	60	22		3	10			5	9	109
60	Easton.....	31	31	223	223	86	30		80	54			12		262
61	Elizabeth, N. J.....	27	27	192	192	36	15			15			12	10	88
62	Fairfax, Va.....	14	14	103	73	35				23					10
63	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	34	34	245	245	68	50			28		120	9		275
64	Federalburg.....	27	27	195	195	91			25	17			41	15	189
65	Felton, Del.....	11	11	78		35							10		45
66	Finksburg.....	46	46	327	327	103	70		102	167	42		63	28	575
67	First Church, Newark.....	111	111	794	794	134	512	25	425	50	31	250	78	47	1552
68	Franklin City, Va.....	26	26	186	128	122				52			10		184
69	Frederick.....	27	27	190	85	104	6			17		113	12	7	259
70	Georgetown, Del.....	26	26	181	181	15				10					25
71	Glenburnie.....	18	18	127	127					25					25
72	Greenbush and Tasley.....	14	14	101	101	93				26			50	28	197
73	Greensboro.....	5		38											
74	Greenwood, Del.....	21	21	148	148	16				13					29
75	Grove.....	14	14	98	80	37				6			4	3	50
76	Harbeson, Del.....	16	16	111	111										
77	Harmony, W. Va.....	15	15	106	106	22	65			16			12	17	132
78	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	18	18	130	130	35				32			11		78
79	Harrington, Del.....	30	30	210	210	50	15			80			35		180
80	Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	3	3	21	21	51				14			15		80
81	Howard.....	36	36	255	255	92				35					127
82	Hurlock.....	28	28	165	60	75				53					128
83	Indian River.....	4	4	28	28										
84	Kempton.....	45	45	319	309	68				40			8		116
85	Kennedyville.....	20	20	139	139	31	15	5	6	31	15	23	20	11	157
86	Kent Island.....	12	12	87	87	25				14					39
87	Laurel, Del.....	39	39	277	277	54	50	15	10	46		10	45	25	255
88	Laurel Ct.....	20	20	145	145					12			3		15
89	Leeds.....	20	20	146	146	62	17			46		19	14	13	171
90	Leipsic, Del.....	10	10	74	74	50				2	5			7	64
91	Lewes, Del.....	6	6	42	42										
92	Lewistown.....	11	17	76	12	9				12			10		31
93	Liberty.....	16	16	113	113										
94	Lisbon.....	38	38	270	270	121	174			71				7	373
95	Lynchburg, Va.....	24	24	171	171	35			132	25		50			242
96	Mardela.....	29	29	205	114	50	4					15			69
97	Marley.....	12	12	87	80	9				20	12		3		44
98	Middleway, W. Va.....	7	10	22											
99	Milford, Del.....	37	37	264	264	50	10	50		8	10			9	137
100	Milton, Del.....	20	20	145	147	90				61			65	14	230
101	Mt. Nebo.....	25	25	212		54				15			7		76
102	New Church, Va.....	29	29	209	209	200	50	10	10	50	50	10	42	100	522
103	Newmarket.....	36	36	233	200	53	10			20	5				88
104	Nichols Memorial.....	25	25	68	68	30				62					92
105	Northumberland, Va.....	37	37	261	153	24				23			11	12	70
106	Oak Grove, Va.....	14	14	100	2	27									27
107	Oxford.....	17	17	120	120	45			78	43			20	10	196
108	Parksley, Va.....	31	31	217	217	163	75	10	175	54	40	25	40	32	614

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	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd			Paid	Paid										
787	196	1024	433	204	637	1200	1200	150	240	580								54
705	137	917	349	650	999	1500	1500	300	400	200								55
723	734	939	950	253	1203	1500	1500	300	328									56
509	509	707	707	576	1283	1500	1500	300	415	265								57
569	120	740	291	87	378	1100	1100	200	150	285								58
453	109	590	296	290	586	1000	1001	300	305	300								59
845	262	1099	516	409	925	1600	1600	360	1170	1600								60
726	248	945	467	85	552		1200	720	1200				230					61
389	58	506	145	48	193		900	662	180	54	220		22	535	3885	4437	1200	62
927	275	1206	554	312	866	1500	1500	200	325	250				620	2895	3761	1500	63
739	189	961	411	47	458	1400	1400	300	383	114	30			293	2520	2078	1400	64
297	45	386	56	120	176	700	600	120	110					115	945	1121	600	65
1239	575	1612	948	406	1354	1600	1600	240	360	13740	260	6349	625	23174	24528	1600	66	
3092	3092	3997	3997	1035	5032	3500	3500	1000	5100	39046	3200	187	2959	19846	24878	3500	67	
703	184	915	338	85	423	1200	1200	100	248	110				150	1808	2231	1200	68
712	259	929	371	36	407	1100	1100	150	150	275				55	1530	1987	1100	69
687	93	894	300	300	1400	1400	200	275						661	2536	2836	1500	70
483	150	623	295	39	334	1500	360	500	100	1900			100	200	4669	4994	1500	71
382	307	497	422	116	538	1100	922	360	253	10			300	143	1988	2526	1100	72
145		188																73
659	29	826	198	248	446	900	900	200	965	745				14	2824	3270	900	74
370	50	482	144	76	220	1000	1000	125	120	200	200	24	254	1923	2143	1000	75	
419		546	127	11	138	900	900	180	50	1805	311			300	3546	3684		76
402	132	523	253	165	418	900	900	120	150	25				190	1385	1803	950	77
493	78	641	226	105	331	1300	1400	150	364	425	350	3	125	2817	3148	1300	78	
796	180	1036	420	10	430	1200	1200	420	575	100			680	2975	3405	1200	79	
76	80	100	104	203	307		960	200	250	200	200	20		1890	2137	1200	80	
964	357	1255	648	870	1518	1600	1600	150	200	700			300	2950	4468	1600	81	
624	128	817	216	183	399	1500	1374	150	300	250	100	14	586	2774	3173	1400	82	
106	41	133	73		73		150		15					365	428			83
1210	116	1574	470	4	474	1200	1368	150	250					1768	2242	1200	84	
528	157	687	316	121	437	800	800	120	183	35			190	1328	1765	900	85	
330	151	429	250	137	387	700	715	150	150					1015	1402	900	86	
1051	255	1367	571	406	977	1800	1800	400	790	625	1500	111	725	5951	6928	1800	87	
551	15	716	180	54	234	1100	1100	175	67	97			200	1639	1873	1100	88	
552	241	718	407	410	817	1200	1200	125	398	105	250		291	2369	3186	1200	89	
282	64	366	148	156	304	500	500	60	78	14			72	724	1028	450	90	
159	159	207	207	207	500	500			139	364			100	1103	1310	500	91	
286	31	373	60	62	122	357	370		113	200			200	883	1005	400	92	
427	154	556	283	210	493	700	900	120	170	566			68	1824	2317	700	93	
1022	373	1330	681	679	1360	1200	1200	720	379	260			407	2966	4326	1200	94	
647	242	842	437	345	782	1500	1500	500	700				110	3060	3842	1500	95	
776	119	1010	262	52	314	1300	120	118	230				324	2092	2406	1300	96	
328	66	427	158	45	203	1050	1064	120	120	267			119	1570	1773	1200	97	
85		114	10		10										10			98
969	500	1270	801	28	829	1800	1800	200	1109	400			974	4483	5312	1800	99	
550	230	715	397	185	58	1200	1200	125	279	40			231	1925	2507	1000	100	
803	76	1040	76	39	115	1200	825	180	500	800			55	178	2538	2653	1000	101
783	602	1019	840	137	977	1500	1500	150	350		14500			16500	17477	1500	102	
884	88	1153	324	276	600	1200	1200	180	425	1200			70	3075	3675	1200	103	
258	92	351	185	10	195	1500	1500	300	120	1221			15	24	3180	3375	1500	104
989	70	1287	260	94	354	1300	1183	150	340	170			252	2095	2449	1300	105	
377	27	491	43		43		500		40				80	620	663	500	106	
302	252	439	389	392	781	1200	1100	150	190	55			155	1650	2431	1000	107	
825	825	1073	1073	308	1381	1500	1500	250	496		500	27	283	3056	4437	1500	108	

