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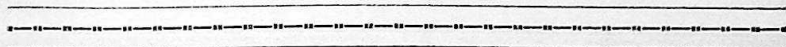


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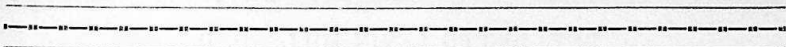
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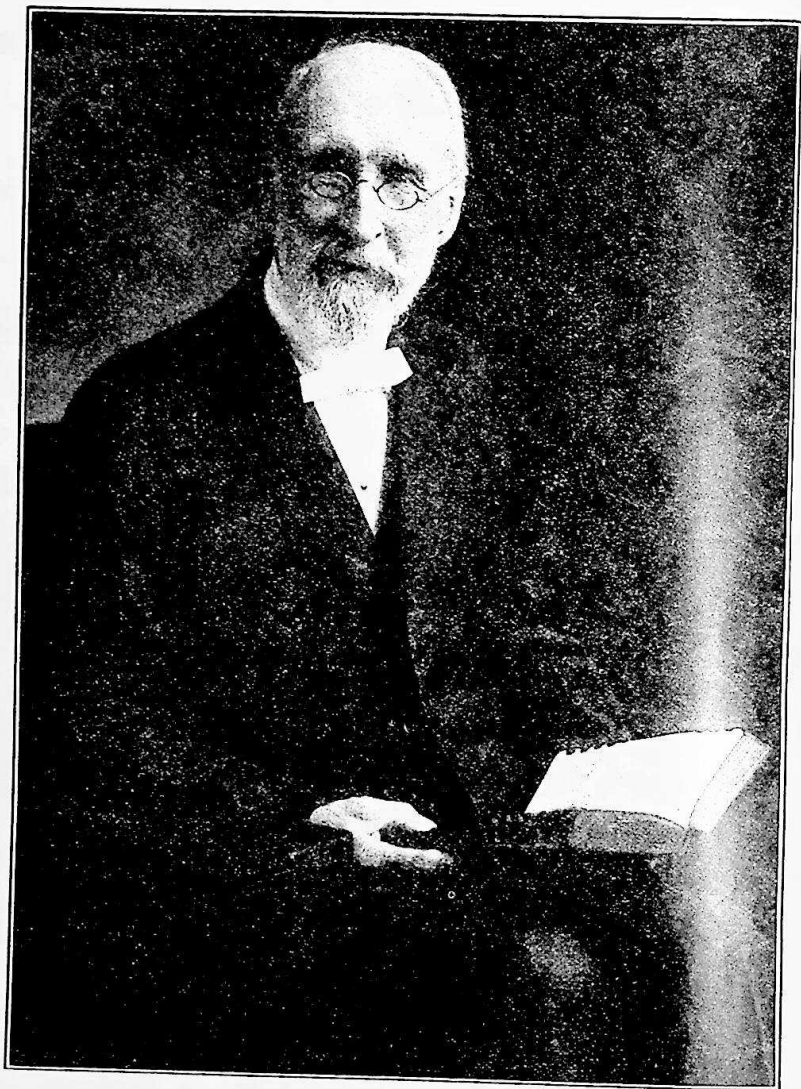


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215	J. M. Holmes .....	1865	1867	378	J. F. Bryan.....	1896	1897
220	A. W. Mather .....	1866	1868	379	N. O. Gibson.....	1896	1898
248	J. G. Sullivan .....	1871	1873	380	F. A. Holland.....	1896	1897
252	F. T. Little .....	1872	1873	381	E. D. Stone.....	1896	1898
255	T. O. Crouse .....	1872	1874	382	G. H. Stocksdale.....	1896	1899
260	G. F. Farring .....	1873	1876	387	W. A. Melvin.....	1897	1898
261	F. H. Mullineaux .....	1873	1876	388	E. T. Read.....	1897	1899
265	G. Q. Bacchus .....	1874	1877	389	J. L. Ward.....	1897	1899
270	J. M. Sheridan .....	1875	1877	394	B. F. Ruley.....	1899	1900
277	T. H. Lewis .....	1876	1876	396	T. R. Woodford .....	1899	1900
278	J. W. Trout .....	1876	1879	397	G. E. Brown .....	1899	1904
285	D. W. Anstine .....	1879	1882	398	C. M. Compber .....	1900	1901
286	F. C. Klein .....	1879	1881	400	F. J. Phillips.....	1900	1903
289	J. L. Elderdice .....	1880	1883	401	W. N. Sherwood.....	1900	1903
294	J. W. Balderston .....	1881	1883	403	E. H. Jones.....	1900	1905
297	J. M. Gill .....	1882	1885	405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903
299	S. F. Cassen .....	1883	1886	406	C. R. Strausburg.....	1901	1904
308	J. W. Kirk .....	1885	1886	409	P. W. Crosby.....	1903	1904
309	B. W. Kindley.....	1885	1887	411	G. J. Hooker.....	1903	1904
310	H. L. Elderdice .....	1885	1885	413	Clayborne Phillips.....	1903	1905
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
338	L. F. Warner.....	1891	1893	423	J. T. Bailey .....	1905	1907
339	J. W. Parris.....	1891	1891	424	N. C. Clough .....	1905	1907
340	Avery Donovan .....	1891	1892	425	Carroll Maddox .....	1905	1908
341	S. W. Coe .....	1891	Tr.	426	W. P. Roberts .....	1905	1907
342	Dorsey Blake .....	1892	1893	428	C. M. Elderdice.....	1906	1907
343	L. A. Bennett .....	1892	1892	429	W. L. Hoffman.....	1906	1908
344	C. M. Cullum.....	1892	1893	432	L. B. Smith.....	1906	1907
345	G. R. Donaldson.....	1892	1895	434	W. S. Hanks .....	1906	Tr.
347	A. H. Green .....	1892	1894	436	E. L. Bunce.....	1907	1907
350	C. K. McCaslin.....	1892	1893	437	H. B. Jester .....	1907	1909
352	Louis Randall .....	1892	1894	438	P. L. Rice.....	1907	1909
354	J. A. Wright.....	1892	1892	439	F. D. Reynolds.....	1907	Tr.
355	G. M. Clayton.....	1893	1896	440	G. A. Ogg.....	1907	Tr.
356	J. McLain Brown.....	1893	1894	441	E. A. Sexsmith.....	1907	Tr.
357	George Hines .....	1893	1896	442	J. L. Nichols.....	1908	Tr.
358	W. B. Judefind.....	1893	1896	447	M. E. Hungerford.....	1909	1911
359	E. C. Makosky.....	1893	1895	448	J. R. Wright .....	1909	1911
360	C. P. Nowlin.....	1893	1895	457	V. A. Miller.....	1911	1913
363	A. S. Beane.....	1893	1891	459	R. Y. Nicholson.....	1911	1912
364	G. J. Hill.....	1894	1894	461	W. C. Mumford.....	1911	1912
365	W. H. Litsinger.....	1894	1896	462	C. M. Adams.....	1912	1914
369	F. S. Cain.....	1895	1898	463	W. F. Bauscher.....	1912	1913
370	H. L. Schlincke.....	1895	1897	464	J. A. Dudley.....	1912	1912
371	C. E. Dryden.....	1895	1897	465	A. W. Ewell.....	1912	1913
372	H. O. Keen .....	1895	1898	466	E. W. Sinums.....	1912	1913



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467	W. F. Wright.....	1912	1914	516	F. M. Volk.....	1920	1920
468	Ziba Adams .....	1913	Tr.	518	C. M. Jenkins.....	1920	.....
471	C. C. Day.....	1913	1914	519	C. P. Butler.....	1920	Tr.
472	W. M. Snyder.....	1913	1914	520	J. Earl Cummings.....	1921	1921
473	T. C. Jones.....	1914	Tr.	521	J. Tracey Fenby.....	1921	1921
474	J. N. Link.....	1914	1916	522	W. H. Hodges.....	1921	Tr.
478	I. S. Owens.....	1915	1917	523	F. G. Holloway.....	1921	1921
480	E. T. Kirkley.....	1915	1916	524	C. M. Kelsner.....	1921	1921
481	J. P. Adams.....	1916	1917	525	Paul F. Warner.....	1921	1921
483	J. P. George.....	1916	1918	526	Robert Browne .....	1922	1924
488	K. K. Haddaway.....	1917	1917	528	M. E. Dearholt.....	1922	1922
491	J. H. Lynch.....	1917	1919	529	Thomas Turkington ..	1922	1922
493	C. H. Dobson.....	1917	1919	530	J. L. Marker.....	1922	1922
494	H. L. Murphy.....	1917	1919	531	T. G. Betschler.....	1922	1922
495	L. E. Haddaway.....	1917	1919	532	T. C. Mulligan.....	1922	1922
496	A. F. T. Raum.....	1917	1919	533	A. W. Simms.....	1922	1922
497	P. M. R. Schauer.....	1917	1918	534	O. G. Brewer.....	1922	1922
498	Gilbert S. Ross.....	1918	1918	535	M. L. Smith.....	1922	1922
500	L. W. Gordon.....	1918	Tr.	536	G. W. Ports.....	1922	1922
501	G. E. McDorman.....	1919	1919	537	P. M. Cassen.....	1923	1923
502	J. W. Townsend.....	1919	1919	538	L. C. Randall.....	1923	1923
503	R. W. White.....	1919	1919	539	J. G. Trader.....	1923	1923
504	K. H. Wareheim.....	1919	1919	540	H. A. Kester.....	1923	Tr.
506	J. R. McKeawn.....	1919	1919	541	Wm. Schmeiser .....	1923	
507	G. E. Leister.....	1919	1919	542	F. B. Bailey.....	1923	1924
508	J. Leas Green.....	1919	1919	543	W. B. Sanders.....	1924	Tr.
509	J. W. Baxley.....	1919	1919	544	C. B. Robey.....	1925	1925
511	F. K. McCorkle.....	1919	1920	545	R. W. Sapp.....	1925	1925
513	E. C. Graham.....	1920	Tr.	546	C. L. Dawson.....	1925	
515	G. E. Turner.....	1920	1920				

# CHARGES AND LAYMEN

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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) Lewis' Hand book. The Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, including the preface. The applicant must show that he has studied these books and that he is especially familiar with our ministerial functions and procedure.

All persons applying for admission into the Conference will write to the President of the Conference for official blanks, on which application should be made. All persons seeking license to administer the ordinances must have recommendation from Quarterly Conference and must personally appear before the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

First year.

N. O. GIBSON (a) Drinkhouse's "History of Methodist Reform." Vol. 1, chapters I, III, X, XVI, XVII, XXI. Vol. 2, chapters, II, IV, IX, XV, XXVII, XXXV.

W. B. JUDEFIND (b) Lewis' Divine Credentials.

W. H. HODGES (c) Greenfield's "Jesus the Preacher" and Elderdice's "The Preachers' Problems."

J. F. BRYAN (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 to 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—Miss Grace G. Jones, J. T. Dise.

Second Year.

E. T. READ (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 180-344.

W. H. LITSINGER (b) Fisher's History of the Christian Church." 1-286.

J. W. BALDERSTON (c) Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."

P. W. CROSBY (d) Gladden's "Christian Pastor."

(e) An examination before the four Examiners in the English Bible—the books from Ezra to Ecclesiastes. The examination shall be conducted by the Examiner who was assigned to (c) in the Preparatory Course, but any examiner may participate.

Students—Leon A. Smith, J. G. Lynn, H. J. Mason.

Third Year

T. O. CROUSE (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 347 to end of book.

J. W. KIRK (b) Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." 286 to end.

F. T. LITTLE (c) Calkin's "Historical Geography of the Bible."

F. T. BENSON (d) Athearn's "The Church School."

(e) An examination before the four examiners in the English Bible—The Prophetic Book—Isaiah to Malachi. The examination shall be conducted by the examiner who was assigned to (d) in the Preparatory

Course, but any examiner may participate. The student must also present and read to these examiners an original sermon.

Student—William Schmeiser.

Third Year (Old Course).

H. L. ELDERDICE—Curtis Theology, Vol I. Last Half. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

J. W. TROUT—Lewis' "Divine Credentials."

B. W. Kindley—The following books are to be read and a written syllabus presented.

Miller's "Christian Ministry," submitted November 1st.

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

Students—H. L. Murphy, (C. M. Jenkins).

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. All students receiving 100 will be so reported to the Conference.

All who are placed in the hands of the President are to understand that this action must not be necessarily 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 necessary percentage in studies shall not be advanced to ordination or passed through the course.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.  
Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

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FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY

MORNING

Baltimore, Md., April 1, 1925

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church opened its 97th session in Hampden Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md., at 9.00 A. M. President G. I. Humphreys called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional service. Hymn No. 104, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung; Second Corinthians—Chapter Four was read by the President, and prayer was offered by J. W. Gray.

The roll of the Conference was called by Assistant Secretary, E. L. Bunce, and the names of J. L. Mills, H. S. Johnson and C. E. McCullough were transferred to the Memorial Roll.

Report of Committee on Credentials was made and adopted.

The Memorial Roll was called by J. W. Trout. Obituaries on the deaths of J. L. Mills, H. S. Johnson and C. E. McCullough were read by H. L. Elderdice, F. T. Little and J. M. Sheridan, respectively. W. M. Strayer, J. L. Nichols, A. W. Betts and J. W. Gray spoke affectionately of Dr. Mills. W. H. Litsinger offered prayer, and the service closed with the singing of "O How Sweet It will Be."

Following the Memorial Service, the President announced Hymn No. 24, "O Thou Whom All Thy Saints Adore," which was then sung. Prayer was offered by B. F. Ruley; Second Cor. 6:1-10 and Ephesians 4:7-11-16 were read by J. Earle Cummins. L. B. Smith preached the Conference Sermon from Second Timothy 2:15—"A Symmetrical Ministry." Hymn No. 221, "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" was then sung.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the President, assisted by L. F. Warner, R. Y. Nicholson, W. P. Roberts, W. F. Wright, T. O. Crouse, G. A. Morris, G. E. Brown and J. L. Nichols.

The bar of the Conference was placed at the first eight (8) pews. The benediction was pronounced by W. M. Strayer.

AFTERNOON

The Conference opened at 2:30 P. M.

The President called F. T. Little to the chair.

The President made his annual report (Report A). At the conclusion of its reading, his character was passed.

On motion of J. H. Straughn the Secretary was instructed to have that part of the President's Report relative to recommendations printed for distribution to Conference.

President read list of Standing Committees.

Order of day having come, the President appointed as tellers on election of President F. G. Holloway, J. W. Townsend, Daniel Murdoch and W. G. Monroe. The ballots were distributed and Conference proceeded to vote for President. The result of the ballot was:- Number of ballots cast—198: necessary to a choice—100: G. I. Humphreys 158, E. C. Makosky 22, L. B. Smith 10, R. L. Shipley 4, J. F. Bryan 2, G. W. Haddaway 1, W. A. Melvin 1. G. I. Humphreys was declared elected. and in a few, well chosen words accepted the office, assuring the Conference that he had given his best thought and service to the Conference, and would continue to do so.

On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot for R. L. Shipley as Secretary.

On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot for C. P. Nowlin as Treasurer.

On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot for R. W. White as Steward.

On motion the order of day was suspended that pastors might deposit their annual reports.

The following were appointed to assist the Treasurer and Steward, Guy Leister, F. B. Bailey, Clarence Dawson and Charles Cummins.

The President appointed the following tellers for Standing District Committee,— G. E. Turner, J. Lee Marker, Jackson Dunlap and Harry E. Burck. On motion the tellers were permitted to retire and count the ballots.