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		Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid											
109	Patapsco.....	4	4	25	23											
	Jones Memorial.....		5		25											30
	Philadelphia, Pa.															
110	Emmanuel.....	28	28	199	199	22	15	5	102	21	15		15		195	
111	St. Luke's.....	45	45	324	324	2				34			20		77	
112	Taylor Memorial.....	50	50	366	366	77	72	146	249	50	13		66		673	
113	Tiago Hights.....															
114	Pipe Creek.....	22	22	157	157	45			75	8			12	25	165	165
115	Pittsville.....	45	45	319	319	151				136			45	25	357	97
116	Pocomoke City.....	39	39	274	274	455			100	100	45		135		835	217
117	Pocomoke Ct.....	18	13	119	56											
118	Potomac, Va.....	28	28	199	199				41			22			63	689
119	Powellville.....	18	18	126	108	24									24	66
120	Prince George, Va.....	10	10	69	6											
121	Quantico.....	14		99												
122	Queen Anne.....	9	9	69	17	17				24			7		56	33
123	Reliance.....	30	30	211	211	20				14			2		42	
124	Rowlandville.....	12	12	83	83	25	12				8		13		58	10
125	Salem.....	19	19	134	90	73							23		96	
126	Salisbury.....	76	76	543	543	130			99	5			40		274	470
127	Seaford, Del.....	34	34	240	240	126				128			61		315	
128	Selbyville, Del.....	19	19	134	64	5				6					11	
129	Sharptown.....	28	28	202	202	88				30			10		128	
130	Snow Hill.....	32	32	226	226	37					10				47	
131	Stewartstown, Pa.....	25	25	181	181	131	53			22	93	25	60	30	414	
132	St. James.....	28	28	198	198	192		250					26		468	279
133	St. Michaels.....	24	24	177	109	18			45	20			17		100	
134	Susquehanna.....	27	27	189	189	32				40					72	21
135	Talbot.....															
136	Texas.....	7	7	51	51	9				35			5		49	
137	Trinity.....	26	26	195	195	242				15	28	15	4		304	
138	Tyreanna, Va.....	4	14	28	28											
139	Union.....	37	37	239	239	80		10		76			100	25	291	273
140	Union Bridge.....	16	16	111	111		18		82				10	14	149	95
141	Wallace Memorial, Va.....	17	17	121	121	25			40		25		30		95	
142	Warwick.....	21	21	151	88	25									25	
	Washington															
143	Cherrydale.....	27	27	196	196	11				172			19		202	540
144	Congress St.....	36	36	224	224	324			40	18			57	4	452	398
145	First Church.....	40	40	285	285	104			143	91			87	35	460	44
146	Mt. Tabor.....	17	17	124	124	83			35	11	12	15			193	276
147	North Carolina Avenue.....	47	47	338	338	215	20		69	209	15	119	72	37	719	561
148	Rhode Island Avenue.....	67	67	512	512	96			25	155	162	10	396	30	874	1066
149	Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	15	15	109	109	25				20			63	19	143	165
150	Westminster.....	36	36	254	254	60			240	61	30		21	54	466	497
	Wilmington															
151	First Church.....	16	16	81	81	12				14			10	10	46	262
152	Peninsula.....	15	15	108	108										15	392
153	West Wilmington.....	4	4	26		9				10					31	
154	Whaleyville.....	23	23	163	150											
155	Wye.....	14	14	102	102	20				46	10		12	5	93	100