The President appointed the following tellers for Committee on Appeals,—J. P. Adams, K. H. Warheim, M. W. Gaines, H. D. Sharon. On motion the tellers were permitted to retire and count the ballots.

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

Report of the Secretary (Report B) was read and referred to Committee on Audit.

The roll of charges for communication was called.

Conference adjourned with benediction by T. H. Lewis.

## EVENING

Fraternal and Denominational Session.

Devotional Service in charge of G. W. Haddaway.

Addresses were made by Rev. F. W. Stephenson, General Conference Representative, and Rev. C. S. Kidd, President of the Eastern Conference.

The benediction was pronounced by H. L. Elderdice.

## SECOND DAY, THURSDAY

## MORNING

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M. with the President presiding. The minutes were read and approved.

Resolution (2) asking L. B. Smith for a copy of the Conference Sermon that it might be printed in the minutes. Adopted.

Letter from Paul F. Warner was read and referred to Committee on Official Relations. Letter from Paul M. Cassen was also read and referred to Committee on Official Relations. Letter from J. R. Wright, Chaplain in Army, was referred to Committee on Official Relations. Letter from Mrs. E. A. Craig, of Women's Home Missionary Society asking a hearing for T. R. Woodford was read and on motion was referred to the President that he might set the time.

W. A. Melvin spoke relative to Lowe Memorial Church, informing the Conference that this church had paid all its obligations.

Resolutions offered by W. A. Melvin to transfer title of the building to local Board of Trustees. Referred to Board of Survey and Extension.

Report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society (Report R) was read, showing that the income of the Henrietta Gibson Fund was used, as usual, in training young men for the ministry. Also the demands of the Trustees have made it impossible to appropriate any funds to the use of the society. Report adopted.

Motion by J. M. Sheridan that a committee of three be appointed to consider the charter of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society and make such report as they deemed advisable as this session of Conference. Adopted. The Committee appointed was, T. H. Lewis, F. T. Little and F. W. Whitaker.

The Secretary appointed as his assistants, G. J. Hooker, E. L. Bunce, C. R. Strausburg and J. W. Townsend.

Partial Report of Committee on Literature and Education (See Report I) was read, telling of the Handbook of the Methodist Protestant Church, edited by T. H. Lewis. The Committee heartily recommends it to all pastors and members of the Maryland Conference. Report adopted.

J. H. Straughn spoke about the Handbook and asked the privilege of putting it before the Conference for subscription, which was granted. Record shows 1222 copies subscribed for.

The Report of the Maryland Conference Trustees was read (Report D). The names of those whose terms expire at this session are F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. G. Usilton. Also a vacancy is to be filled on account of the death of J. L. Mills. Their successors will be elected at this session. The income of Mrs. A. S. Eversole has been used for Conference Church Extension Work. Also that the Board has continued to comply with instructions of the Conference in signing such legal papers as the Headquarters Committee required. Re-

port adopted. The financial part of the report relating to the properties 316 and 516 N Charles Street was held in abeyance for Headquarters Committee.

On motion N. C. Clough was excused until Saturday.

Devotionals were led by J. A. Dudley, who read Matthew 6:1-14, and offered prayer.

Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, addressed the Conference regarding his work and the work of the last General Conference. Some overtures of the General Conference were read, to which this Conference gave approval.

An offering of \$3165.00 was taken to assist the work in some of our weaker conferences.

T. R. Woodford, Superintendent of our work at Pine Ridge, Kentucky, addressed the Conference and offered prayer in behalf of the great work in the south.

Invitations to meet in the next session of the Annual Conference at Lowe Memorial Church, Baltimore, and Peninsula Church, Wilmington, were read and laid on the table for twenty-four (24) hours.

Conference adjourned with benediction by W. A. Melvin.

## AFTERNOON

Conference opened at 2:00 P. M.

Mr. G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, was introduced to the Conference and made an address.

Dr. W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance was introduced to the Conference and made a brief address.

Motion by J. W. Trout that the letter as read by Dr. Davis be replied to by the President of the Conference. The letter was to be sent to General Milton A. Reckord, appreciating the fact that Polo Games will not be played on Sunday. Motion adopted.

Ballots were distributed for the election of Maryland Conference Trustees, whose terms expire at this session. Tellers retired to count the ballots.

A motion was made that the Secretary cast the ballot for J. H. Straughn to succeed J. L. Mills. J. H. Straughn objected and ballots were distributed for the election. W. H. Litsinger and Seth H. Linthicum were appointed tellers. On motion the tellers retired to count the ballots.

Letters from F. H. Mullineaux and A. W. Mather, expressing regret at not being able to attend this session, were read. A motion was made that the Secretary communicate by letter the sympathy of this Conference to A. W. Mather, W. N. Sherwood and F. H. Mullineaux. Adopted.

Overtures from General Conference were read as follows:

Resolved, that the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session at Tiffin, Ohio, May 21st, 1924, hereby adopts and sub-



mits to the Annual Conferences the following Overtures for altering the Constitution:

First Overture. Article IV (Four), Section 3 (Three).

Strike out and amend so that the whole section shall read: "3. Each church shall have power to purchase, build, lease, sell, rent, or otherwise dispose of church property for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church, when authorized by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the qualified members of the church; provided that said vote be given in person at a meeting publicly called for the purpose four weeks in advance."

Second Overture. Article VIII (Eight), Section 3 (Three).

Strike out the whole section and insert instead as section 3 (Three): "3. The representatives to which each district may be entitled shall be elected on Friday at two o'clock P. M., at the meeting of the Annual Conference next preceding the sitting of the General Conference, by the ministers and delegates belonging to said Annual Conference. The ministers and delegates shall vote as one body, and a majority of the whole vote shall constitute an election. But if a majority of the ministers, or a majority of the delegates demand it, the ministers and delegates shall vote separately, and the concurrence of a majority of both ministers and delegates shall be necessary to constitute an election."

Third Overture. Article VIII (Eight), Section 5 (Five):

Strike out the words "five members" and insert in the same place instead the following: "a majority of the ministers, or a majority of the delegates present."

Fourth Overture, Article XI (Eleven).

Under the paragraph entitled "Conference Steward," strike out the word "Treasurer."

Fifth Overture. Article XIV (Fourteen), Section 3 (Three).

Strike out in lines ten and eleven the words, "or who have ceased to take an interest in the church." At the end of the section, after the period, add the following: "But any person whose name has been dropped shall, upon application to the pastor, have his name restored."

On motion the sermon of T. H. Lewis at the General Conference was ordered printed and sent out with the Conference Minutes.

A motion was made that "The Methodist Protestant Quadrilateral" be printed on back of Minutes. Adopted.

A letter, showing the appointment of F. T. Little as pastor of Dorchester Circuit in April, 1870, was read. Because of age and other circumstances Dr. Little asked for a superannuated relation. R. L. Shipley, who went into the ministry under Dr. Little, made a brief address and moved that Dr. Little's request be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. G. W. Haddaway, the successor of Dr. Little at old Starr Church, seconded the motion. F. T. Benson and G. E. McDorman spoke affectionately of Dr. Little. The motion of R. L. Shipley was adopted.

Resolution by T. H. Lewis (Resolution 3) that the Maryland Conference has heard with profound regret the request of Rev. F. T. Little,

for superannuation. We would not hesitate for a moment to grant this request, nor to question his motives in making it, but we are convinced that his intellectual and physical vigor are so sustained that we wish to have our President consult with him to see if some arrangement may not be made to continue Dr. Little's services in the active work, and whether it may not be possible by some contrivance to enable the Conference to avail itself of his services until it shall please God to take him up higher. Adopted.

Report of tellers on Maryland Conference Trustees was made, resulting as follows: F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for F. G. Usilton. Relative to the successor for J. L. Mills, deceased, J. H. Straughn was elected.

The Secretary called the roll of those who had not answered previously to their names.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church being in session at Annapolis, a motion was made appointing T. H. Lewis, R. L. Shipley and W. O. Atwood as Fraternal Messengers to said Conference on Friday. Carried.

Conference gave way to a meeting of the Church Extension Society.

Conference resumed session.

Report of Tellers of Election of Committee on Appeals was made, showing the election of J. M. Gill, J. W. Kirk, J. H. Straughn, W. E. Sheppard, W. O. Atwood and W. E. Cain.

Report of Conference Librarian was read, showing 800 volumes in the custody of the library. The books have been properly arranged and an opportunity is hereby made to make this a great institution of our Conference. Report adopted.

Report of the Committee on Home for the Aged (Report D) was read, showing that there has been a marked increase in the interest and attention given the Home. The endowment raised this year is now approximately \$12,000.00, of which \$7,625.00 has been paid. The following recommendations were submitted:

1. That Home Visitation Day be during the Young People's Convention and Summer Conference.
2. That \$6,000.00 be assessed for the Home this year.
3. That all Methodist Protestants visiting in or near Westminster make it a point to visit the Home.
4. That the names of the Lady Visitors be included in the information blanks.
5. That Regulation VII page 165 of Conference Minutes of 1924 be re-written so as to read—

Regulation VII. "Every charge shall elect or appoint a Lady Visitor from each church on the charge where there is more than one appointment and that she shall maintain an interest in the Home and co-operate with the Board of Lady Superintendents in order to promote the interests of the Home in the local church."

6. That the name "Board of Lady Visitors" be changed to "Board of Superintendents."

On motion of L. B. Smith the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for S. F. Cassen, J. N. Link, T. A. Murray and M. A. Zollickoffer for Board of Managers. Motion was adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

J. W. Trout, Examiner, reports that Robert Browne was given 100 in Lewis "Divine Credentials," and H. L. Elderdice reported that he had given Robert Browne 100 in Curtis' "Theology."

F. T. Little, Examiner, reports that William Schmeiser was given 100 in Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."

Report of tellers for Standing District Committee shows the election of F. T. Little, L. F. Warner, J. M. Sheridan, T. P. Fisher, J. H. Baker, T. A. Murray.

T. O. Crouse, Examiner, reports that William Schmeiser passed a creditable examination in Curtis' "Christian Faith," and is passed to the third year.

Benediction was pronounced by S. F. Cassen.

## EVENING

The Conference was the guest at a banquet given by Western Maryland College. Dr. Wm. J. Thompson made the address of the evening.

## THIRD DAY, FRIDAY

### MORNING

Conference opened at 9.30 A. M. with the President presiding.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Report (Report L) of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Board was read, showing that the indebtedness of \$1,700.00 has been reduced to \$500.00. The great problem confronting the Board is more Deaconesses of high quality of heart, mental and physical equipment. This problem is the problem of every church. The terms of those whose terms expire are Mrs. W. C. Shriver, Mrs. Rose Beebe, Messrs. A. W. Beam, A. W. Richmond and Rev. E. T. Read. Their successors will be elected at this session. The following recommendations were considered.

1. That a day be set apart by the Conference when the claims of the Deaconess Work shall be laid upon the hearts of our people, and thus help recruit the ranks.

2. That present assessment of \$2,500.00 be continued for another year.

Report of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Home (Report L) shows a disbursement of \$3,622.07, leaving a balance of \$146.07.

Devotional services were conducted by J. F. Bryan, who read Luke 9:28-37 and offered prayer.

Report of the Special Committee on Deaconess Work (Report L) was read, showing that the Board had conducted its work with care. This committee was directed by the last Annual Conference to make three definite investigations—1. The real need of the district for such work; 2. The outstanding needs of the work as it now functions; 3. The methods proven successful by other denominations that may be adaptable

to our needs and resources. The returns from the questionnaires sent out seem to be favorable to the deaconess idea. On motion the report was adopted by items.

1. That our deaconess work be continued. This item was held in abeyance until the entire report was considered—

2. That candidates be given at least two years training such as that given in the Lutheran Mother House of Baltimore and the Lucy Webb Training School, of Washington, D. C. Adopted.

3. Not being equipped to give proper training, it is recommended that they be trained in the above schools. Item was lost.

4. That candidates be definitely sought throughout the church.

The order of the day, Report of Committee on Missions, having come, motion was made and adopted that said report be postponed until 3.00 P. M.

J. McLain Brown, an honored member of this Conference, because of ill health, asked for a Superannuated Relation. Request was referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. M. Gill.

## AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2.00 P. M.

Mr. W. O. Atwood gave a verbal report of the Fraternal Messengers to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Report of Committee on Pulpit Supply. Report was read and accepted.

Report of Committee on Literature and Education (Report I) was read and considered. The Committee rejoices with the Maryland Conference in the completion of the Headquarters' Building. It is one of our biggest accomplishments. The Committee heartily endorsed the work of Education, the Book Directory, the church periodicals, the Seminary and the College whose report are recorded with the Committee's report. This Committee recommends to all pastors and members of the Maryland Conference the Methodist Protestant. The purposes of the Student Loan Fund are hereby approved even though resources are small. A hearty welcome is given our new Secretary, Rev. F. W. Stephenson. The wonderful achievement of President Elderdice in the erection of the new \$20,000.00 parsonage is highly gratifying and only \$2,000.00 indebtedness remains. The Committee concurs most heartily with the three recommendations appended to the Report of the Board of Governors. It also recommends that the Maryland Conference shall give its heartiest endorsement to the campaign for an appeal in behalf of the financial campaign in May, 1925.

1. The report of the President of the Baltimore Book Directory shows a very satisfactory condition existing. The moving into the new quarters in the Maryland Conference Building entailed some trouble and not a little expense, but results have been gratifying. Reports of the

Methodist Protestant show that there are 3104 church papers going into the homes of our district. This means we are maintaining a little better than the average among the church periodicals. In regard to the printing plant, we have during the year added an equipment of machinery amounting to \$10,273.00. Business has increased but we can handle 40 per cent more work than at the present time. The Sunday School and Book Departments, which are our main source of revenue, show decided increase in sales. The periodicals are being steadily improved. The total volume of business handled by the Directory the past year is \$165,922.94, an increase over last year of \$13,935.19. Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., still proves himself worthy of this honorable position, to which the church has called him. Mr. Charles Reiner is measuring up to the great responsibilities of a growing business. Mr. C. Levine Price, the genial Superintendent of our Printing Department, continues to grow in favor. The work is ours.

Rev. F. T. Benson, Editor of The Methodist Protestant, made a brief address and invited the Conference as a body to visit the new building at 516 N. Charles Street. On motion it was decided to go to the new building on Saturday at 2.00 P. M.

Report of the President of Western Maryland College shows for that school a larger enrollment than ever. If we raise within the next three years \$375,000.00 for Endowment, we shall get in addition thereto \$125,000.00 for Endowment from the General Education Board, and \$125,000.00 from the State of Maryland for a building. This is a great challenge and we are asked for our hearty endorsement. Dr. A. N. Ward made a brief address relative to this report.

Report of Board of Managers of Westminster Theological Seminary shows a year of unprecedented prosperity,—the best of its forty-three (43) years of existence. It is recommended

1. That our pastors increase their efforts in laying the claims of the ministry upon promising young men.
2. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year.
3. That this Conference express its keen appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of Dr. J. L. Mills, President of the Board of Governors, and T. W. Mather, Treasurer of the Board, both of whom have gone to their eternal reward.

Dr. H. L. Elderdice made a brief address and then called on Dr. T. R. Woodford. Dr. Woodford spoke of the work at Pine Ridge, Ky., and bade us goodbye as he returned to his field of labor.