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	Paid	Ass'd	Total	Paid			Paid	Paid										
95		124	27			27	200	200						117	367	394	200	109
	30		60			60	300	300						330	330	390	300	
753	195	980	422	224	646	1700	1700	900	1660	525	1805	355	643	7588	8234	1700	110	
1133	77	1502	446	25	471	1400	1400	1000	2524	700		870		6494	6965	1400	111	
1380	673	1796	1089	110	1199	1800	1800	600	3375	1500	1250	550	1681	10756	11955	1800	112	
								180	451	350	200			1181	1181	500	113	
563	330	742	509	593	1102	1050	1050	200	375					325	1950	3052	1050	114
1200	454	1564	818	804	1622	1600	1600	350	150	80				408	2588	4210	1600	115
1052	1052	1365	1365	325	1690	2080	2080	420	663	347	335	30	661	4536	6226	2600	116	
450		587	69		69	765	765	60	75	150				1050	1119		117	
752	752	979	979	467	1446	1800	1800	600	656	1193	1292	560	677	6778	8224	2000	118	
475	90	619	216		216	1200	1200	100	100	100				110	1610	1826	1200	119
258		337	16		16	125	150			24	40			56	270	286		120
373		486				733		100			18			62	913	913	900	121
253	89	329	115	19	134	600	600	150	100	75				290	1215	1349	600	122
796	42	1037	283	103	386	900	900	225	169	706				276	2276	2662	950	123
313	68	408	163	133	296	1000	1000	120						41	1161	1457	1000	124
506	96	659	205	5	210	1000	477	120	57					101	755	965	1000	125
2037	744	2716	1363	1236	2599	2600	2600	600	1039	77133				920	82292	84891	2600	126
903	315	1177	589	387	976	1500	1600	480	500	4000				550	7130	8106	1600	127
502	11	655	94		94	600	1100	120	250	100					1570	1664	1100	128
760	128	990	358	196	554	1200	1200	125	164	1270				185	2944	3498	1200	129
851	47	1109	305	197	502	1400	1400	240	493	190	125	15	400	2863	3365	1400	130	
679	414	885	620	422	1042	1500	1500	200	400	1582				538	4220	5262	1500	131
747	747	973	973	358	1331	1200	1200	175	165	100				280	1920	3251	1200	132
648	100	849	233	204	437	1200	1230	125	276	190	410	37	715	2983	3420	1200	133	
712	93	928	309	80	389	1100	1100	125	270	15000				620	17175	17564	1100	134
																		135
191	49	249	107	10	117	600	600		182	80				79	941	1058	700	136
734	304	953	525	407	932	1500	1500	400	313	278	107	25	222	2845	3777	1500	137	
104	15	136	57	30	87	152	152	60	25	100				25	362	449	600	138
905	564	1171	840	583	1423	1400	1400	150	450	250				385	2635	4058	1400	139
422	244	549	371	376	747	900	925	200	122					267	1514	2261	900	140
307	95	445	233	34	267	1100	1200	200	134	1151				631	3316	3583	1200	141
571	25	743	134	41	175	900	900	75	150	160				318	1603	1778	900	142
742	742	965	965	162	1127	1700	1700	600	865	594	1445	20	685	5909	7036	1800	143	
850	850	1110	1110	379	1489	1800	1800	900	1113	392	225	29	279	4738	6227	1800	144	
1080	504	1405	829	93	922	1500	1575	720	1549	85	577	38	1356	5900	6822	1700	145	
469	469	610	610	140	750	1380	1380	600	857	862				758	4457	5207	1440	146
1280	1280	1665	1665	207	1872	1800	1800	540	2300	519	600	352	933	7044	8926	1800	147	
1940	1940	2519	2519	4034	6553	3000	3000	600	2700	1200	500	630	917	9547	16100	3000	148	
413	308	537	432	498	930	1200	1215	125	100	150	250			325	2165	3095	1200	149
963	963	1253	1253	671	1924	1500	1500	400	1334	2005				274	5513	7437	1500	150
308	308	405	405	91	496	1200	1200		220	385	100	288	199	2392	2898	1200	151	
407	407	530	530		530	2400	2400	750	550	15000				220	20820	21350	2400	152
100	31	130	35		35	690			100	235				130	1335	1370	780	153
619	100	805	273	27	300	1000	1000	150	250	3000		40	90	280	4680	4960	1000	154
386	93	502	209	12	221	550	550	120	100	100				305	1175	1396	550	155

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Insta. Min. and Preachers			Probationers			Full Members			Sunday School			Y. P. S. C. E.			Am't for Con. Un. Miss'ry					
	Probationers	Full Members		Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars		Scholars on Roll	Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members	Amount for Missions
Accomac, Va.....	284	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	234	97	360	1210	1	29			
Alexandria.....	244	6	6	3	66	3	3	3	4	23	97	125	90	252	1	38	1	29			
Amelia, Va.....	181				3	7	12	5	3	1	3	3	3	3	19	150					
Baltimore.....																					
Alnutt Memor'l	317	306			8	5	16	4	1	12	3	129	25	217	1	16					- 25
Brooklyn.....	258				13	32	6	1	9	14	130	150	412	1	80	1	15				25- 24
Calvary.....	3	6268	10	8	8	12	42			22	20	130	50	325	1	31					
Chesaco Park.....	8	95	3	3	12	5	1			12	5	3	15	18	150						
Christ Ch.....	4	732			34	21	43	7	2	40	38	163	80	570	2	83	1	32	113-		
E. Balto.....	2	201			15	3	8	4		5		120	15	205	1	72	1	32			- 25
Edmondson Ave		42			23	1				7	9	110	45	132	2	54					
Eutaw.....	1	1227	1		8	10	29	1		9	3	136	28	184	1	26	1	32			- 420
Evergreen.....		135			3			2		5	3	117	18	130							- 5
Grace.....	1	175			39	11	16	4		16	30	135	181	479	2	49	1	60			30- 10
Hampden.....		708			22	100	5	330	46	154	425	1701	1115	1	75						- 50
Keen Mem.....	135	210			2			1	2	41		130	13	360	1	58	1	60			
Laurav'le.....		150			13	6				1	8	119		164							
Linthicum H'gts		145			35	5	2			9	11	119	40	164	1	28	1	24			- 6
Lowe M.....	1	485			40	10	130	15	3	83	52	135	20	400	1	30	1	50			- 20
N. Balto.....		218			13	4	3	1		7	118	16	171	1	47						210-
Payson Street...		175	1	1	18	3	8			10	13	126	50	180	1	27	1	20			10-
St. Balto.....	2	221			40	1	4	3	45	10	120	55	248	1	33	1	24				44-103
Starr.....	44	525	2	1	71	6	25	6		16	20	130	50	325	1	75	1	35			- 25
St. Johns.....		477			30	5	2			212	22	133	80	387	1	22	1	40			
St. Paul's.....	1	290			25	5	84	4	2	23	43	143	60	429	1	59	1	85			
Trinity.....	1	173			41	2		1	120	35	122	40	335	1	17	1	22				
Violetv'le.....	1	102			18	1	2	3	7	6	114	35	144	1	20	1	25				3- 10
Waverly.....	29	59	1		2	4				15	3	110	20	95							
W. Balto.....		460	20	20	30	15	25	10		12	23	136	80	451	1	60	1	42			242-172
Wilton Heights...	26	277	21	1	16	38	9	32	3	23	44	128	132	257	1	34					70
Balto. Cir.....		228			16					15	3	118	10	154	1	22	1	15			10-
Bedford.....	8	296	8	8	8	1		2		8	10	432	75	345	1	32					
Bel Air.....		240	11	11	11	1	6	2	8	11	426	20	200	2	35						
Bivalve.....	2	1219	12		2	4		3	14	235				280	1	45	1	43			5-
Buckeys'n.....		230	18	18	20	6	3	3	14	20	119	9	171	1	26	1	21				10
Cambridge.....		369			15	8			25	20	128	125	415	1	52	2	75				100-100
Cambridge Ct...		100			3	4		2	5	2	1	7		75							
Cannon.....		199			12			2	14	18	325	2	176	1	36	1	9				3- 2
Caroline.....		182			40	4		6	120	40	430	25	200	1	25						41-
Cecil.....	1	3204	1		5	2		1		1		424	26	264	2	44					
Centreville.....	1	4168	1	5	7	2				5		117	6	107	1	43	1	52			
Chestert'n.....		10356			7	3			212	1	3	138	15	220	2	85	1	40			- 10
Chincoteague, Va.		76			6			2	1		7	117	40	264	1	50	1	45			
Clayton, Del.....	3	11347	130	131	131	7	4	619	170	336	68	389	1	52							
Concord, Pa.....		277	9	9	10	50	2		12	15	340	6	192	1	27						
Conquest, Va.....		1130			2	3	3	2				112	29	150							
Crisfield: Crisfield	1	32	522	16	6	17	2	4	10	20	136	75	581	1	96	1	55				- 10
Lawsonia.....		78			33				2	1	7	20	111	65	130						
Mariners.....		305			13	270	2		3	26	120	110	350	1	135						
Crumpton.....		68									215		74								
Cumberl'd: 1st Ch	1	292			2	13	6	24	5	236		128			2	50	1	35			30-
Mapleside & F...	2	4	94	3		6		2	12	6	215	40	162	1	23	1	16				