Report of Committee on Missions (Report N) was read, cheering us with the evidence of God's continued care of the work during the year. The report gives gratifying evidence of the growth of our work in Nagoya College in Kalgan, China, and in India. Nine missionaries have gone to the foreign field this year, four having peculiar claim upon this Conference,—Rev. Paul Cassen and wife to India, Rev. Paul Warner to Japan, and Miss Maude Lawson, of Newark, N. J., to China. The collections of

the Women's Foreign Missionary Society have reached \$11,244.16, an increase of 46 per cent. The various Home Missionary Boards have made very encouraging reports. They have raised more money and engaged in a larger number of worthy enterprises than in any previous year. Interest in the Home for Business Girls is growing and asks our sympathetic interest.

The Committee recommends:

1. That a Committee be appointed in each church to have charge of the centennial celebration of our denomination. Adopted.
2. That more time be allowed in the Conference Program for the discussion of our Missionary enterprises. Adopted.

Mrs. L. F. Warner, President of the Maryland Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. P. W. Crosby, President of the Washington-Virginia Branch of Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. C. C. Harris, President of the Washington-Virginia Branch of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. Allen Craig, President of the Maryland Branch of Woman's Home Missionary Society, spoke of the work of their different branches.

Thomas A. Myers, a member of the Committee, asks that his name be stricken from list of the Committee, and begs leave to submit a minority report as touching the Girls' Home. The report is as follows:

"Concurring in the Missionary Committee's Report in all points with the single exception of that referring to the Girls' Home in Baltimore, I beg to submit a minority report on that as follows:

Believing that the time is inopportune and doubtful of the ability of bringing this most praiseworthy enterprise to a successful conclusion, your Committee, with regret withholds its endorsement of the proposed home."

Motion was made by J. W. Kirk that Mrs. Craig give the Conference the details of the Home, which she did. J. L. Nichols, J. H. Straughn, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Dixon spoke. The President of the Conference spoke.

On motion the minority report was adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer reports that there is a 6 per cent deficit in the Superannuate Claims.

Resolution four was made that the Treasurer borrow \$1,007.00 to pay the claims in full. Referred to Committee on Superannuates.

The Report of Committee on Literature and Education (Report I) was taken up and adopted as a whole.

Benediction was pronounced by W. F. Wright.

## EVENING

Service in charge of E. D. Stone.

President of the Conference then introduced.

Dr. Lucius C. Clark, Chancellor of American University of Washington, D. C. Dr. Clark made a splendid address on "Protestantism in Washington." The service closed with benediction by Dr. Clark.

## FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY

## MORNING

Conference opened at 9.30 A. M. with the President in the chair. The minutes were read and adopted.

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

P. W. Crosby, Examiner, reports that Leon Smith, J. G. Lynn and H. J. Mason were examined in Curtis' "Christian Faith" and passed satisfactory examinations.

J. W. Balderston, Examiner, reports that J. G. Lynn is passed in "The Preacher's Problems" and in "Jesus, the Preacher." Also that Leon A. Smith and H. J. Mason are passed in "The Preacher's Problem." Owing to their inability to obtain copies of "Jesus, the Preacher," they were not examined and are therefore continued in that study.

E. T. Read, Examiner, reports that Leon A. Smith, J. G. Lynn and H. J. Mason passed in Drinkhouse "History of Methodist Reform."

J. W. Trout, Examiner, reports that H. J. Mason passed in Lewis "Divine Credentials."

W. H. Litsinger reports that J. G. Lynn passed in Lewis "Divine Credentials."

J. W. Kirk, Examiner, reports that Wm. A. Schmeiser has passed in Fisher's "Church History."

W. H. Litsinger, Examiner, reports that Leon A. Smith, J. G. Lynn and H. J. Mason are passed in English Bible in the first year course.

Report of Committee on Stewardship and Tithing (Report X) was read, showing that the Committee had directed its efforts to putting before our churches in an intelligent and practical way the matter of Tithing and Stewardship. The goals were not reached but movements have been set in operation, which will be of incalculable value to the individual and church. It is recommended that a special ad interim committee on Stewardship and Tithing be raised to keep this matter before our people and thus have a campaign upon this Christian grace. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Young People's Work (Report J) was read, and this Committee begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That we express full confidence in Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, General Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work. Adopted.
2. That Winter Institutes be held throughout the Conference District. Adopted.
3. That the work of the Conference Union in supporting two missionaries—Rev. Paul M. Cassen and Rev. C. S. Heininger, be approved.

The order of the day arrived and devotionals were conducted by E. W. Ewell. John 17:1-26 was read, prayer was offered and hymns were sung.

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to borrow \$1,007.00 to meet deficit in Superannuate Fund. Adopted.

Partial report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders (Report F) was read and on motion was taken up by items:

1. That Charles B. Robey and Russell W. Sapp be received into the Conference on trial.

2. That Clarence Dawson be received on trial.

3. That Charles B. Robey and Russell W. Sapp be ordained.

Report was adopted.

T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, received these men into the Conference. Prayer was offered by L. F. Warner and the men welcomed into our midst.

Partial report of Board of Survey and Extension (Report G) was presented, recommending that \$250.00, which the Board pledged toward the payment of interest on debt of Peninsula Church, be paid out of the money to be distributed by Treasurer of Conference at this session. Adopted.

Resolution seven, that the President make inquiry as to the practicability of having Conference meet in the future on the Wednesday following Easter Sunday and give his judgment at next Conference. Resolution adopted.

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

Invitation to meet in Peninsula Church at next session of the Annual Conference was taken up. The delegate, Mr. Norris Venn and L. B. Smith, Pastor, spoke of this work and also the invitation. W. A. Melvin withdrew the invitation to meet at Lowe Memorial Church and asked that we vote unanimously for Peninsula Church.

Benediction was pronounced by H. L. Elderdice.

## FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY

### MORNING

The services opened at 11.00 A. M.

Special music was rendered by the choir of the Conference Church.

Hymn No. 458, "Lord of the Living Harvest" was sung.

F. T. Benson led in prayer, and C. P. Nowlin led in the Responsive Reading. The scripture lesson, Acts 2, was read by E. D. Stone.

The ordination sermon was preached by J. H. Straughn, whose theme was "Christianity: an Interpretation."

Following the sermon, Charles B. Robey and Russell W. Sapp were ordained Elders in the Church of Christ. The President was assisted in the service by T. H. Lewis, F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan and R. L. Shipley.

The service closed with benediction by J. H. Straughn.

### EVENING

Service opened in the Conference Church at 8.00 P. M. Sermon was preached by W. B. Judefind, whose theme was "The Hand that Grips and Lifts."



## SIXTH DAY, MONDAY

## MORNING

Conference convened at 9.30 A. M.

Minutes were read and approved.

Conference gave way to the Mutual Relief Association.

Conference again convened with W. H. Litsinger presiding.

Report of Special Committee on Deaconess Work (Report L) was taken up. Previous items through item 3 had already been passed upon. Items were considered as follows:

4. That Candidates be definitely sought throughout the church. They should be old enough to make life decision and young enough to take readily the required training. They should reimburse the cost of their training if resignation takes place within five years.

Amendment to Item 4—so as to read—"In case of resignation within five years, except for ill health, they should feel morally bound to reimburse the church for the cost of their training." Amendment adopted.

5. That the home 2512 N. Charles Street be kept open provided there are a sufficient number of persons (say eight) to justify the expense. In case there should not be the required eight, it is recommended that it be temporarily closed and rented. September 15 is the time designated to close the home.

On motion the latter part "as to time" be referred to Board of Managers.

Amendment to motion was "To strike out all reference to closing of home."

Substitute for whole item (5) "That it be referred back to the Board for another year." Substitute was adopted.

6. That the present deaconesses take the training if Board so decides. Adopted.

7. To take care of the deaconesses in old age, some form of insurance be considered. Adopted.

8. Law be so changed that vacancies in Board of Membership be filled by the appointment of the President of the Conference. Lost.

9. That interest be encouraged in those interested in religious work. Adopted.

On motion the Special Committee was continued in order to report at next session of Conference. Adopted.

On motion report was referred to Committee on Benevolent Agencies. Adopted.

Devotional Service was conducted by V. A. Miller, who read Mark 11:12-20. Prayer was offered and hymn—"My Jesus I Love Thee" was sung.

Report of Committee on Young People's Work (Report J) was resumed according to Conference action of Saturday.

Item 4—That full financial support of the Union be placed in budget of Maryland Conference interests. Committee recommends \$700.00 be added to the budget. Item was lost.

Committee asks the privilege of substituting the former plan which is as follows:

Realizing the imperative need of funds to finance the great summer Institute such as we have, we urge that all the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies send their dues to the Treasurer promptly. We recommend that all Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies pay two cents (2c) per member with a minimum rate of two dollars (\$2.00) and that Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies pay one dollar (\$1.00) per year. Adopted.

Item 5—Providing for representatives from each participating denomination on the basis of Sunday School membership, we approve the plan and suggest that the President appoint the quota for said Conference. Adopted.

Item 6—That as a denomination we should have official representation on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Sunday School Association. Withdrawn.

Item 7—That all our Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies be urged to send representatives to our Summer Institute. Adopted.

Item 8—That young people pledge their loyal support to the President of the Conference. Adopted.

Item 9—Endorsing program of United Society of C. E. which is Friends of Christ Chart, we urge its use by all of our Christian Endeavor Societies. Adopted.

Item 10—Expressing our confidence in Mr. Carroll M. Wright, Field Secretary of Maryland. Adopted.

Amendment to the report that first week of February be set apart as Young People's Week. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Evangelism (Report U) was read, showing that evangelistic services had been held throughout the district. 2900 conversions and 2500 accessions were reported. 50 ministers responded to the call of the Committee. It recommended:

1. That tent and evangelistic services be continued for another year.
2. That Conference re-affirm the resolution requiring all pastors to give at least two weeks to this work.
3. That sum of \$15.00 be sent Treasurer from each charge receiving help.
4. That Conference appropriate \$288,41 to meet deficit.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Superannuates (Report H) was taken from the table and read, showing the list of claimants and the amounts allotted. Adopted as a whole.

Motion that the order of day at 2.00 P. M. be consideration of Western Maryland College Resolution.

Conference adjourned with benediction by D. W. Anstine.

## AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2.00 P. M. with F. T. Little presiding.

Resolution (eight) that in grateful and appreciative memory of of the services of the William Isaac Simpson of Milford, Delaware, we wish to record our sorrow in his death and our sympathy for his family and the church to which he belonged. Adopted.

Order of the day was the consideration of the Western Maryland College, Resolution (five) Resolved that the Maryland Conference

1. Express its gratitude to the State of Maryland and General Edu-
2. That the second Sunday in May be set apart as Western Maryland College Day.

3. That the strongest endorsement be given to the financial campaign in the interest of raising the money needed to meet the conditions made.

It was adopted as a whole.

Partial Report of Board of Survey and Extension (Report G) was read, showing an accumulated deficit of \$3,261.88. Also appropriations maturing next Conference of \$4,000.00. The Board states that they confront the alternative of either an increased indebtedness or a larger appropriation in the Budget for the use of the Board. The Board asks for instructions in the matter. Resolution (nine) by G. W. Haddaway that it is the sense of this Conference that it is not expedient to make any new appropriations on church improvements or church debts this Conference year, in view of the fact of the large deficit which faces this Conference. Adopted.

Partial Report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders (Report F) was read, stating

1. That Miss Grace G. Jones, an unstationed preacher of Hampden Quarterly Conference, had passed a most creditable examination in the Preparatory Course, and desires to take the Conference Course. It recommends that she be given this privilege.

2. That John Thomas Dise has passed a most creditable examination and desires to take the Conference Course. It recommends that he be given the privilege. Report adopted.

Resolution (ten) That Miss Grace G. Jones, an unstationed preacher of the Hampden Quarterly Conference, is engaged in evangelistic work and we commend her to our pastors and churches for service in their fields of labor. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Moral Reform (Report K) was read, showing that there was a general disregard of the Sabbath Day, the enforcement of the 18th amendment and social and political evils. The Committee realizes the need of sustaining the Lord's Day Alliance and recommends—

1. That all our churches and Sunday Schools make this program a part of their work.

2. That every Church and Sunday School of our Conference take one of the memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance.

3. That our President be requested to name four District Lord's Day Committees to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in the several districts.

4. That this Conference name a member of the Lord's Day Alliance Educational Committee.

The Committee hereby endorses the Anti-Saloon League and pledges their support. It is recommended that R. L. Shipley and Louis Randall be appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland. It also commends Representative Weer of Delaware and Senator Ridgely of Delaware, also Senator Virden of the same State, for their splendid stand for moral reform. The Committee also commends the Federal Court of Baltimore and Brig. Gen. Milton A. Reckord of Baltimore, for their part in enforcing law and helping maintain the Christian Sabbath. Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report (Report A) was read and considered by items. The Committee expresses its joy over the successful campaign for the Home for the Aged, and are in hearty accord with the President on the matter of church extension, and in his desire to see that all pledges made on Superannuate Invested Fund collected this year, if possible. The Committee concurs in the following recommendations:

1. The erecting of a Denominational Church in Washington and if possible have it completed by 1928—commemorating our one hundredth anniversary.

2. The appointment of a Committee of five to consider a full-time Conference Treasurer.

3. Urging all pastors and official boards to take immediate action toward correcting the inequitable distribution of our general funds growing out of the custom in some churches of allowing most of the General Interests to be raised by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. Continuing the Headquarters' Committee.

5. Setting 4th Sunday in January as Methodist Protestant Day. Adopted.

6. Minimum Salaries relative to those who serve more than one church. This item was referred to Board of Survey for a report at next session of Conference.

7. The appointment of a Budget Council for the Conference. Report was adopted as a whole.

F. T. Benson, Examiner, reports that Wm. Schmeiser has received 100 per cent in Gladden's "Christian Pastorate."

J. Lee Marker was appointed as Collector for Sexton.

Motion that order of day for 8.30 P. M. be consideration for collecting funds for Maryland Conference Room.

Report of Headquarters' Committee (Report V) was read, showing the completion of the splendid new building at 516 N. Charles St. The cost of the building is approximately \$140,000.00. The ground being \$60,000.00, making a total of \$200,000.00. The Committee recommends

1. Its continuance for at least another year.

2. That some time during this Conference an hour be set apart when the building can be visited.

The Report of the Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray, is entered with this report.

Report was adopted as a whole.

W. P. Roberts, Robert Browne, H. L. Schlinke, G. M. Clayton and J. S. Martin were appointed to keep the bar of the Conference for the night session.

On motion the ministers' wives and wives of lay members of the Conference were permitted within the bar of the Conference at night session. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies (Report L) was read, commending the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home. The following were elected on the Deaconess Board: J. L. Ward, Mrs. W. C. Schriver, Mrs. Rosa Beebe, Mr. A. W. Beam and Mr. A. W. Richmond.

The Committee concurs in the recommendations of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Work. Beside the items of the Board already adopted by the Conference, the Committee commends the work of the Maryland Tract Society and the Maryland Bible Society; it also expresses its grateful appreciation of the valued co-operation of the St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society. Generous support was also urged of Near East Relief. Report adopted as a whole.

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

Report of Conference Steward (See Statistics) was read, and adopted. The report shows total raised for General Interests to be \$131,451, a decrease of \$11,609.00 Total paid for local purposes, \$771,925, a decrease of \$19,788.

Report of the Board of Finance (Report E) was read and adopted.

Motion that the Superannuated Fund Society meet at 7:30 P. M. adopted.

Benediction was pronounced by J. L. Nichols.

## EVENING

Conference opened at 7.30 P. M. with G. W. Haddaway presiding.

On Motion the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Conference again resumed session.