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CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers		Probationers				Full Members				Sunday School				Y. P. S. C. E.				Am't for Con. Un. Mis'try	
	Probationers		Full Members				Sunday School				Y. P. S. C. E.									
	Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members	Amount for Missions		
Melvin Chapel...	7	69	8	6	..	23	216	2	5	25	35	1	14	62	147	1	18	1	47	-12
Deer Creek.....	8	115	..	..	..	3	130	2	..	7	3	2	17	6	85	2	35	..	..	14-
Deer Park.....	5	367	5	..	..	53	13	9	..	13	62	4	54	57	494	5	191	1	30	65-
Delmar, Del.....	4	248	..	..	..	7	..	5	..	12	8	1	47	18	318	1	35	..	..	..
Delta, Pa.....	..	204	..	..	..	..	526	2	..	6	1	1	23	50	208	1	66	..	..	..
Denton.....	1	183	..	..	..	7	1	2	3	4	..	1	15	14	170	1	30	..	..	- 11
Dorchester.....	29	200	..	..	..	9	2	2	2	..	17	3	25	20	215	2	50	..	..	..
Dover, Del.....	..	117	..	..	..	8	7	1	2	4	..	1	16	4	120	1	25	..	..	..
Easton.....	..	229	..	..	..	10	4	2	2	..	6	6	1	16	10	150	..	..	..	..
Elizabeth, N. J..	..	146	..	..	..	10	525	3	3	11	9	1	25	60	194	1	20	1	39	15-
Fairfax, Va.....	1	148	..	..	..	7	1	2	1	3	5	4	33	20	140	1	17	..	..	..
Fawn Grove.....	2	348	7	17	..	22	5	5	2	25	15	1	25	66	344	1	140	1	30	- 50
Federalburg.....	..	226	1	..	..	20	652	4	..	40	78	2	37	10	200	1	35	1	15	..
Felton, Del.....	1	101	18	18	..	18	..	2	1	14	26	3	34	20	170	1	22	..	..	..
Finksburg.....	121	467	35	11	4	11	2	2	4	20	..	4	50	10	500	4	195	..	..	..
First Ch, Newark, N.J.	8	735	4	6	1	41	15	7	2	18	23	2	75	166	736	2	81	1	23	746- 25
Franklin City, Va.	..	278	..	..	..	9	2	4	2	6	5	4	56	40	404	..	..	..	..	..
Frederick.....	11	200	..	..	..	4	5	2	..	8	12	3	34	10	150	1	73	..	..	..
Georgetown, Del.	..	263	..	..	..	11	..	3	..	20	8	1	26	30	380	1	35	..	..	..
Glenburnie.....	2	216	35	35	3	35	..	3	..	20	56	1	16	30	164	1	40	..	..	..
Greenbush & Tas'y	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	17	20	160	..	..	..	..
Greensboro.....	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenwood.....	..	257	..	..	..	60	..	4	2	43	68	3	32	30	280	1	48	..	..	..
Grove.....	22	118	15	..	..	5	1	1	6	7	21	4	40	5	200	3	75	1	15	..
Harbeson, Del..	..	140	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	4	2	18	..	148	1	17	..	..	..
Harmony W. Va..	6	135	12	4	12	1	1	2	1	7	4	21	1	22	20	180	1	35	..	..
Harper's Ferry..	1	159	..	..	..	4	2	2	1	7	4	2	33	..	145	..	..	..	..	..
Harrington, Del.	..	277	..	..	..	16	37	1	4	2	1	21	19	260	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawley Memor'l.	..	86	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	8	20	9	1	10	12	150	1	25	1	12
Howard.....	..	384	..	..	..	14	..	3	..	14	25	4	23	10	285	..	..	..	..	..
Hurlock.....	..	199	..	..	..	7	11	5	..	2	16	3	40	..	300	2	80	1	20	..
Indian River.....	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	7	7	50	..	..	..	..	..
Jones Memorial..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	7	32	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kempton.....	2	555	..	..	..	12	5	..	1	2	15	5	65	..	465	1	..	..	..	..
Kennedyville..	..	177	..	..	..	15	4	3	5	3	1	18	15	150	1	50	..	..	..	- 5
Kent Island.....	1	84	1	1	..	11	8	15	2	18	19	3	20	70	170	..	..	..	..	..
Laurel, Del.....	..	358	6	6	..	9	3	4	..	6	11	1	25	20	265	1	35	1	36	- 15
Laurel Cir.....	..	202	3	3	..	3	1	..	..	8	4	3	21	24	234	..	..	..	..	..
Leeds.....	1	148	..	..	..	3	1	5	2	5	3	2	23	2	107	2	45	..	..	9-
Leipsic, Del.....	..	94	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	6	1	1	10	5	60	..	..	..	..	..
Lewis, Del.....	5	64	6	..	2	6	2	3	20	6	1	8	10	100	1	36	..	..	..	75- 50
Lewistown.....	..	142	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	2	27	..	181	2	165	..	..	..	..
Liberty.....	5	131	5	5	..	6	2	3	4	6	12	2	27	..	150	1	32	1	25	..
Lisbon.....	400	7	7	..	..	7	5	13	8	3	20	14	4	61	25	394	2	45	..	..
Lynchburg, Va..	..	160	..	..	..	31	6	1	3	12	10	1	15	12	162	1	30	1	30	..
Mardela.....	..	324	..	..	..	13	15	6	..	3	17	4	38	..	325	1	98	..	..	4-
Marley.....	1	9	82	9	3	3	20	..	..	5	9	2	18	45	106	1	18	1	20	..
Middleway.....	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Milford, Del.....	1	290	..	..	..	10	5	5	22	5	2	30	300	2	30	1	50	..	..	..
Milton, Del.....	1	15	173	7	6	9	..	5	..	8	1	1	13	2	93	1	25	40-
Mt. Nebo.....	..	261	3	56	1	..	7	6	3	27	..	190	1	55
New Church, Va.	..	247	10	3	2	4	14	3	35	23	307	1	40

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CHARGE	Unsta. Mfn. and Preschers	Probationers				Full Members				Children Baptised	Conversions	Sunday School			Y. P. S. C. E.				Am't for Con. Un. Mis'ry			
		Probationers	Full Members	Probationers		Full Members		Schools	Officers and Teachers			New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members	Amount for Missions				
				Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued													Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Decreased
Newmarket.....	6327	2	2			4				1	15	4	65	10	404	4250				10-		
Nichols Mem.....	2107					38			2	4	12	42	1	8	16	116	1	45	1	28		
Northumberland..	324					4		6			6											
Oak Grove, Va....	121					13		13		2	10	14	1	11	13	70	1	22				
Oxford.....	120								2	1	1	1	1	14	10	90	1	41				
Parkley, Va.....	17270		1			19			1	6	12	126	20	230	1	23						
Patapsco.....	22	20	24			2		10		7	7	30	1	11	4	50	1	33				
Phila: Emmanuel..	1	3	139	3	1	11		23	4	22	2	5	21	1	17	55	1	36			- 5	
St. Luke's.....	351	302	21			2		3	2	17	61	134	42	401	1	22	1	106				
Taylor Mem.....	15	341	15	8	1	37		223	3	1	5	25	140	78	668	2	110	1	52	146-	34-	
Tioga Heights....	83					23				10		1	13	60	133	1	25					
Pipe Creek.....	193					10		2	1	1	6	7	1	9		88	1	40				
Pittsville.....	385					52	9	135	6	12	12	3	45	40	360	2	70	1	37			
Pocomoke City...	2	352				19	4	5	5	3	7	6	1	18	12	358			1	76		
Pocomoke Circuit		112				8	1	5	1	1	10	3	26	37	177							
Potomac Va.....		279	2	1		40	4	6	1	2	10	37	24	47	274	1	38					
Powellville.....	1	174				9			1		9	20	16	165								
Prince George, Va.		56				8	2	50	6	8	15	1	8	10	83							
Quantico.....		111					20	20	2		1	3	20	110								
Queen Annes.....	9	60	8	7		20	9	8		5	12	2	16	10	85							
Reliance.....	5	331	5			1	3	5	5	18	10	3	45	5	243							
Rowlandville....		81				2				3	2	2	14	12	70							
Salem.....		145						39				1	8	50								
Salisbury.....		706				71	2		9	19	4	46	1	40	79	939	2	101	1	45		
Seaford, Del....		309				26	3		1	13	13	1	18	30	317	1	50	1	40			
Selbyville, Del...	1	2246	2			7					3	231		150				1	40			
Sharptown.....		6282	4			7	4		1			245	15	307								
Snow Hill.....	1	6292	4			5		3		12	5	2	15	9	190							
Stewartstown, Pa.	2	1291	34	33		47	1		8	9	9	100	233	175	275	2	63	1	25			
St. James.....		181					852	3		1		2	36	13	148	1	148				-250	
St. Michaels.....	1	218				2	2	3	5	7	3	328	10	153	3	90	1	18				
Susquehanna.....		232				5	822	2	1	1	8	225	20	158	1	37						
Texas.....	2	35				1		6		13	1	1	13	26	100	1	30	1	40			
Trinity.....	1	219	6	6		6	1		3	9	10	225		150								
Tyreanna, Va....		50				8			2			1	5	5	50							
Union.....	4	352	8	8	14	8	3	362	3	1	18	5	34	20	390	1	25	1	25	10-	10	
Union Bridge....		94				6	4					1	15	2	76	1	34	1	12	6-	1	
Wallace Mem. Va.		111				7	2		1	1	5	1	14	91	228	1	46	1	30			
Warwick.....		237				8			3	16	8	3	15	20	120	1	25					
Wash'n: Calvary..		20				20						1	9	108	108							
Cherrydale.....	2	223	2	1		42	6		1	1	10	25	1	26	15	300						
Congress St.....		172				18	133	3		7		1	12	12	111							
First Church.....		5260	5			10	25	17	6	1	16	20	1	22	43	230	1	30	1	25		
Mt. Taber.....		105	5	5		25	1		2	1	8	20	1	16	20	112						
N.C. Ave.....	1	3342	3	17	3	25	6	3	1	1	3	1	26	58	232			1	15		- 20	
R. I. Ave.....	1	6612	20			72	14	4	2	2	10	62	1	40	60	350	2	90	1	50	50-	25
Wesley Chapel...		144				35	5	6	2	20	32	3	20	25	275							
Westminster.....		240				19	538	5	1	3	7	1	15	30	196	1	40	1	28			
Wil'n: 1st Church		90				20	1	1		1	19	5	1	13	15	112	1	19				
Peninsula.....		2200				64	2			16	12	25	1	18	150	300	1	32			- 15	
W. Wilmington...		52				52				5	85	1	8	60	80	1	20	1	20			
Whaleyville.....	25	283	25	35		32	4			21	3	75	2	30	20	345						
Wye.....	14	130	22			9	127	2		6	14	1	10		100	2	50	1	20			