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

Report of Committee on Group Life Insurance (Report T) was submitted, showing that the Board had investigated the matter, but knows of no funds available for the payment of the Conference portion of the premium. On motion the matter was referred back for another year to the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Report of the Committee on \$100,000.00 Superannuated Invested Fund (See Report T) was made, and asks that special effort be made to have the entire amount paid in by January 1, 1926. The Committee recommends:

1. That all pastors acquaint themselves with the condition of this fund on their charge.

2. Designating the month of May as a period for collecting outstanding subscriptions.

3. That an honor roll be established and publication be made in the Methodist Protestant of charges reporting full payments.

4. That where certain lapses may have occurred, charges be asked to complete the subscription.

5. That a special Committee be raised to carry forward the provisions of the report.

Report as a whole was adopted.

Report of Committee on Statistics (See Table) was read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer of the Conference (See Table) was submitted, and adopted.

A. N. Ward, President of Western Maryland College, made a short address in behalf of the campaign for that College.

Report of the Summer Conference for Ministers (Report S) was read, and on motion was adopted with the privilege of printing the Treasurer's Report.

Report of the Committee on Official Relations (Report M) was read and considered with the following recommendations:

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

2. The Loan of W. L. Hoffman to the Board of Home Missions.

3. That J. R. Wright be continued as Chaplain in the United States Army.

4. The Loan of Paul F. Warner to the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration.

5. The Loan of Paul M. Cassen to the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration.

6. That K. K. Haddaway be left without appointment to attend school.

The Conference expresses its appreciation of the many courtesies shown by the pastor, the entertainment committee and the friends of the Church. Also our thanks to the Baltimore and Wilmington Press for reporting Conference activities. We express thanks also to the Burroughs Adding Machine Company and Underwood Typewriter Company for the use of machines.

Report shows 42 charges and 8 churches are on the Honor Roll, having paid 100 per cent or more of the assessments.

Report adopted as a whole.

W. P. Roberts and J. M. Sheridan were given the privilege of taking an offering for the Maryland Conference Room. The subscription amounted to \$622.00.

Final Report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders (Report F) was submitted as follows.

5. That license to administer the ordinances be given to William Schmeiser, C. M. Jenkins and Clarence Dawson.

6. That W. S. Simms be placed in hands of the President.

7. That Chas. F. Cummins, C. S. Marshall, W. D. Wilson, Leon A. Smith, A. W. Betts, J. G. Lynn, H. J. Mason, Stephen Galley, J. G. Eaton, W. H. Hudgins, E. C. Coleman, O. T. Betton, H. C. Burkins, Walter Dono-

way, C. O. Quillen, C. H. Read and J. T. Dise be placed in hands of the President and be given license to administer the ordinances if employed by the President.

8. That T. H. Lewis' "Hand book of the Methodist Protestant Church" be used in the Preparatory Course.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Board of Survey and Extension (Report G) was read and carefully considered. The Committee heartily commends the reports of the Board of Managers, the Peninsula Church Extension Society, and the Church Extension Superintendent. The Board made fourteen recommendations, all of which were adopted. Report was adopted as a whole.

T. O. Crouse spoke of the splendid hospitality of this church and its pastor. On motion a rising vote of thanks was given. E. D. Stone, pastor of this Church, made a brief response.

Minutes were read and approved at 10.15 P. M.

Conference united in singing several Gospel Hymns.

J. H. Straughn offered prayer.

President Humphreys made a few remarks, and at 12.15 A. M. read the Plan of Appointments.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by F. T. Little.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, President.

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

G. J. HOOKER, Journal Sect'y.

# REPORTS

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## REPORT A

(See Journal, page 21)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Fathers and Brethren:

"Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

Once again our Conference is in session. From our various and varied fields of labor, as ministers, we have come to report and confer; together with our lay representatives we have assembled to discuss and legislate for the whole conference. For the ninety-seventh time there is this assembly of a Methodist Conference of mutual representation. Who knows by what a cloud of witnesses, unseen to mortal eye, we are surrounded this day! It may be that Snethen, Webster, the Reeses, Southerland, the Murrays, and others, in spirit are here, linking those first days of faith and devotion to these days of active endeavor, thus binding the years of our church in a golden chain of succession.

Through us this day, the whole conference district is here. This is the time of accounting for the churches as well as for pastors. And for all, the time of pooling of thought and purpose, of vision and passion; may it be a time for fellowship, for consecration, for a wider outlook and a greater purpose unto the business of the Church.

### "FELLOW PILGRIMS TRANSFERRED"

The Rev. Joseph Levin Mills, D. D., went on before December the 23rd, 1924. He was a member of this conference nearly sixty-five years, having been received into membership in April, 1860. Out of these nearly sixty-five years, he was in active relation for fifty-one years and served as a pastor for forty-nine, being left without an appointment at his own request for two years. What a record of service. Dr. Mills honored his church with his life and work. A christian gentleman whom to know was to lovingly respect and esteem. His denomination honored him, calling him to serve on conference and denominational boards



thus witnessing to their appreciation of him. His passing breaks another tie that links this body with the yesterdays, but he will ever live in our memories and we thank God that we had him as one of us through these years.

The Harry S. Johnson passed away January the 30th, 1925. This conference would have completed his thirty-fifth year of membership. He had served in continuous active relation till November, 1922, when he suffered a serious stroke of appoplexy which incapacitated him for service, since that date, physically, it was a hopeless fight against great odds. He suffered much till the end came. Brother Johnson in his thirty-three years of active ministry served as pastor of thirteen charges and was faithful in his ministry and loyal in his conference relations.

Two days after the passing of Brother Johnson, the Rev. Charles E. McCullough died. His membership in the conference was for nearly thirty-seven years, twenty-nine years being given to pastorates. Never strong physically, it was necessary for him to take a superannuated relation twice previous to his last retirement from active service in 1918. During the active relation that he bore to the conference he served in fourteen pastorates. Living for the last several years in Georgia, many of our younger members of the conference did not know him, but the others here remember him even as he remembered us and thought often of us.

Obituary Committees were duly appointed for the above names.

Two laymen, well known to the conference for a number of years, have died this year. Mr. T. W. Mather of Westminster, and Mr. Frank M. Wilson of Pocomoke City. Mr. Mather was a member of the Board of Governors of the Seminary and a Trustee of Western Maryland College, a great friend to both institutions and a devoted member of the Church. Mr. Wilson had three times been a representative to the General Conference; was a friend to our institutions and a loyal supporter in the projection of Peninsula Church in Wilmington.

Other laymen, not so well known in the conference, but devoted to their churches and esteemed by many of us individually, have also passed away this year. I do not name them here, but I thank God for them.

### "AD INTERIM ACTS"

Unsupplied charges. When conference adjourned there were only four charges that were not supplied.

Quantico.: Immediately after conference, because of lack of parsonage on Snow Hill Circuit the appointee there, C. V. Steininger, asked to be transferred, and I appointed him to Quantico.

Mapleside and Fairview: On April the 23rd, in company with Dr. Straughn, of the Board of Survey, I went to Cumberland. We met officials of the three charges there. As a temporary adjustment, Fairview was placed under the care of the pastor of First Church; Mapleside was placed under the care of the pastor of Melvin Chapel. Each church thus has had supervision and regular services during the year.

Susquehanna Circuit: On May the 5th, I appointed S. W. Coe, who was in Superannuate relation to the conference, as pastor here. I reckon it most fortunate to have Brother Coe to consent to serve the charge. His character and culture, his large acquaintance in that section of Harford County, was a great asset in pastoring this work. I am glad to say that the charge has responded to his ministry there. That part of the charge that was so greatly hurt and hindered last conference year is gradually recovering. Hopewell Church is doing better than at any time in her history and is again on the Honor Roll; Wesley Chapel, where services were discontinued when the Community church was built, has been improved at a cost of \$1400, of which \$1200 has been paid. Perhaps more than 50 per cent of the Community Church membership has been saved to our Cause and attend Wesley Chapel. The charge has set the salary for next year at \$900. Previous to the disaffection on the Charge, the salary was \$1100 with 33 per cent raised on Budget, with a total membership of 232. The salary is now \$900, with 60 per cent raised on budget, and with a membership of 158.

Patapasco: This is a small appointment adjacent to Westminster and to this charge I appointed Russell W. Sapp of the Seminary.

Changes. On the transfer of C. V. Steininger from Snow Hill Circuit to Quantico, I placed the churches of the Snow Hill Charge under the following pastoral care:—Girdletree Church under the care of the pastor of Pocomoke City. Nassawango Church under the care of the pastor of Powellville. Friendship and Nazareth Churches have been served by Walter Donoway of the Seminary whom I appointed as pastor May the 13th.

Cannon. In May, while I was at the General Conference in Tiffin, O., I received the resignation of R. W. Sutcliffe, pastor of Cannon, Del. He was desirous of leaving at once to take the superintendency of the Nazarene Home, Philadelphia. Without being formally released, he left the work for that purpose. The charge was cared for till the last of June; at that time I appointed G. F. Farring, a superannuated member of the conference, to the pastorate of the Cannon Church, and placed the two other churches of the charge under the care of the pastor of Georgetown. Brother Farring's work had been remarkably successful; the new church has been completed at a cost of nearly \$12,000.00, all of which had been raised except about \$2200 previous to the opening day, and this amount was subscribed that day.

Calvary and Walker's Chapel, Va., and Lauraville, Baltimore, released their pastors, Paul Cassen and Paul Warner, respectively, in November, to take work in the foreign fields under the Board of Foreign Missions. Their charges were cared for till January the first, 1925. On that date, I secured the release of J. Peyton Adams from Reliance Charge and appointed him pastor of Calvary and Walkers Chapel. And the release of F. B. Bailey of West Wilmington and appointed him pastor of Lauraville. To the West Wilmington Church, I appointed W. L. Douglass of the Seminary. Reliance Charge, because of the nearness of conference and the severe weather that made their work difficult at that time, asked to be left without a pastor till conference. To this I assented,

but placed the Gethsemane Church under the care of the pastor of Seaford, Liberty Church under the care of the pastor of Federalsburg, and Wheatley Church under the care of the pastor of Sharptown. Thus all three churches of the Reliance work have been well cared for up to this time.

Let us hope that Mission Boards and other General Church Agencies will not call men from their pastorates in the middle of the conference year. It adds to the problem of the conference.

### "THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM"

#### (a) The Board of Survey.

This Board is continuing to function and is productive of results that seem to insure beneficial results both to the charges involved and to the conference as a unit.

So far as regrouping is concerned, it is but natural now that each succeeding year will witness fewer adjustments. First, because there will be fewer charges that can immediately be regrouped; second, because, as I stated last year in my report, "readjustments should be made when feasible, whereby, without any of the churches concerned receiving less service than now, the readjusted charges will help the conference to realize the minimum salaries for pastors without appropriating supplements; and whereby more can be done for the Budget."

So that fewer adjustments have been put through this year. Some temporary relations have been provided for since last conference. I have made recommendations to the Board, which have been endorsed and will be presented to this conference; there are involved therein four charges and twelve churches. I have yet another to present to the Board at this session.

In the work of the supervision under this Board, much has been done in studying plans and passing on the same for new projects and locations. This is an important matter to this conference. I cannot too strongly urge pastors and churches to comply with the regulation in the Manual relative to the same. Mistakes can be avoided and local situations helped, no matter how competent a local committee may be nor how experienced a pastor may be,—there is always fruitful suggestions and helpful conclusions in the Group discussion. During this year, we have had evidence that it is still true that "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety"—both for the church and for the conference.

In the work of the Board, in both phases referred to, much has to be done by sub-committees preparatory to a final consideration and conclusion. This takes time and oft-times travel, not alone for the President but for Board members also. But all is given cheerfully. There continues to exist a splendid co-operation between this Board and that of Church Extension.

More than a dozen church building projects and locations have been given careful consideration and approved by the Board this year.

#### (b) Headquarters Committee.

The Maryland Conference Building is a reality and as such, is a great achievement. A five-story building on the corner of Charles and

Hamilton Streets, this city, of which every Methodist Protestant can well be proud. Certainly every one of the Maryland Conference constituency can view it with pride and contemplate that which it symbolizes with grateful rejoicing. In this building is the Drinkhouse Memorial Room for the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting and for use of the Conference; an office for the president of the conference; rooms for the Editor of the Methodist Protestant. To the Baltimore Book Directory has been rented ample store and office room for the entire work connected with the Book Concern and the Stockton Press. And there are in addition about 36 other offices to give rental incomes; many of these are already occupied, and it is believed that within a year from the formal opening, which took place last fall, the entire building will be occupied. The Headquarters Committee has yet much of thought and planning and financing to do ere it has finished its work.

In pursuance to the authority given this committee last conference, the president's office has been amply and nicely furnished. This office meets a great need and is more and more appreciated both by the president and those who have business with him.

The Baltimore Preachers' Meeting asked permission of the Headquarters' Committee to furnish the Drinkhouse Memorial Room. It was gladly given and the room has been splendidly furnished. You will doubtless have some report on this from other sources.

(c) Tent Evangelistic Services.

I shall not undertake to anticipate the report of this committee. All the work of placing these tents has been done by the committee. On my recommendation last year the conference placed in the Manual a regulation requiring all members of the conference to give at least two weeks evangelistic service, when requested by the committee. I shall let the committee tell you just how binding this has been and how their calls have been responded to, since I placed in their hands, in harmony with that regulation, the assigning of pastors for tent meetings.

There is a need for these tents; a need for the men to give such service. I have observed that in some places, where such tent meetings would seem to be most needed, they cannot be placed because of the local fear that expenses cannot be met. In some way, we must find a plan for putting the tents in such places. Perhaps when the report of the committee is considered, some recommendation to this end can be adopted.

(d) The Stewardship Campaign.

Following the adoption of my recommendation last conference, a committee of five was appointed to plan for, and set in operation this campaign. I here witness to the faithful work of this committee. Their plan of campaign was sane and practical. Faithfully carried out by pastors and churches, it could not help but produce results of lasting benefit. Just what has been accomplished cannot be calculated. Just how much of a conference wide success it was cannot be told. Certainly this is true, it has intensified the thinking of our people on Stewardship, and even the results that we can put in figures are not to be despised. 90 charges report 927 Tithers secured.

For the first time we have an appreciable idea of just how many pledged Tithers there are enrolled in our district; for 100 charges report 1321 Tithers enrolled.

This means that one in every 27 members of the churches is a tither. It ought to be one in every 7 members, and if it were so, the financial problems of the churches and of the conference would be solved.

The three churches leading in enrolled Tithers are as follows:

Hampden 80; West Baltimore 69; St. John's 50.

My own feeling is that we have just made a beginning along this line. It must be a continual annual program in the churches; whether through a conference committee or manual regulation or how will be for you to determine when the committee makes its report. I appeal for a most earnest hearing of this report and most careful consideration as to future work along this definite teaching on Stewardship.

(e) "The Appeal for Church Home Invested Fund."

The last session of the conference authorized an appeal to the district for \$10,000.00 to be contributed to our Church Home to be added to the invested fund, and raised a committee, with the president as chairman, to conduct the plan for securing the subscription. Co-operation between the committee and the Board of Managers of the Home followed most splendidly. It was fully understood by the Board and Committee, and so stated to the pastors, that if this money were secured and added to the invested fund that hereafter this entire invested fund would be sacredly kept in tact and only the interest therefrom used.

The \$10,000.00 was apportioned to the charges on the basis of the General Conference Budget. Each charge was asked to regard this as a minimum amount to be raised and to give the people a chance to subscribe as liberally as they might desire. Many charges did this. I am glad to report that \$11,170.00 was subscribed by 132 charges, whose quota was \$9,235. Fifty charges oversubscribed their quota. First Church, Newark, leading with a subscription of \$925.00. Sixty-eight charges met their quota. Sixteen charges paid their quota in part, while 26 charges have failed to report on their subscription.