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CHARGE	PROPERTY							CONF. BENEVOLENCES 1923-1924				
	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's Salary \$4,000	Maryland Conference Interests \$29,000	Gen. Conference Budget \$110,000	Total Assessments \$143,000
Accomac, Va.....	2	2	1	2000	3000	900	5700	20	30	198	748	976
Amelia, Va.....	3	3	1	3500	2000		2300	8	19	123	467	609
Baltimore:												
Alnutt Mem'l.....	1	1	1	5500	6000		4000	30	53	343	1297	1693
Balto. Circuit.....	3	3	1	22000	3000		16000	15	28	181	682	891
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	25000	15000		16000	26	35	222	833	1095
Calvary.....	1	1	1	36000	4000	12300	12500	16	34	223	845	1102
Chesaco Park.....	3	3	2	6500		240	4500	3	8	46	174	228
Christ Ch.....	1	1	1	65000	6000	2000	36500	51	91	585	2213	2889
E. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	25000	4250	800	8300	22	35	227	856	1118
Edmond. Ave.....	1	1	1	10000		7000	3000	5	3	35	134	172
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	30000	6000		22500	58	40	260	983	1283
Evergreen.....	1	1	1	6000			5000	7	20	132	501	653
Glenburnie.....	1	1	1	2500	5000		5000	20	23	147	558	728
Grace.....	1	1	1	60000	5000	22600	22000	35	42	272	1028	1342
Graceland Pk.....										23	87	124
Hampden.....	1	1	1	26000	20000		20000	100	107	695	2625	3427
Keen Mem'l.....	1	1	1	60000	5000	25000	33000	10	36	229	867	1132
Lauraville.....	1	1	1	13000		2554	3500		21	132	500	653
Linthicum Hts.....	1	1	1	14000	7000	2800	12500	21	30	195	738	963
Lowe Mem'l.....	1	1	1	50000	6000	1500	14500	50	56	357	1352	1765
Marley.....	2	2		5000			3200	8	12	79	297	388
N. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	36000	7000	6300	35000	35	62	401	1515	1978
Payson St.....	1	1	1	16000	1800	10400	9200	4	19	121	456	596
S. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	25000	8000	2948	14000	28	38	241	911	1190
Starr.....	1	1	1	24000	2000	3500	4000	65	92	594	2252	2938
St. John's.....	1	1	1	10000	10000	3250	5000	55	85	554	2095	2734
St. Paul's.....	1	1	1	40000		15000	15000	14	43	277	1050	1370
Trinity.....	1	1	1	11000	4500	3500	6000	40	22	144	546	712
Violetville.....	1	1	1	3000	5500		4250	22	15	96	363	474
Waverly.....	1	1	1	2500	1500		2200	2	14	90	340	444
W. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	85000	7000	1500	21000	41	82	528	1997	2607
Wilton Hgts.....	1	1	1	35000		10200	20000	25	39	253	955	1247
Bedford.....	5	5	1	10500	1500		2900	25	30	191	725	946
Belair.....	4	4	1	19000	7000		10000	24	31	200	757	988
Bivalve.....	2	2	1	10000	1900	200	4500	10	25	160	604	789
Buckeystown.....	2	2	1	35000	4500		14600	16	41	266	1004	1311
Cambridge.....	1	1	1	40000	2500	1850	27000	22	41	264	1001	1306
Cambridge Cir.....	2	2		4000			1000	6	11	73	278	362
Cannon.....	3	3	1	4200	2500		2400	5	20	129	489	638
Caroline.....	4	4	1	5000	2500		4500	8	22	139	524	685
Carroll Cir.....									16	104	392	512
Cecil.....	3	3	1	12000	3000		6500	10	23	146	555	724
Centreville.....	1	1	1	15000	3000		8000	21	23	151	571	745
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	60000	10000		58000	25	52	332	1255	1639
Chincoteague.....	1	1	1	6000	1600	400	2000	2	13	84	319	416
Clayton, Del.....	3	3	1	15000	3000		9000	21	32	209	792	1033
Concord, Pa.....	3	3	1	5700	1050		4300	10	23	148	562	733
Conquest, Va.....	1	2	1	17600	4000	7000	11500	9	16	105	397	518
Crisfield, Cris.....	1	1	1	30000	3000	320	19000	20	58	376	1423	1857
Lawsonia.....	1	1	1	2000	2500	1000	2500		9	61	229	299
Mariners.....	1	1	1	4000	2500	500	3000	8	30	193	731	954
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	4800	1000		3100	14	9	57	216	282
Cumberland												
1st Church.....	1	1	1	33300	7000	342	25000	55	38	250	945	1233
Mapleside.....	2	2	1	3000	2500	1200	3100	17	13	86	325	424

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	Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken	President's Salary \$4,000	Maryland Conference Interests \$29,000	Gen. Conference Budget \$110,000	Total Assessments \$148,000
Melvin Chapel..	1	1	1	9000		4600	800	7			292	381
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	4000	3000	100	3200	10	.14	89	335	438
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	9000	2500		6500	12	29	190	718	937
Delmar, Del.....	1	1	1	12000	3000		10500	5	28	181	685	894
Delta, Pa.....	1	1	1	8000	3000		6000	18	28	180	680	888
Denton.....	1	1	1	15000	3500		7500	18	28	177	670	875
Dorchester.....	3	4	1	7000	2500		8200	15	22	145	547	714
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	20000	5000		3500	7	19	126	470	615
Easton.....	1	1	1	25000	5000	1500	12385	24	35	226	854	1115
Elizabeth, N. J.	1	1	1	20000	8000	3800	14300	10	29	187	707	923
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	10000	2000	434	5275	12	15	99	377	491
Fawn Grove, Pa.	1	2	1	20400	3000		9000	37	38	242	919	1199
Federalsburg.....	1	2	1	15000	3500	483	6000	9	29	185	698	912
Felton, Del.....	3	4	1	5500	2000	3 5	4500	10	13	83	315	411
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	35000	2000	4000	20000	42	35	222	840	1097
1st Ch. Newark, N.J.	1	2	1	103000	10000		65000	49	126	820	3100	4046
Franklin C'y, Va	4	4	1	13500	3000		6000	18	27	176	671	874
Frederick.....	4	4	1	5500	2050		4950	10	24	152	577	753
Georgeto'n, Del.	1	1	1	15000	5000		8600	16	27	175	661	863
Greenbush T's'y	2	2	1	6500	7000	6000	6500	22	16	102	387	505
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	3000	1900		2200		3	18	69	90
Greenw'd, Del.	3	3	1	10000	2000		3300	23	26	165	625	816
Grove.....	4	6	1	10000	1800	400	3500	12	15	100	377	492
Harbeson, Del.	1	3	1	13800	1500		3500	5	17	113	428	558
Harmony, W.V.	1	1	1	8000	2500		2700	18	16	104	395	515
Harpers F'y, W.V.	2	2	1	8000	3500		5000	3	20	129	485	634
Harrington, Del	1	1	1	30000	6000		6500	22	32	208	786	1026
Hawley Mem.....	1	1	1	13000	2000	200	7500	9	4	29	110	143
Howard.....	43	3	1	12300	4000		11500	81	38	246	930	1214
Hurlock.....	3	3	1	10000	2500	700	4900	17	26	167	632	825
Indian Riv, Del.	1	1		6000		1800	4000	3	4	24	90	118
Jones Mem.....	1	1	1	6000			3000		1	7	25	33
Kempton.....	5	5	1	14000	4000		11500	36	46	296	1121	1463
Kennedyville.....	1	1	1	5000	2000		4000	15	21	139	526	686
Kent Island.....	3	2	1	6000	1800		7800	12	13	85	318	416
Laurel, Del.....	1	1	1	40000	4000	3000	22900	25	43	275	1041	1359
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	3000	5000		6400	14	22	142	536	700
Leeds.....	2	2	1	8000	2500		10475	17	21	138	524	683
Leipsic, Del.....	1	1	1	4000	800		2000	3	10	68	259	337
Lewes, Del.....	1	1	1	3000			2000	3	7	44	167	218
Lewistown.....	2	2		5200			3000	10	11	73	271	355
Liberty.....	2	2	1	7000	2500		5200	15	18	113	426	557
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	8900	5000		10107	25	38	246	932	1216
Lynchburg.....	1	1	1	25000	6000		13000	18	29	187	707	923
Mardela.....	4	4	1	15500	2000		3500	16	29	190	718	937
Middleway, W.Va.	1	1	1	800	500				3	19	71	93
Milford.....	2	2	1	41000	4500	2000	22500	20	42	239	1014	1295
Milton.....	1	1	1	3800	2500		3500	12	23	148	560	731
Mt. Nebo.....	3	3	1	12500	3000	1218	7800	19	28	193	687	908
New Church, Va.	3	3	1	70000	3000		22000	28	31	200	774	1005
New Market.....	4	4	1	25000	1500		12000	5	35	225	849	1109
Nichols Memor.	1	1	1	10000	5000	250	4200	2	17	111	459	587
Northumber'nd	3	4	1	15000	2500		3000	31	33	213	808	1054
Oak Grove, Va.	1	1	1	2500	1200		3300	12	12	92	308	412
Oxford.....	1	1	1	4000	2500		3300	14	18	117	441	576
Parksley, Va.....	1	1	1	30000	5000		8500	21	34	220	834	1088
Patapsco.....	1	1		1000			900	1	4	22	81	107