Grateful appreciation of both the committee and the Board of Managers is extended pastors and churches for their response to this most worthy appeal. Many pastors say it was the easiest money ever raised.

### "THE CONFERENCE SOCIETIES AND HOMES"

It is not my desire nor purpose to speak of these at any length. There are Four, all of whom have a Board of Managers elected by the Conference, which Boards conduct the affairs pertaining to each, in the interim of Conference. All, of course, are supported by the churches through the Maryland Conference Budget. Each of these will make their individual report to this conference as is the custom. Therefore, my comment will be brief.

(a) **Our Church Home.** In my report last year, I said this, "I believe there is sympathy over the district for the Home that has never been capitalized—it is possible and ought to be moulded into practical

expression far beyond what is now given." I am confident that the manner in which our churches responded to the appeal for \$10,000 for the invested fund, has borne out the statement above quoted. Certainly, following this splendid response from the district is the time to capitalize that sympathy for the Home. More people than ever are interested in this Home now because they have invested something in it through this appeal and its response. Now is the time for the Board to reach individual churches for yearly donations in the way of supplies, etc. I commend this opportunity to the Lady Visitors especially.

The Home is filled to capacity. I think it is run on an economic basis. Some of our laymen in Westminster are giving much time and thought to its management. The recent campaign in its interest will greatly help them solve some of their problems.

(b) **The Deaconess Home.** From the financial side the Board of Managers will report a successful year. Out of an indebtedness of about \$1750 that faced the Board last April, \$1250 will be paid for the year ending this month. There is still a debt of \$500 against the property. The number of Deaconesses is less than a year ago. Many of the problems that have faced the work for some time, perhaps from the beginning, still face it.

On my recommendation last conference a Special Committee was raised, not to investigate the Board, as some seemed to think, but to study the Deaconess Work from several angles. This committee and the Board have related themselves in harmony and co-operation, and I am sure their report to the Conference will indicate to us the line of procedure that ought to be followed, and I think both the Board and this conference will subscribe to the recommendations.

(c) **The Superannuated Fund Society.**

The affairs of this Society continue to be carefully administered. Its investments are closely studied, sacredly guarded, and wisely placed. Mr. T. A. Murray, long known among us and honored by all of us, continues as Treasurer, and his devotion to this great and important interest deserves the thanks of all of us.

I call attention of the conference to the special \$100,000.00 subscription made to this invested fund. These pledges were all secured by the end of the conference year, April first, 1923, and were to be paid in by January, 1926. This conference year should close the payment of these pledges. Up to last conference about \$40,000.00 had been paid in. During the year just ending only \$10,000.00 has been paid. You can imagine that the coming year must be one of special attention to these remaining pledges. No pastor could but feel a very keen interest in this work. Out of the generosity of the church have come these pledges; surely pastors cannot do less than husband these gifts. The mere fact that pastors have changed and will change appointments since these pledges were made, should not lessen either our interest in them nor our ability to secure payment on them. This is as much our business as any work can be so far as the interest of the conference is concerned.

The committee continued from last year will have something definite to recommend

(d) The Church Extension Society.

It is through this Society, in the personnel of its Board of Managers, that the conference undertakes during the year to direct and aid its extension affairs and carry on with new projects. The Board of Survey passes judgment on locations, plans, etc., and the Board of Extension strives to help bring about the realization of the purposes involved in the plans. The work of the Boards are so closely related that without co-operation the ends in view would never be realized. I am glad to witness the harmony and oneness of purpose that exist. The Society has in process of development some large plans, many smaller enterprises,—on these it will report.

I have a conviction that I wish to voice here—I believe that the policy of this conference for future extension work should be to centralize its thinking and energy and planning and resources upon doing something big each year in strategic communities. For example, if we could duplicate once in every few years the sort of thing that has been done in Wilmington at the Peninsula Church, it would mean more for our conference and denomination than many small scattered enterprises could ever mean.

I believe also that this conference would be doing the finest sort of extension work if it could bring to bear the advice and influence of our church extension leadership upon churches that might result in consolidation, relocation, options for local churches, etc., that would insure the life and perpetuity of congregations and maintain our denominational prestige ere in some quarters it shall wane.

Far better, in these days of church life and methods, that we make annually one or two large appropriations for a large enterprise than to make many small appropriations to help on small debts and small plans, and what always will be small churches.

I commend these convictions to the earnest thought of the conference.

### “AUXILIARY AGENCIES”

I use this heading to make distinction between those interests that are supported by the conference Budget and such as are not. Of these, are, first:

(a) The Summer Conference.

It has lived because it is worth while. It meets a very vital need of the ministerial members of this body. What it undertakes to give to us, the most of us could not get elsewhere; we are limited in many ways and hindered from getting these things because of the limitations. And yet, not even a large majority of our ministers are availing themselves of the opportunity afforded by this summer conference—afforded on an inexpensive scale as could be imagined. Perhaps those who need it the most are most missing it. True none of us are compelled to attend, but all of us ought to feel impelled to do so.

Second:

(b) The Young People's Institute.

This is so well known it needs little comment from me or any one else. It has its own momentum. It is doing a lasting work. Each year its possibilities are being enhanced and increased. What it can mean to the progressive life of our churches, imagination can hardly describe.

Our part as ministers is to bring the young life of the church under its teaching and influence. I still insist that the need in relation to the Institute is just what I stated a year ago—more young people between the ages of 16 and 25 in enrollment for its work; not less of mature church members but more of young people. Pastors and churches could make no better investment of time and money than line up such young people and provide the means for insuring their attendance.

In this connection, I desire to make mention of the Baltimore City and Washington and Vicinity Young People's Union. Interest and enthusiasm and fellowship are manifest. Their work means much to our Sunday schools and Endeavor Societies in these two great cities.

### "CO-OPERATIVE AGENCIES"

There are some things that need to be done from a humanitarian and civic view that as churches we cannot well do for many reasons that are patent. But that these things might not be left undone, the church thought and purpose has provided for their doing. And the agencies that have been set up are largely the creatures of the church united for certain ends that are definite. I call these co-operative agencies. Among these are the Lord's Day Alliance, the Anti-Saloon League, the Bible and Tract Societies. You know their work, their personnel, their fields. We may not always agree with their methods nor feel sympathetic to their leadership, but that should not make us indifferent to the things that need to be done and for which these agencies are organized.

Their representatives will doubtless be with us at some one of our sessions and, of course, we will give them a hearing, and I know I voice this conference when I say we hope their good work may go on unto fruitful achievement for the glory of God, the edification of the church, the salvaging of humanity, and a finer civic consciousness with higher ideals both for the state and nation.

### "OUR DENOMINATIONAL GENERAL INTERESTS"

At a meeting in Washington, last Fall, Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, made this statement,—“as a church, we may not be doing all that the New Testament declares we should do, but one thing certain, all that we are doing has a New Testament basis.” Every General Interest of the Denomination represents the things we must do if we are to live as a CHURCH and function as a Denomination. This thing we call the Budget (the thing we look at and talk about as if it were a foreign person with a heathen name) is only a SYMBOL and a MEASURE. A Symbol of the Purpose and Effort of the Methodist Protestant Church to undertake its just part in Missionary Activities, in Educational Endeavors, in Beneficent works: and a Measure of the



Consecration of Talents and Resources that are ours and that are needed that we shall do our part.

How any pastor or any church can conceive of the Budget in any other way I cannot comprehend. It seems to me that the time has come when the Conference should define the relation of the pastor and church to these denominational interests and the measure of responsibility of both pastor and church to the same.

I wish this conference, so far as our work is concerned, would change the term and no longer speak of the General Conference Budget, but talk about Our Denominational Benevolences, as over against the Annual Conference Interests.

In forming our Honor Roll and reckoning our percentages the Annual Conference and General Conference Interests are combined as one Goal. Toward this Common Goal I have undertaken, so far as opportunity has presented itself, to direct the thought and increase the effort of the churches. Certainly in these two years, I have striven to place emphasis where I feel it should be placed. I have sensed different reactions, it is true, but on the whole, I have the feeling that there is a constantly growing appreciation, both by pastors and churches, of the significance of these benevolences and a steadily growing response on the part of our church membership to their challenge. It seems to me that I could sense these facts, and I am glad that the report of the pastors for the year just ending seem to justify my feeling along this line.

Here is a comparison with last year.

As a total of charges above 50 per cent there are 86 as against 76 last year.

As a total of charges above 75 per cent there are 53 as against 41 last year.

And now, as 100 per cent charges there are 42, with 5 individual churches on as many circuits, as against 29 charges last year with 2 individual churches. It looks as if the Honor Roll will carry 47 charges and churches as against 31 in 1924, 32 in 1923 and 29 in 1922.

I cannot tell the amount of monies raised as a total for the General Conference Interests. In 1922 it was \$54,575; in 1923 it was \$54,163; in 1924 it was \$60,196; estimating on the above charges and percentages I believe it will this year total between 65 and 70 thousand dollars.

Brethren, I believe this Conference is on the march to the Goal set us for our Denominational Program. Let us never sound retreat!

On this Goal for Benevolences rest the hope and possibilities of the Methodist Protestant Church. On this center the possibilities of our schools and Seminary; the vision and achievements of our missionary activities; the trust and welfare of our orphans and aged; and the development and growth of our Cause in those virgin fields where Dr. Lewis is carrying a message of cheer and fellowship and inspiration to bigger ideals and more efficient methods and larger achievements.

This Goal is our community of interests and commonness of purpose.

The Institutions and Boards and Societies which this Goal of Benevolences represent will all make report on their work and speak of their plans, for that reason I shall not mention them in name:

### "OUR CHURCH PAPER"

"The Methodist Protestant" is growing younger with the years. I shall not undertake to tell about it, nor praise the Editor. The paper speaks for itself both thru its material and make-up. The editorials class the man who directs its destinies,—because it is our paper, because it can do so much to beget a Church Spirit—so much to inform our people—so much to increase their interest in things pertaining to the Denomination, every pastor should champion it.

Last year at my suggestion, just six week before conference, a simultaneous drive was put on over the district as a conference wide effort to secure new subscribers and 700 were secured; in my report last conference, I recommended another conference wide drive this year for 500 new subscribers and 1000 renewals. The pastors, in both instances, responded to what was distinctly a conference program. I am glad to announce that the reports to me show that at least 400 new subscribers have been obtained this year. The report on Renewals will come later on this month.

I am convinced that this should be a phase of our annual program, a simultaneous effort to secure a certain number of new subscribers and renewals corresponding to new subscribers of each and every preceding year. The circulation of the paper depends on our doing it, the Directory can't do it—but we, as pastors and preachers, can do it.

This year, Peninsula Church of Wilmington, with 24 new subscribers leads the list.

### "OUR CHURCH DISCIPLINE"

After two years in the presidency, I can say this—not all of us know all that is in the Discipline. With some churches there is a lamentable lack of familiarity with disciplinary requirements. No more opportune time than this coming conference affords, could be found for making our discipline a well known book, both by sight and knowledge of contents. For the new edition, authorized by the General Conference of 1924 and edited by Dr. Lewis, is just off the press. This book is the law of the church up to the minute. Dr. Lewis has put a great deal of time and thought into the compilation of the edition. It is a great improvement over all former ones in the arrangement; its table of contents and index are most helpful and expeditious. The ritual has been changed and improved. It lists the officers and institutions. In every way, this book, of more than two hundred pages, is far superior to any former one. But no matter how superior it may be, it will mean little to the church unless it is distributed. I hope the conference will insist upon such distribution and likewise insist that some method be adopted for the churches to become familiar with its contents.

In harmony with the purpose of the discipline, Dr. Lewis will bring to the attention of the conference his latest book, just off the press, "a handbook of the doctrine and policy of the Methodist Protestant Church."

It will meet a pressing need among us—that of bringing to the attention of folks, in and out of the church, in brief but comprehensive way, the WHY and WHAT of the Methodist Protestant Church. I hope this book will have a great circulation over the whole church. There ought to be one put in every home of our conference constituency.

## "SUMMARIES OF RESULTS FROM THE CHURCHES"

### (a) Financial.

#### PAID ON BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The total amount reported to me approximates \$95,000.00. Charges expending \$1000 or more for this purpose are as follows, and specific new projects are indicated: Bethesda, \$4000; Eutaw, \$2450; Violetville, \$2022 on new parsonage costing \$7500; North Baltimore, \$5966; Cambridge Circuit, \$1300; Cannon, \$8000 on new church costing \$12,000; balance pledged. First Church, Cumberland, \$3000; First Church, Newark, \$1566; Franklin City, \$3000 on new church at Sign Post costing \$8000; Glenburnie, \$5000 for new parsonage; Harrington, \$5511, renovation and new pipe organ. Leeds, \$1015; Mariners, \$1200; Northumberland, \$4625 on new church to cost \$10,000. Parksley, \$1800; Powellville, \$2800 on remodeling Zion church. Stewartstown, \$1300; Susquehanna, \$1300 on Wesley Chapel; Taylor Memorial, \$1100; Westminster, \$4200. These 23 charges total on building and improvement, \$66,205.

#### "RAISED AND PAID ON DEBT"

The total for this purpose reaches \$70,000.00; charges paying \$1000 or more are listed thus: Keen Memorial, \$1000; Christ Church, \$1300; Grace, \$1000; Hampden, \$10,000; Lauraville, \$1500; Lowe Memorial, \$1000; Starr, \$4000; St. John's, 2000; St Paul's, \$200; Trinity, \$2000; Finksburg, \$1000; Laurel, \$1500; Emmanuel, Phila., \$1113; St. Luke's, Phila., \$2000; North Carolina Ave., \$1700; Rhode Island Ave., \$1500; Peninsula, Wilmington, \$5200; and Salisbury, \$11,790. These 19 charges total on debt \$56,653.

### (b) Numerical.

1. Accessions. The churches have received into membership 2500. 11 charges report 50 or more, as follows:

Bethesda, 75; Calvary, 70; Hampden, 50; Trinity, 60; Bedford, 61; Deer Park, 59; Delmar, 51; Laurel, 90; Pittsville, 50; Taylor Memorial, 101; and Peninsula, 78.

20 charges report between 25 and 50.

The net gain is reported as over 1400. Just what the final statistics will show, as a net gain, cannot yet be told.

This is an interesting note—the number of accessions are practically the same as last year also the number reported to me as discontinued by official action, is the same almost as last year, 1054. Only this is true, that the final figures last year showed that 1577 were discontinued, and in the final summary our gain seemed to have been 105.

Here is an interesting study, worth the careful consideration of this conference, a comparison for the first three years of the Quadrennium on conversions, accessions, and discontinuances.

	1922	1923	1924	1925
Conversions.....	2840	2541	2977	2900
Accessions.....	2618	2631	2520	2500
Offic. Disc.....	1308	1728	1577	1054

Thus while we are reporting annually about 2800 conversions, with 2600 being received each year into our churches, we are likewise dropping annually about 1600 members or more than 50 per cent of our accessions. When we add to this the normal rate of deaths and withdrawals annually in a membership of 35,000, we can see the explanation of our failure to make steady gain numerically each year.

I am impressed that the conference should study this question with care, and desire to remedy this condition.

2. Conversions. There are reported to me approximately 2900.

16 charges report 50 or more and are as follows:

Calvary, 75; Grace, 50; Hampden, 83; Keen Memorial, 97; Trinity, 75; Bedford, 77; Crisfield, 60; Deer Creek, 50; Deer Park, 53; Delmar, 51; Kent Island, 50; Laurel, 85; Pittsville, 54; Taylor Memorial, 78; First Church, Wilmington, 54; and Peninsula, Wilmington, 50.