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY							CONF. BENEVOLENCES 1923-1924				
	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's Salary \$4,000	Maryland Conference Interests \$29,000	Gen. Conference Budget \$110,000	Total Assessments \$143,000
Philadelphia:												
Emmanuel.....	1	1	1	5000	8000	17650	23500	22	34	222	838	1094
St. Luke's.....	1	1	1	100000	25000	14500	23000	15	52	335	1255	1652
Taylor Mem'l	1	1	1	50000	6000	8500	37000	20	58	369	1396	1823
Tioga Hghts.	1	1	1	5000		2900	2500	5				
Pipe Creek.....	2	2	1	9000	4000		8000	14	24	157	598	779
Pittsville.....	3	3	1	12000	4000		7000	53	42	268	1016	1326
Pocomoke City	1	1	1	17500	7500	240	16860	40	45	294	1110	1449
Pocomoke Cir.	4	4	1	5000	700		4000	11				
Powellville.....	3	3	1	6400	1800		3400	32				
Prince Geo., Va.	1	1	1	1300				12	5	36	136	177
Quantico.....	4	4	1	4000	2000		1250	4	12	77	290	379
Queen Annes.....	2	2	1	5200	1200		4800	12	11	70	267	348
Reliance.....	3	3	1	13000	8300	1055	10450	13	30	193	733	956
Rowlandville.....	3	3	1	6500	1500		6500	8	14	88	335	437
Salem.....	2	2	1	10000	2000		7200	27	20	127	482	629
Salisbury.....	1	2	1	115000	10000	30000	97600	42	86	555	2100	2741
Seaford, Del.....	1	1	1	20000	10000	4500	14000	28	38	246	928	1212
Selbyville, Del.	2	2	1	6500	1800	1100	4600	1	20	130	493	643
Sharptown.....	2	2	1	16000	3500	200	8800	15	30	189	730	949
Snow Hill.....	2	2	1	37500	4500	500	23840	15	34	221	832	1087
Snow Hill Cir.									14	89	338	441
Stewartstown.....	2	2	1	11000	3500		6595	27	29	186	700	915
St. James.....	2	2	1	11000	3500		8500	19	27	175	663	865
St. Michaels.....	3	3	1	16000	2000		14000	8	27	169	638	834
Susquehanna.....	2	2	1	30000	2500	7500	18000	30	27	173	657	857
Texas.....	1	1	1	8000			6000	3	8	54	206	268
Trinity.....	2	2	1	10500	4000		10000	25	30	196	742	968
Tyreanna Va.....	1	1	1	1000	1500		1400	2	4	23	89	116
Union.....	3	3	1	7000	3000		7500	35	36	229	869	1134
Union Bridge.....	2	2	1	9500	2500		5000	25	18	117	442	577
Wallace Mem'l	1	1	1	5000	3000	3938	3500	29	20	130	491	641
Warwick.....	3	3	1	4800	2500		4300	10	23	146	554	723
Washington:												
Alexandria, Va	1	1	1	20000			17000	29	23	181	686	895
Calvary.....	1	1	1	2700					1	7	25	33
Cherrydale.....	1	1	1	10000	8000		5500	6	33	216	817	1066
Congress St.....	1	1	1	25000	8000	275	13000	27	33	214	811	1058
First Church.....	1	1	1	65000	10000		49000	20	44	280	1060	1384
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	1	18000	4000		14500	16	23	147	557	727
N. C. Ave.....	1	1	1	50000	6000	9000	35000	23	55	357	1351	1763
Potomac, Va.....	2	2	1	26000	9000	8870	10000	25	33	216	817	1066
R. I. Ave.....	1	1	1	75000	8000	10000	38000	55	82	532	2010	2624
Wesley Chapel	3	3	1	8750	2000		6500	11	18	120	453	591
Westminster.....	1	1	1	25000	4000		13500	26	36	236	890	1162
Wilmington, First Ch.	1	1	1	9000	5600	5850	9000	11	14	90	341	445
Peninsula.....	1	1	1	105000	11000	59700	60500	16	33	211	795	1039
W. Wilming'n	1	1	1	5000		900	2100	1	4	30	111	145
Whaleyville.....	2	2	1	8000	2500	800	5200	21	26	168	634	828
Wye.....	1	1	1	4200	2300		4000	10	15	93	354	462
Bal. Bk. Con.....				22000			10000					
Pres. Pars'ge.....				6000			4000					
W. T. Sem'n'y.....				150000			90000					
W. M. College.....				500000			150000					
Home for Aged				13000			3000					

Financial Summary.

Total for General Interests.

	1923	1922	Increase	Decrease
President's Salary	\$ 4,075	\$ 4,131		\$ 56
Maryland Conf. Budget.....	26,405	27,749		1,344
General Conference Budget....	54,163	54,575		412
Credits				
Children's Day	10,113	12,516		2,403
Special Foreign Missions.....	2,384	2,308	76	
Y. P. Missionary	1,956	1,485	471	
W. F. M. S.....	7,044	7,320		276
Easter Offering	5,260	889	4,371	
Special Home Missions.....	1,150	1,398		248
W. H. M. S.	4,408	3,824	584	
Rally Day	2,628	2,479	149	
Educational Day	1,452	2,772		1,320
Total Credits	\$ 36,395	\$ 34,991	\$ 1,404	
Paid on Bud. in ad. to Cred...	\$ 17,768	\$ 19,584		1,816
Total Assessment	84,643	86,455		1,812
Miscellaneous General	44,576	25,827	18,749	
Total for General Interests	\$129,219	\$112,282	\$ 16,937	

Total for Local Interests.

	1923	1922	Increase	Decrease
Pastor's Salary	\$197,772	\$189,410	\$ 8,362	
Rental Value of Parsonage....	45,077	42,131	2,946	
Current Expenses	96,178	85,470	10,708	
Paid on Building and Imp....	219,662	129,594	90,068	
Paid on Debt.....	50,155	46,340	3,815	
Paid for Interest on Debt.....	21,182	12,211	8,971	
Miscellaneous Local Interests.	61,943	66,294		4,351
Total Paid for Local Interests	691,969	571,450	120,519	
Total for all purposes.....	\$821,188	\$683,732	\$137,456	
Salaries for 1923-24.....	198,135	188,496	9,639	

Assessments.