24 charges indicate having had between 25 and 50.

### "PASTORS' SALARIES"

The churches still continue to manifest an interest along this line; the trend is still upward in the financial support of pastors. I reported last conference increases for this present year totalling \$6,365. During the session, I secured further increases to the amount of \$800; a total for this year of \$7,615 increase.

Reports indicate for the coming year further increases amounting to \$5050. There will be, in all probability, more increases for next year. This aggregate is \$13,205.

The record from April, 1923 to April, 1926, as far as next year's figures are complete, shows a total increase of \$19,855.

Here is an interesting survey. 10 years ago the aggregate salaries of the Maryland Conference was \$108,564.00; the largest salary was \$2000. 20 years ago the aggregate salaries was \$79,388.00, and the largest salary was \$1300. While 40 years ago—1885—the aggregate salaries was \$44,939, and the largest salary was \$1350 (at Newark, N. J.). Our present year ending shows an aggregate of salaries of \$220,000. Salary totals have more than doubled in the last 10 years; nearly trebled in 20 years; and multiplied five times in 40 years.

And over against this—listen—10 years ago the total monies raised for all conference interests, denominational benevolences, and miscellaneous benevolences, was \$40,000; while last year it was more than \$150,000. What hath been wrought in 10 years? For while the total of salaries have doubled, benevolences have quadrupled.

### "SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES"

I wish to review this situation. Since the minimum salary regulation went into effect at the 1922 conference, not only have pastors been helped, but charges have been moved to help themselves.

From 1922 to 1924, seven charges came up to the minimum, while four other charges came up through readjustment.

For next year, 7 more charges will be paying the minimum salary and over, three of these making increase during this year.

There are still 30 charges, with parsonages, below the minimum. Five of this 30 can be placed at the minimum and over at this conference, through readjustment, without giving any less services at the churches, and no charge having more than 3 churches. It ought to be and I shall so recommend to the Board of Survey this day.

This still leaves 25 charges below the minimum. Out of this 25 there are 20 charges, who, since 1922, have maintained their salary at a range of \$900 to \$1100, who have made no effort to increase; who in some instances have decreased \$50 or \$100 without justification, as I believe, and whom I believe could, without stress, pay the minimum salary.

There are left 5 charges whose salaries range from \$600 to \$800. This means for the charges and for the conference, through the president, a well nigh hopeless problem in the matter of supplying pastors.

### "MY ITINERARY"

Again I report that I have not reached every charge in the district. Distances are growing smaller, but the work of this office is growing larger. I feel that I have travelled, and given thought and time to the work as much as was humanly possible. I have preached just 104 times; attended 20 Quarterly Conferences, and 25 membership meetings. I have made numerous addresses and have lost count of the many meetings of Boards and Committees. I held 9 Group Meetings, bringing together 85 charges with an attendance of 660 people. These groups were at Westminster, Washington, Salisbury, Pocomoke City, Hurlock, Centreville, Harrington and Belair. And aside from the work of the presidency on the district, I gave a week to the General Conference Session and several trips to attend meetings of the Board of Education.

### "GENERAL COMMENTS"

There are two observations made at the conclusion of my report last year, that I wish to re-emphasize at this time.

First,—That it would seem that the President can best serve the district, not so much through Sunday Visitation as through Quarterly Conferences, Membership Meetings, and Open Parliaments.

With this conviction, I feel that special attention must be given to securing an itinerary that will accomplish this. To this end, pastors will be asked to co-operate with the President by setting their Quarterly Conference at dates suggested by him; and when suggested by him, to

seek to have membership meetings, either in conjunction with such Quarterly Conferences or at such subsequent hour as may be feasible. Likewise, they will be urged to co-operate with the several Group Chairmen for Group Meetings and open parliaments to help in the realization of the conference plans and Program.

Second,—The need for more intensive methods over the district. This must, in some way, be the steady intent of the conference, if we shall use constructive development and conservation of our work year after year. It has seemed to me that a study of methods, by the pastors, in Group Conferences in the several areas of the district, might be beneficial to pastors and thus helpful to the charges; that at such group conferences, we should seek to have our key laymen. On my questionnaire, sent pastors, I asked if they thought such a Study of Methods would be helpful. I am delighted at the great majority that seemed to think so. I sincerely believe we should try this the coming conference year. Heretofore, our Group Meetings have been largely for the purpose of information in a general way and inspiration; and such meetings are well worth while. These proposed meetings, for Method Studies would undertake to enable us better to put into practical operation plans that would keep the information from being mere knowledge, and help us to realize the things about which we have had inspiration. These things would be for help of the pastor and the local church, especially where such help seems needed.

Then again this intensive idea must be applied, I think, to our Conference Programs. It is not to the success of any campaign that the conference puts on, that pastors and churches do not do their utmost to fully fall in line with conference action. A project that is to find much of its inspiration and impulse from the simultaneous and district wide idea, will necessarily fall below its full possibilities, if all do not do the same thing at the same time. I think both the church and Stewardship Campaigns would have been productive of much larger results, especially the latter, had it really been district wide at the same time—the period designated by conference action. The same applies to Methodist Protestant Day. The outstanding fact, that should be remembered and adhered to by pastors and churches, is this,—a conference action imposes a full obligation upon a pastor or a church. To forget this is to hurt our connectionalism and help vitiate the very purpose of annual sessions such as this. When a conference adjourns, every pastor and layman of that session already knows the program of the year for the district as a whole, and local plans should be arranged to thus harmonize.

Again, I believe this intensive idea must be worked out from the viewpoint of Conference Church Extension Activities. We must, it seems to me, more largely, yea, very largely, centralize our thought and money for conference enlargement. At once, I feel we must put into operation definite plans to curtail the number of appropriations and do away with the policy of small appropriations. In addition, we must carefully study our situation in certain communities from our denominational standpoint. The case in point is our work in the City of Washington. Just forty years ago, Mt. Tabor received its first pastoral supply, having been organized and just set off from Georgetown. That gave us 5 churches in

Washington. Today, we still have 5. In these forty years, only one attempt to have another church there has been made. It was finally sold. It is not worth while to attempt to appraise the causes of its failure. I only need to remind the conference that as a conference, we lost no money by the failure; only the Washington Churches and Washington Laymen lost money in that local venture.

If there is any section of our conference district that needs the careful study and attention of this body, it is this section. In some respects, our work there is in a critical condition; certainly from our denominational position, if not from the local conditions also, this is true. More, if there is any section of our district where we should be planning for tomorrow, it is the Capital of the Nation. We owe it to our denominational prestige and our relation to the country to be in a more commanding position there. We can do something there, we ought to do something there—therefore, we must do something there! Just as Washington belongs to the whole country, so the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church, under direction of this conference, belongs to the whole Maryland District. If the Maryland Conference could go into Wilmington and put the Peninsula Church, and we should have done so, so the Maryland Conference can go into Washington—because we should do so,—and put another Church there, somewhere in a new and promising section and stand back of it till it is ready to go alone. Brethren, we owe it to ourselves and we owe it to Washington.

### “RECOMMENDATIONS”

I hereby submit the following:

1. a—That this Conference direct the Board of Survey and Extension to take, as their immediate and chief task, a study of situation in Washington City, both in relation to the present churches and their immediate conditions, and likewise to the opportunities that may be afforded for a new church somewhere in the city; and that they seek to be ready within six months to bring, before the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, a report embodying definite plans as to a new church.

b—That when the Report of The Board of Survey is ready, the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society shall take, as their immediate and chief task, the responsibility of carrying on such a project.

c—That the Church Extension Superintendent shall consider it his immediate and chief task, beginning October first, to devote himself directly to such a project as thus described; doing everything in his power to insure its success.

d—That the Conference pledge to the Board of Survey and Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, its moral and financial support to the success of such an enterprise, and place ourselves behind the Church Extension Superintendent in his efforts and plans.

e—And, further, we authorize the President of the Conference to call a meeting of the laymen of the district, in such place as he may choose, when the Board of Survey is ready for its report, and present

to them both this report and the necessity for such work in Washington, that our laymen may advise with us and stand with us in this great denominational venture.

And that it be understood that the President of the conference shall give so much of his attention to this work and its needs as he and the two above Boards shall consider necessary, without any other part of the district feeling that it is being neglected.

f—That, we call the attention of our whole constituency to this fact—that aside from the needs that face our work in Washington, there is much for our inspiration in such a venture and much for our aspiration unto such an end. It is this—so far as our records seem to inform us, the first Methodist Protestant Church of this Conference was built in Washington; it is still there, responding with 100 per cent loyalty to the challenge of the Denomination, Congress Street Church. Within three years we are 100 years old as a denomination. What finer thing could this conference do than celebrate our centennial by putting in the Capital City a new and beautiful structure—a centenary church to celebrate our 100 years as a conference!

Brethren it is a beautiful and worthy vision—and certainly a dream that we can make come true if we will. Let us dare the vision!

2—That a committee of 5, with the president as chairman, be appointed to take into consideration if it is feasible and desirable for the conference to provide a full time Conference Treasurer, who shall be custodian of all conference funds through the regular conference sources and otherwise; and who shall also be the superintendent of the Maryland Conference Building, responsible for its management, charged with such duties as pertain to such a position; and who shall also, as it may be harmoniously worked out, become the Treasurer for the various conference boards and societies.

3—That all monies raised by the Women's Foreign and Home Mission Societies, in and through local churches, in excess of the amount which represents their percentages of the General Conference Budget assessed to said local church, be not credited by the conference to said church on said General Conference Budget.

4—That the Headquarters Committee be continued for another year. That it be understood that this committee shall continue to be vested with the same authority as heretofore, bearing the same relation to the Board of Trustees, and that its personnel remain the same.

5—That "Methodist Protestant" Day be observed on the Fourth (4) Sunday in January, and that a Conference-Wide Campaign be put on for 500 new subscribers, and that Pastors and Official Boards be requested to make special effort to secure renewals of all subscriptions ending by April 1, 1926.

6—That the Board of Survey be directed to study the question of minimum salaries with a view to determining the equitableness involved as to the supplements to be paid for pastors serving such charges; that is to say—this question,—shall the same supplement be paid for serving three churches as for serving one? Further, that the Board recommend at this session such supplemental salaries as shall be paid.



7—That in harmony with plans of The Budget Council of the General Conference, the President be authorized to name a Budget Council for the Conference, and that said Council be entrusted with the task of projecting suitable plans for helping local churches, and to aid, as far as possible, in carrying the same.

Brethren, my report is in your hands for your consideration. I have given to it much thought, carefully seeking to lay emphasis where it seems to me emphasis is needed. My observations growing out of my supervision of the district, my points of contact, have led me thus to speak and to recommend. I trust this emphasis shall commend itself to your wisdom. Certainly, I have thus spoken because of a sincere desire that our work shall so be done as to carry on to a bigger and better conference, a more efficient Church denominationally, and all to the glory of Him "whose we are and whom we serve."

Again expressing appreciation for all fellowship, courtesies, sympathy, and co-operation that you have given me in thought or word or deed, as I have sought to serve in this office to which you called me and gave me mandate unto the "care of the churches."

I am, in fraternal sincerity,

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 36)

Your committee has carefully examined the interesting and enlightening report of the President. Aside from the many achievements of the churches and Conference during the second year of his administration, the carefully prepared analyses of financial and membership statistics, which occupy a part of this report, are quite interesting indeed.

We are saddened by the President's tender references of the passing of some of our devoted ministers and a few outstanding laymen during the year, and are reminded that "here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

We are deeply impressed by the courage and loyalty of two of our superannuates, who, during the year, have left their retreats and stepped back into the active work, in order to fill two difficult pastorates, made vacant under unfortunate circumstances. Their faithfulness was rewarded by signal success in both cases.

The President's references to the work of the Board of Survey, the Headquarters' Committee, and all general and special committees are well deserved.

While the Stewardship Campaign did not result in as large an enrollment of tithers as we had hoped, yet it is encouraging to discover that there are nearly fourteen hundred enrolled tithers in our Conference district. We believe this to be the forerunner of the solution of many of our financial problems, and recommend that specific stewardship instruction be continued within the churches, from time to time, and that there be kept a roll of all tithers, to be reported to the President at the end of each Conference year.

We Express our joy that the campaign for the Church Home Invested Fund was successful, and that the amount actually subscribed was more than the quota assigned in the campaign.

We note with interest the President's references and suggestions concerning our work of church extension, and heartily agree with him that our church extension policy be toward concentrating our resources at promising and strategic points, rather than toward scattering our efforts over the entire district. We believe that if aid must be afforded our weaker established churches it ought to come from some other source, than by exploiting our church extension resources under a misnomer.

We endorse the President's suggestion that all pledges made a few years ago to the Superannuate Invested Fund be collected, if possible, during the coming year.

The large increase in the amounts raised by the churches toward the General and Annual Conference Budgets, and the added number of churches which reached a place on the Honor Roll are most encouraging.

We believe that within a short time most of our churches will recognize and meet their full obligations to the world work of the denomination.

We concur in the suggestion for a more concentrated itinerary for the President. While we recognize the value of Presidential visitation on the charges, yet we prefer that most of his time be spent in places where his official efforts will count most for the Kingdom.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We heartily agree with the President as to the need of immediate steps toward the concentration of our denominational activities in the city of Washington, and the early establishment of a great denominational church in that city. We approve of his suggestion that the Board of Survey begin immediately to study the situation and inaugurate a plan for such a denominational undertaking to the end of enlisting the support of the entire Conference. We believe, furthermore, that it is possible to extend this interest and bid for co-operation into all our Conferences. We recommend, therefore, that after the Board of Survey shall have made a study of the situation, not later than October of this year, a special committee be appointed with the President as chairman, to arrange a meeting of representative laymen throughout the denominational territory, and also of the laymen of the Maryland Conference with the view to enlisting their counsel and support of this great denominational venture. We suggest that while all Methodist Protestants everywhere should be invited to co-operate in this great enterprise, the Maryland Conference should take the initiative in, and have jurisdiction over its establishment and maintenance. We urge that all plans toward this enterprise be made with the view to culminating in the completion of this great denominational church at least by the year 1928,—our One Hundredth Anniversary as a denomination.

### 2. Full Time Conference Treasurer.

We concur in the recommendation of the President that a committee of five, with the President as chairman, be appointed to consider the feasibility and wisdom of having a full time Conference Treasurer, and who shall serve also as Superintendent of the Conference Building.

### 3. Women's Missionary Funds.

We recognize the misfortune to which the President calls attention growing out of the custom in some churches of allowing most of the General Conference Budget to be covered by receipts through the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary societies. The statistical report reveal the fact that out of a total of about \$65,000.00, raised on the General Conference Budget this year, the amounts credited to this Budget from the Women's societies amount to about \$16,000.00, practically one-fourth of the Budget.

While we favor continuing all such missionary funds as credits on the Budget, we respectfully urge all pastors and official boards in the churches where this custom is followed, to take immediate action toward correcting this and other inequitable distribution of our general funds.

Confident of the loyalty of our women engaged in the great missionary program of the church, we desire to suggest to them the great urgency of all the interests of the church, and that they co-operate with the official boards and pastors in behalf of not only the missionary interests, but all others included in the Budget. We desire to encourage all organized efforts to raise funds for the general work of the denomination, but in addition to the work of church organizations to this end, we strongly urge that the individual members of the churches be encouraged and trained to give as regularly to the general, as they do to the local budget of the churches.

We recommend that a special letter be prepared by the Secretary of this Conference to be sent to the official boards of the churches covering the purport of the recommendation.

4. Headquarters' Committee.

We concur in the recommendation for the continuance of the Headquarters' Committee, in both personnel and functions.

5. Methodist Protestant Day.

We concur in the setting of the Fourth (4th) Sunday in January as "Methodist Protestant Day," at which time a Conference-wide Campaign for at least 500 new subscribers shall be made.

We recommend, furthermore, that as a matter of general policy, the Agent for the Methodist Protestant be requested to make a special rate for three months trial subscriptions, and that the official boards be requested to present to each family of members joining the churches, one of these trial subscriptions free of charge; and that following this three month period, the Agent endeavor to interest these new members to become permanent subscribers to the Methodist Protestant.

6. Minimum Salaries.

We concur in the recommendation that the Board of Survey study the matter of minimum salaries as it applies to pastors of one church, and those who are pastors of more than one church, and that the Board shall recommend at this session such supplemental salaries as shall be paid.

7. Budget Council.

We concur in the recommendation for the appointment of a Budget Council for the Conference, in harmony with the Budget Council of the General Conference, and that this Council shall suggest suitable plans of co-operation with local churches toward raising their budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. CROSBY,  
J. A. DUDLEY,  
L. B. SMITH,  
W. O. ATWOOD,  
T. P. FISHER,  
F. L. BALL.

## REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

(See Journal, page 37)

1924  
April 1—Balance ..... \$ 172.40

### RECEIPTS

April	11—	Received from Rev. G. I. Humphreys.	\$ 148.00	
"	—	" " Baker Watts Loan.....	300.00	
August	5—	" " Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Tr.	67.95	
August	12—	" " Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Tr.	275.00	
1925				
February	10—	" " Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Tr.	1,275.00	
February	18—	" " Rev. G. I. Humphreys, loan .....	6.00	
April	—	" " Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Tr.	352.78	2,424.73
				\$2,597.13

### DISBURSEMENTS

1924				
April	12—	Paid Minch & Eisenbrey (Furn.).....	\$ 555.65	
"	—	" " Baker, Watts, Int. on renewal....	6.26	
April	25—	" " I. A. Gusdorff, Kitchen Cabinet..	52.50	
August	12—	" " Central Fire Ins. Co., Int.....	275.00	
"	—	" " Central Fire Ins. Co., Int.....	6.10	
November	10—	" " Central Fire Ins. Co., Policy.....	6.00	
December	3—	" " Hochchild, Kohn & Co.....	33.70	
December	12—	" " Baker, Watts, Interest.....	6.10	
February	17—	" " Central Fire Ins. Co., Principle	1,000.00	
"	—	" " Central Fire Ins. Co., Int.....	275.00	
February	28—	" " Mayor & City Coun., Water.....	26.50	2,242.81
				\$ 354.32
April 6, 1925, Balance.....				\$ 354.32

Liabilities. Note to Baker, Watts.....	300.00	
Loan from Rev. Humphreys.....	6.00	306.00

HARRY K. MULLER, Treas.

## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va.....	W. F. Bauscher	3	Caroline.....	C. S. Marshall	1
Amelia, Va.....	C. O. Quillen	1		(supply)	
<b>BALTIMORE:</b>			Carroll Circuit....	H. E. Burkins	1
Alnutt Memorial..	E. T. Kirkley	1		(supply)	
Brooklyn.....	H. B. Jester	5	Cecil.....	J. G. Lynn	2
Bethesda.....	G. M. Clayton	2		(supply)	
Calvary.....	H. O. Keen	2	Centreville.....	W. H. Hodges	2
Chesaco Park..	Wm. Schmeiser	1	Chestertown.....	N. O. Gibson	6
Christ.....	J. L. Ward	3	Chincoteague.....	V. A. Miller	1
East Baltimore....	E. H. Jones	1	Clayton, Del....	W. C. Mumford	1
Edmonson Ave....	J. Leas Green	1	Concord.....	M. E. Dearholdt	4
Eutaw.....	W. P. Roberts	5	Conquest.....	J. P. George	2
Evergreen.....	F. D. Reynolds	1	<b>CRISFIELD:</b>		
Grace.....	J. N. Link	1	Crifield.....	C. M. Elderdice....	9
Graceland Park..	H. A. Kester	3	Lawsonia		
Hampden.....	E. D. Stone	13	Mariners.....	F. K. McCorkle	5
Keen Memorial....	A. S. Beane	18		Crumptown	
Lauraville.....	F. B. Bailey	1	<b>CUMBERLAND</b>		
Linthicum Heights			First Church.....	H. L. Schlinke	6
	Louis Randall	1	Melvin Chapel....	J. A. Trader	2
Low Memorial....	W. A. Melvin	10	Mapleside and Fairview		
North Baltimore	W. H. Litsinger	11	Dagsboro, Del.....	H. L. Adams	1
Payson Street..	T. C. Mulligan	4		(supply)	
South Baltimore....	B. F. Ruley	1	Deer Creek.....	W. S. Simms	2
Starr.....	G. W. Haddaway	24		(supply)	
St. John's.....	L. F. Warner	6	Deer Park.....	G. E. McDorman	1
St. Paul's.....	J. Earl Cummins	1	Delmar.....	B. A. Bryan	2
Trinity.....	R. W. White	7	Delta.....	B. W. Kindley	2
Violetville.....	W. B. Judefind	9	Denton.....	G. J. Hooker	2
West Baltimore....	J. M. Gill	10	Dorchester.....	C. F. Cummins	1
Assistant.....	J. G. Eaton	1		(supply)	
	(supply)		Dover and Leipsic	C. M. Adams	1
Wilton Heights..	F. G. Holloway	3	Easton.....	E. T. Read	6
Baltimore Circuit..	S. F. Cassen	13	Elizabeth, N.J....	J. W. Balderston	6
Bedford.....	A. W. Simms	1	Fairfax, Va.	To be supplied	
Belair.....	G. E. Turner	1	Fawn Grove....	Avery Donovan	1
Bivalve.....	J. R. McKeawn	2	Federalburg.....	C. H. Dobson	1
Buckeystown.....	J. W. Kirk	7	Delton.....	A. W. Betts	3
Cambridge.....	R. Y. Nicholson	7		(supply)	
Cambridge Ct...D.	W. Anstine	4	First church, Newark,	N. J.	
Cannon, Del.....	G. S. Ross	1		E. C. Makosky	13
			Finksburg.....	C. K. McCaslin	5

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Franklin City.....	Ziba Adams	2	PHILADELPHIA:		
Frederick.....	G. R. Donaldson	3	Emmanuel.....	J. F. Bryan	5
Georgetown, Del.....	J. T. Bailey	8	St. Luke's .....	C. C. Day	3
Glenburnie.....	C. E. Dryden	3	Taylor Mem.....	Robt. Browne	2
Greenbush and Tasley			Tioga Heights Mission		
	G. E. Leister	7		Leon A. Smith	3
Greenwood.....	F. M. Clift	1		(supply)	
Grove.....	C. M. Jenkins	1	Pipe Creek.....	K. H. Warheim	1
	(supply)		Pittsville.....	E. W. Simms	1
Harbeson.....	C. M. Cullum	3	Pocomoke City.....	E. L. Bunce	6
Harmony, W. Va.....	J. F. Wooden	2	Powellville .....	I. S. Owens	5
Harpers Ferry.....	F. S. Cain	1	Quantico	To be supplied	
Harrington.....	G. A. Moris	4	Reliance.....	O. G. Brower	1
Hawley Memorial.....	T. O. Crouse	3	Ridgeville .....	Russell Sapp	1
Howard.....	G. H. Stockdale	2	Rolandville.....	J. W. Parris	1
Hurlock.....	J. A. Wright	3	Salem .....	W. S. Hanks	1
Indian River.....	Dorsey Blake	5	Salisbury.....	R. L. Shipley	7
Kempton.....	F. M. Volk	2	Seaford.....	N. C. Clough	2
Kennedyville.....	J. W. Trout	3	Sharptown.....	A. F. T. Raum	1
Kent Island.....	T. G. Betschler	2	Smyrna.....	A. W. Maurey	1
Laurel.....	A. W. Ewell	4	Snow Hill.....	G. E. Brown	1
Laurel Circuit.....	C. M. Kelsner	1	Snow Hill Cir.....	W. L. Donoway	1
Leeds.....	C. P. Nowlin	1	Stewartstown, Pa.....	George Hines	4
Lewes, Del.....	W. D. Wilson	4	St. James.....	L. C. Randall	1
	(supply)		St. Micheals.....	H. L. Murphy	4
Lewistown.....	W. H. Hudgins	1	Susquehanna.....	C. B. Robey	1
	(supply)		Texas .....	W. H. Shatz	2
Liberty.....	Stephen Galley	1		(supply)	
	(supply)		Trinity, Marion.....	J. W. Baxley	1
Lisbon.....	P. M. R. Schauer	1	Tyreanna, Va.....	E. Carey Barker	3
Lynchburg.....	J. H. Lynch	3		(supply)	
Mardela.....	A. H. Green	4	Union.....	M. E. Hungerford	3
Marley .....	J. T. Fenby	3	Union Bridge.....	J. R. Cowan	1
Middleway	To be supplied			(supply)	
Milford.....	C. R. Strausburg	3	Wallace Memorial.....	G. W. Ports	3
Milton.....	J. W. Townsend	3	Warwick.....	L. W. Gordon	1
Mount Nebo.....	L. E. Haddaway	1	WASHINGTON:		
New Church.....	E. C. Graham	4	Alexandria.....	J. A. Dudley	2
New Market.....	F. J. Phillips	1	Calvary and Walkers Chapel		
Nichols Memorial.....	T. C. Jones	4		J. Peyton Adams	1
Northumberland			Cherydale.....	W. M. Snyder	7
	Claybourne Phillips	3	First Church.....	Carroll Maddox	2
Oak Grove and Prince George			Congress St.....	G. A. Ogg	1
	H. T. Mason	1	Mt. Olivet.....	W. F. Wright	1
Oxford.....	H. W. D. Johnson	5	Mt. Tabor.....	C. M. Compher	4
Parksley.....	F. A. Holland	1			
Patapsco.....	To be supplied				

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	
North Carolina Ave.	P. W. Crosby	5	Secretary of Church Extension—J. M. Sheridan.
Rhode Island Ave	J. H. Straughn	3	General Secretary of Young People's Work—E. A. Sexsmith.
Wesley Chapel of Kent	C. L. Dawson	1	
Westminster.....	J. L. Nichols	4	
<b>WILMINGTON:</b>			
First Church.....	E. C. Coleman (supply)	1	Board of Foreign Missions—Paul F. Cassen—Paul M. Warner.
Peninsula.....	L. B. Smith	6	Women's Home Missionary Society—T. R. Woodford.
West Wilmington	W. M. Douglass (supply)	1	Board of Home Missions—W. L. Hoffman.
Whaleyville.....	C. P. Butler	7	Chaplain U. S. Army—J. R. Wright.
Wye and Queen Anne	J. L. Marker	4	Left without appointment at his own request—K. K. Haddaway.
<b>SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS</b>			
President of General Conference—	T. H. Lewis.		
President of Western Maryland College—	A. N. Ward.		
Professor of W. M. College—	W. B. Sanders.		
President Westminster Theological Seminary—	H. L. Elderdice.		
Editor of Methodist Protestant—	F. T. Benson.		
Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions—	F. C. Klein.		
<b>SUPERANNUATES</b>			
			G. J. Sullivan..... 26
			W. M. Strayer..... 20
			J. W. Gray..... 14
			A. W. Mather..... 11
			J. M. Holmes..... 9
			F. H. Mudlineaux..... 9
			G. F. Farring..... 8
			W. N. Sherwood..... 7
			J. L. Elderdice..... 5
			G. Q. Bacchus..... 5
			G. J. Hill..... 5
			P. L. Rice..... 5
			L. A. Bennett..... 4
			S. W. Coe..... 3
			F. T. Little..... 1
			J. McLain Brown..... 1
			Not Heard From:
			T. J. Turkington.



## REPORT B

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 22)

As Committee on Credentials my report is as follows:

Credentials have not been received from Indian River, Middleway, and Tyreanna.

Credentials from the following do not show the election of an Alternate,—Tioga Heights Mission, Quantico and Sharptown.

The Credentials from eleven (11) charges are signed by the pastor and indicate that the elections were not held exactly in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Manual. Nevertheless, I recommend that the delegates from these churches be seated.

The last session of the Conference detached Union Church from Quantico Circuit and placed it under the pastoral care of Salisbury. This church has regularly elected a delegate, and I recommend that he be seated.

As Committee on Publication of Minutes I report that at present we print two thousand (2000) copies. The distribution of this number is necessarily arbitrary and somewhat difficult. If we increase the number printed to 2500, it will make possible a uniform distribution at the rate of one copy for \$2.00 paid by each charge on President's salary. We would then have left 250 copies for sale, for distribution among officers of the church and superannuate ministers of the Conference. I think that the secretary's Fund will easily be able to pay for these additional copies. I therefore recommend that the Conference authorize this increase.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### RECEIPTS

By error in last report.....	\$	13.60
Balance of last year.....		228.19
From C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Assessments 1924.....		2,298.52
Credit M. P. Book Concern on Sale of Minutes.....		19.50
From C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Advance Assessment 1925.....		250.00
		\$2,809.80

### EXPENDITURES

Charlotte M. Cooper, Stenographer.....	15.00
Rev. T. C. Cassaday, Traveling Expenses.....	66.00
J. A. Dudley, Steward, Salary.....	50.00
W. H. Litsinger, Expenses of Board of Survey.....	13.63
C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Conference Expenses.....	920.08
The Stockton Press, Printing Programs.....	25.44
C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Conference Expenses.....	412.00
J. Ryland Taylor, Printing.....	12.90

R. L. Shipley, Sec. Incidentals.....	12.08
The Stockton Press. Printing and Mailing Minutes.....	470.80
M. P. Book Concern, Bibles and Credentials.....	16.20
C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Adding Machine.....	50.00
C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Conference Expenses.....	200.00
R. L. Shipley, Sec. Salary.....	50.00
C. P. Nowlin, Tr. Salary.....	200.00
S. F. Cassen, Tr. Summer Conference.....	200.00
R. L. Shipley, Expenses to Baltimore.....	5.00
R. L. Shipley, Sec. Postage.....	4.00
M. P. Book Concern. Stationery and Printing Report Blanks.....	40.00
	<u>\$2,773.15</u>
Receipts.....	\$2,809.80
Expenditures.....	2,773.15
	<u>          </u>
Balance.....	\$ 36.65

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

### REPORT C

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 38)

### REPORT ON BUDGET

#### RECEIPTS

April 4, 1925.

President's Salary.....	\$ 4,588.00
Maryland Conference Budget .....	28,780.72
General Conference Budget	
Children's Day .....	\$12,092
Special Foreign Missions.....	3,697
Y. P. Missionary.....	2,372
W. F. M. S.....	9,984
Easter offering .....	3,816
Special Home Missions.....	1,466
W. H. M. S.....	5,792
Rally Day .....	4,129
Educational Day .....	1,026
	<u>44,374</u>
Paid on Budget	
Less Credits .....	20,369
	<u>64,743.00</u>
Total Assessments .....	98,111.72
Miscellaneous General .....	33,274.00
	<u>          </u>
Total for General Purposes.....	131,385.72

## DISBURSEMENTS

April 4, 1925.