	1923	1922	Increase	Decrease
President's Salary	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000		
Maryland Con. Interests	29,000	29,000		
General Con. Interests.....	110,000	110,000		

R. W. WHITE, Asst. Steward.

J. A. DUDLEY, Steward

Statistical Summary.

Membership.

	1923	1922	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers.....	163	161		
Unstationed Minst. & Preachers	70	66	4	
Probationers	714	832		118
Full Members	34,722	34,870		148
Probationers Received	652	809		157
Probationers Elected to Mem	531	661		130
Probationers Discontinued	91	205		114
Full Members Received.....	2,631	2,618	13	
Full Members Withdrawn.....	463	493		30
Full Member Discontinued.....	1,728	1,308	420	
Full Members Deceased.....	396	380	16	
Adults Baptized	229	214	15	
Children Baptized	1,610	1,712		102
Conversions	2,541	2,840		299
Sunday Schools	273	271	2	
S. S. Officers and Teachers.....	3,925	3,775	150	
New Scholars	5,304	4,846	458	
S. S. Scholars on Roll.....	36,910	36,210	700	
C. E. Societies	148	153		5
C. E. Members	5,939	6,178		239
Jr. C. E. Societies.....	65	57	8	
Jr. C. E. Members.....	2,307	2,234	73	
Money for Foreign Missions....	\$ 2,090	\$ 2,065	\$ 25	
Money for Conf. Missionary..	1,521	1,482	39	

Property.

	1923	1922	Increase	Decrease
Appointments	283	288		5
Churches	293 ½	290 ½	3	
Value of Church Property..	\$4,048,950	\$3,705,650	\$343,300	
Value of Parsonage Propty	615,350	577,850	37,500	
Debt on Chs. and Parsnges.	400,526	257,038	143,488	
Insurance on C. and P.....	2,116,137	1,902,093	214,044	
Church Papers Taken.....	2,993	2,928	65	

J. N. LINK,

C. F. JENNESS,

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 arising 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 President of the Conference is relieved from the usual plan of visitation on the Charges. He is to make survey of the District; assume general oversight of all church work; he is to use his official leadership in securing the most constructive development for the Charges.

And so far as possible, he is to meet the Official Board of each Charge once in the year.

The failure of the President to visit any Charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed on said Charge for his salary.

And each charge shall forward, not later than July 1st of each year, the amount levied thereon for President's salary to the Conference Treasurer—who shall pay monthly to the President 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 \$1,200 for the pastor. And he, the President, 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. He, with the Treasurer and Steward, shall be the Committee on the Preparation and Printing of the Conference blanks; and shall 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.

Rule IV. Duties of Stewards 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 Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and open the pastor's 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 des-

igned 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. The chairman to be appointed one year in advance.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—5 Ministers.

3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.

4. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

5. Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

6. Young People's Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

7. Moral Reform and Social Service—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

8. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

9. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

10. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.

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

12. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

13. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.

14. Committee of Audit—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.

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

16. Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young People's Work—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.

17. Home For The Aged—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

18. Conference Arrangements—The President and the Standing District Committee.

19. Evangelism—3 Ministers and 3 Laymen. The President of the Conference a member, ex-officio, with voting power. (This an ad-interim committee.)

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. And also the percentage of those charges paying less than 100 per cent.

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. 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 call-

ing of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the Secretary.

3. At 10.30 A. M. 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.

4. Examination of the President. At 2 P. M. 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?"

5. At 3 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 4 P. M. Wednesday 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 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 from 10.45 to 11 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 or 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, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. All pastors are required to submit in detail to the Board of Survey all plans their churches may have for new church buildings and parsonages, remodeling or extensive improvements, locations for buildings, etc., for advice and counsel, before giving their consent to or proceeding with the execution of their plans. This is done that churches may have advantage of the study and experience of the conference in all such matters. Further, no church shall receive any appropriation from 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.

Regulation 20.

PLAN OF CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

See 1921 Minutes, Pages 116-117.)

A.—Expense of Travel.

The establishment of a pro rata basis of expense in reaching the seat of Conference for each minister and delegate—the said basis shall be determined by someone designated—that each minister and delegate shall

pay his pro rata part of the said basis at a time designated before the sitting of the Conference—that from the amount of the said basis each minister and delegate shall receive the cost of his round-trip ticket to the seat of Conference.

B.—Expense of Entertainment.

1. That each charge shall be assessed an amount equal to 1 per cent. of the assessed salary for pastor. No man is eligible for entertainment unless his church has paid the apportionment.

2. All members of the Conference, including supplies, are eligible.

3. No man can make a claim on the Conference if entertained by friends or remains in his own home.

4. In lieu of money for board, a member is permitted to charge for his car fare to and from the seat of Conference as the case may be, excluding the first trip. Maximum amount allowed shall be \$2.00 per day.

Regulation 21. Plan of Levy For The Budgets.

First: The Budget System in distribution is of three parts—

a. The President's Salary and expenses.

b. Maryland Conference Interests, to-wit: Incidental expenses of conference, Superannuates, Church Extension, Our Church Home and Deaconess Home.

c. General Conference interests, to-wit: Board of Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Board of Young People's Work, Superannuates (for the General Church), Children's Home, Old People's Home, W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S. and American Bible Society.

Second: The Board of Finance shall ascertain—

a. The average amount paid by each charge for all purposes, plus unpaid total assessments, after deducting amounts paid on "Building and Improvements," "Paid on Debt," "Interest on Debt," "Special Campaigns, either of the General or Maryland Conference," for each of the five years immediately preceding the current year and determine the percentage of the same necessary to provide for the total assessment on the district.

b. The total number of full members for the current year, and determine the per capita necessary to provide for the total assessment.

c. The division to be 40 per cent for membership and 60 per cent for financial ability.

For the amount levied for the above Budgets, the percentage of Distribution, and for the percentage that each interest shall receive under various Budgets, see Report of Board of Finance as printed in the Minutes for each Conference Session.

See table on following page.

EXAMPLE

Supposititious Charge.

Financial Basis	\$5,496
Membership	323

General Conference Budget:

Financial, \$5,496x\$.2641 =	\$1,451
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	\$871
Per Capita—323x\$.319 =	1,030
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	412

General Conference Budget	\$1,283
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Maryland Conference Interests:

Financial, \$5,496x\$.07 =	\$ 385
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	\$231
Per Capita—323x\$.84.....	271
	.40
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	108

Maryland Conference Interests.....	\$ 339
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President's Salary and Expenses:

Financial \$5,496x\$.0108 =	\$ 59
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	\$35
Per Capita, 323x\$.131 =	42
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President's Salary and Expenses:.....	\$ 52
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Total Assessments for 1923-1924.....	\$ 1,674
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