By Checks to President.....		\$ 4,588.00
“ Conference Expenses .....	2,342.86	
“ Superannuates .....	6,613.20	
“ Church Extension.....	10,392.89	
“ Home for the Aged.....	5,664.37	
“ Deaconess .....	2,342.86	
“ President's Parsonage .....	1,411.93	28,771.09
Udistributed .....		9.63
“ Special for Church Home.....		66.28
“ Y. P. Missionary .....		518.79
“ Checks to H. C. Staley, Treasurer.....		45,518.83
“ Vouchers accepted .....		18,639.10
		<u>\$ 98,111.72</u>
Miscellaneous Items		
To Various Items.....	33,274.00	
By various Vouchers .....		33,274.00
	<u>\$131,385.72</u>	<u>\$131,385.72</u>

## BOARD OF SURVEY AND CHURCH EXTENSION

## RECEIPTS

1925

April 4. By District .....	\$ 10,392.87
By Balance .....	7,911.88
Total .....	<u>\$18,304.75</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

1924

April 26, To Deficit.....	\$ 5,347.50
1925	
April 6th, To Superintendents' Salary.....	2,000.00
“ Bethesda,, \$300; Grace Church, \$250; Calvary Church, Wash., D. C., \$175; Calvary Church, on lot, Wash., D. C., \$147; Cannon, on buildg., \$150; Carroll Circuit, 1924 Salary, \$175; Carroll Circuit, \$100.00; Deer Creek, \$150; Edmondson Avenue, \$500; Emmanuel, \$500; Emmanuel, \$250; Evergreen, 350; Glenburnie, \$375; Greenbush, \$250; Hallwood, Salary, 1924, \$200; Hallwood, \$125; Queen Anne, \$200; Violetville, \$500; West Wilmington, \$100; Peninsula, \$625; Wallace Memorial, \$100; Wye, \$250; Peninsula, \$250.....	6,022.00
To Interest .....	213.25

## To Supplementary Salaries

Amelia, \$200; Edmondson Ave., \$300; Graceland Park, \$200; Cambridge Circuit, \$300; Concord, \$300; Law-sonia, \$179; Melvin Chapel, \$200; Dorchester, \$100; Fairfax, \$300; Greenbush and Tasley, \$100; Grove, \$200; Harbeson, \$300; Harmony, \$250; Kennedy ville, \$300; Kent Island, \$300; Laurel Circuit, \$243; Mil- ton, \$75; Oak Grove and Prince George, \$300; Pipe Creek, \$75; Rowlandville, \$200; Salem, \$200; Oak Grove and Prince George, \$100.....

4,722.00

\$ 18,304.75

## SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS

Year 1924-1925.

To District .....	\$ 6,613.20
“ Thos. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	9,203.44
“ North Baltimore Contribution .....	213.29
“ Deficit .....	750.29
	<u>\$ 16,779.93</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

1924

April 26—Deficit .....	177.43
August 5—By First Distribution.....	2,040.00
October 13—By Second Distribution .....	2,040.00

1925

January 20—By Third Distribution.....	1,784.00
April 6—By Fourth Distribution.....	10,736.00
By Corresponding Secretary's Expense.....	2.50
	<u>\$ 16,779.93</u>

## REPORT D

## TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 23)

We respectfully submit our report for the year ending April 1, 1925. The present membership of the Board is as follows, L. F. Warner, E. C. Makosky, J. P. Dodge and T. W. Donoho, until 1927; J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, and T. A. Murray, until 1926; F. T. Little, G. W. Had- daway, J. H. Roberts and F. G. Usilton, whose terms expire May first,

1925 and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference. The vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Rev. J. L. Mills is also to be filled at this session. Dr. Mills was a charter member of the Trustees and was in attendance at the meetings always except when providentially prevented. He was deeply interested in all of our work and we shall miss him from our brotherly associations.

The income from the Mrs. A. S. Eversole legacy has been used for Conference Church Extension work in harmony with the terms of the bequest.

We submit herewith the report of our Treasurer for the conference 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.

We further report that our Board has continued to comply with the instructions given it by the Conference in signing such legal papers as the Headquarters Committee has required in bringing to completion the work committed to it by the Conference, which will be fully expressed in the report of the said Headquarters' Committee to the Conference.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR APRIL 1924-1925

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

In Account With

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

### GENERAL FUND

To Balance per last Report.....	\$	743.24	
“ Commissions on Trust Income.....	\$	86.70	
“ Interest on Deposits.....		41.15	127.85
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			871.09
By Expenses of Management .....		56.40	
“ Rent Safe Deposit Box.....		5.00	
“ Balance on deposit to credit of Trustees.....		809.69	871.09
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### DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

To Income from Investments.....	\$1,260.00	
By amount paid to Baltimore Book Directory, appropriation of Income by Trustees for use of The Methodist Protestant.....	\$1,197.00	
“ Trustees Commissions credited above to General account .....	63.00	1,260.00
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## REPORT E BOARD OF FINANCE

(See Journal, page 37)

We are apportioning the various budgets to the charges by the method published in Regulation 21 of the Manual.

The Various Budgets are:

General Conference .....	\$110,000.00
Maryland Conference .....	30,500.00
President's Salary and Expenses.....	4,500.00
Total .....	\$145,000.00
To be distributed thus:	
General Conference .....	75.86%
Maryland Conference .....	21.04%
President's Salary and Expenses .....	3.1%
	100.0%

### Distribution 1925-1926

	Per cent	Amount
General Conference Budget		
Board of Foreign Missions .....	25	\$ 27,500.00
Board of Home Missions.....	23	25,300.00
Board of Education .....	23	25,300.00
W. F. M. S.....	12	13,200.00
W. H. M. S.....	6	6,600.00
Superannuates .....	4	4,400.00
Ministerial Salary Relief .....	2	2,200.00
Contingent Fund, Ex. Com.....	2	2,200.00
Children's Home .....	1	1,100.00
Home for the Aged.....	1	1,100.00
American Bible Society .....	1	1,100.00
	100	\$110,000.00
Maryland Conference Interests:		
Incidental Expenses .....	8.2	\$ 2,500.00
Superannuates .....	22.95	7,000.00
Church Extension .....	36.07	11,000.00
Our Church Home .....	19.67	6,000.00
Deaconess Home .....	8.2	2,500.00
President's Parsonage .....	4.91	1,500.00
	100	\$30,500.00
President's Salary and Expenses:		
President .....	90	\$4,050.00
Agent of President's Parsonage.....	10	450.00
	100	\$4,500.00

Total Financial Basis .....	\$480,770.00
Total Membership .....	34,421
Percentage for Allotments:	
\$110,000—Financial.....	.229 taken at 60%
Per Capita.....	\$3.2   "   " 40%
\$ 30,500—Financial.....	.064   "   " 60%
Per Capita.....	.886   "   " 40%
\$ 4,500—Financial.....	.0094   "   " 60%
Per Capita.....	.131   "   " 40%

G. A. OGG,  
K. H. WAREHEIM,  
F. B. BAILEY,

M. W. GAINES.  
W. E. CAIN,

## REPORT F

# COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

(See Journal, pages 32, 38)

1. We recommend that Chas. B. Robey, a graduate of the Seminary and Russell W. Sapp, a graduate of the College and Seminary, be received into the Conference and that they be ordained.

2. That Clarence Dawson be received into the Conference on trial and be given license to administer the ordinances.

3. That Miss Grace Jones, an unstationed preacher of Hampden Quarterly Conference having passed a most creditable examination in the Preparatory subjects and desiring to take the Conference Course, be given the privilege of doing so in connection with her present relation to said Quarterly Conference.

4. That John Thomas Dise having passed a most creditable examination in the Preparatory subjects and desiring to take the Conference Course, be given the privilege of doing so.

5. That license to administer the ordinances be given to William Schmeiser and C. M. Jenkins.

6. That W. S. Simms be placed in the hands of the President.

7. That Chas F. Cummins, C. S. Marshall, W. D. Wilson, Leon A. Smith, A. W. Betts, J. G. Lynn, H. J. Mason, Stephen Galley, J. G. Eaton, W. H. Hudgins, E. C. Coleman, O. F. Betton, H. C. Burkins, Walter Donoway, C. O. Quillin, C. H. Read and John T. Dise be placed in the hands of the President and that they be given license to administer the ordinances provided they be employed by the President.

8. That Dr. T. H. Lewis's Hand Book of The Methodist Protestant Church be used in the Preparatory course in connection with the Discipline.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

N. O. GIBSON,  
W. B. JUDEFIND,

J. F. BRYAN,  
W. H. HODGES.

## REPORT G

# BOARD OF SURVEY AND EXTENSION

(See Journal, pages 32, 35, 39)

Your Board of Survey and Extension wish to report that we have an accumulated deficit of \$8,261.88 We also have appropriations maturing next Conference approximating \$4,000. In all probability the Supplemental salaries will aggregate \$7,000.00 as of next conference year; based on the report for this Conference session.

These facts mean that the full assessment of \$11,000.00 is already expended as of next conference year.

To make any New appropriation either on debt or on new building enterprises will automatically increase our debt by that much.

We confront the alternative of either an increased indebtedness or of a larger appropriation in the Budget for the use of this Board.

We therefore ask you to instruct the Board of Survey and Extension what to do in the premises. (See Resolution.)

The Board of Survey and Extension submits this report: The Requests, Reports and Documents that have been referred to us have been carefully considered.

We heartily commend the care with which the reports of the Board of Managers, the Peninsula Church Extension Society and the Church Extension Superintendent have been prepared, and the fidelity to the interests of the conference they exhibit.

The findings of your Board on these reports and requests are embodied in the following recommendations of boundaries and appropriations:

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1st. That the same amount be laid upon the District for the purposes of our work.

2nd. That J. M. Sheridan be re-appointed Superintendent of Church Extension, at the same salary.

3d. That the two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) which this Board pledged toward the payment of the interest on the debt of Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Del., be paid out of the money to be distributed by the treasurer of the Conference at this session of conference. (Adopted as a Partial Report.)

4th. That we request the appointment of a Special Committee of five, to work in harmony with the Committee of the Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Del., in arranging for a celebration of the fifth anniversary of the organization of that church.

5th. That the request for the transfer of the title for the property of the Lowe Memorial Church-building be granted.

6th. That Delmont be attached to Marley Charge.

7th. That Union of the old Pocomoke Circuit be placed under the care of Salisbury Charge.

8th. That Fairview of Cumberland be placed under the care of the



pastor of First Church; and that Mapleside be placed under the care of the Pastor of Melvin Chapel.

9th. That Quinton Church of Salem Charge be detached and placed under the care of the pastor of Pocomoke City.

10th. That Union and Quinton be referred to the Board of Finance for their apportionment of the conference benevolences.

11th. That Wye and Queen Anne's be supplied by one pastor; the charges retaining their present independent status.

12th. That Jennings Chapel, Union and Poplar Churches of Lisbon Charge constitute a charge known as Lisbon Circuit.

13th. That Ridgeville and Howard Chapel of Lisbon Charge and Montgomery Chapel of Kemptown Charge constitute a new charge to be known as Ridgeville Circuit.

14th. That Weigand Chapel, a closed church of the Harbeson Charge be placed under the care of the Quarterly Conference of Milton Charge.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Salary of the Supt. of Church Extension.....	\$2,000.00
Bethesda, Baltimore, on salary.....	300.00
Cannon, Del., on new church enterprise, 2nd instalment of four annual instalments .....	150.00
Deer Creek on salary.....	150.00
Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, second instalment of five annual instalments of \$500.00 each.....	500.00
Edmondson Ave., on salary.....	500.00
Glenburnie, the 2d of four annual instalments.....	375.00
Violetville—4th instalment of 5 annual instalments.....	500.00

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.  
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 GEORGE MATHER,  
 T. P. FISHER,  
 F. L. BALL.

#### REPORT OF THE PENINSULA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Peninsula Church Extension Society has held one meeting during the past year. We have given our attention to keeping the organization in working order, and made some collection of dues.

We have noticed with gratification the progress of the Peninsula Church in Wilmington. We still believe this church needs all the assistance the Conference can possibly give it, and earnestly recommend the most liberal action on the part of the Board of survey.

The Financial Statement is attached.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 31, 1925

## RECEIPTS

			Balance on hand as per report sent to annual conference.....\$	38.24
1924				
April	11	Check,	Marion, Rev. Geo. H. Stocksdale.....	25.00
June	2	"	Rev. Jno. A. Wright, Hurlock Charge.....	50.00
"	4	"	Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Salem Church.....	3.00
"	30	"	Rev. Karl H. Wareheim, Marion.....	3.00
"	30	"	Rev, Guy E. Leister, Greenbush & Tasley....	25.00
July	14	"	Rev. N. C. Clough, Seaford.....	50.00
"	14	"	Rev. J. R. McKeawn, Bivalve.....	5.00
"	21	"	Rev. J. Payton Adams, Oak Grove, Del.....	20.00
"	21	"	Rev. M. E. Hungerford, Hebron.....	50.00
"	28	"	Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, Cambridge Charge.....	30.00
"	28	"	Salisbury Charge .....	80.00
"	28	"	Dover Charge .....	9.00
Aug.	13	"	Rev. Benj A. Bryan, Delmar.....	50.00
"	21	"	Rev. E. W. Simms, St. James.....	47.00
			Rev. E. H. Jones, Parksley.....	22.00
			Chestertown Church, Christ M. P.....	42.00
			Rev. Jos. W. Baxley, Pittsville.....	60.00
Oct.	6	"	Salisbury .....	11.00
"	29	"	Security Trust & Life Deposit Co., proceeds	
		"	\$6,000 Mtge. loan on parsonage, Wilmington..	5,962.25
Feb.	2	"	J. C. Godwin, Easton Church.....	5.00
		"	Rev. C. M. Elderdice, Crisfield.....	30.00
			Unexpended funds collected for Wilmington Work...	85.00
				\$6,705.09

## EXPENDITURES

1924				
April	11	"	No. 128 to pay discount on \$700 note re- newed Pocomoke City National Bank, endorsed Fred P. Adkins and F. M. Wil- son.....	\$ 14.14
July	14	"	No. 129 to Elkton Bank & Trust Co., for int., three months—April, May, June.....	150.00
Aug.	11	"	No. 130 to pay note Pocomoke City National Bank, \$100 and int. \$2.12.....	102.12
"	11	"	No. 131 to pay discount on note four months \$700 Pocomoke City National Bank, endorsed F. P. Adkins and F. M. Wilson....	14.00
Oct.	2	"	No. 132 Elkton Banking & Trust Co., for three months int., on \$10,000—July, Aug., Sept.....	150.00
"	29	"	No. 133 Elkton Banking & Trust Co., pay- ment on Principal of Mtge. \$6,000, Int on \$10,000 one month, Oct.....	6,050.00

Dec. 11	"	No. 134 to pay discount on note renewed this date for \$700 for fourmonths, endorsed F. P. Adkins and F. M. Wilson.....	14.10
1925			
Feb. 4	"	No. 135 Elkton Banking & Trust Co., to pay Int Nov. 1, 1924—Jan. 1, 1925, on \$4,000 Mtge. Wilmington Parsonage.....	40.00
March 28	"	No. 136 Elkton Banking & Trust Co., to pay Int. January 1, Apr. 1—three months, on \$4.000 Mtge .....	60.00
		Balance in Treasury, 3 28 25.....	110.73
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			\$6,705.09

M. L. VEASEY, Treasurer.

### CLOSED CHURCHES

I report that the Bambury Church has been sold and the proceeds paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.

There are several other small churches which I endeavored to sell but have not succeeded. The Ebenezer Church on Felton Circuit, which had been closed for sometime, was opened again for services last October.

I visited the Church, met some of the people and arranged with them to pay A. W. Belts \$100.00 for six months' service. This amount has been paid. They have promised to make some repairs to the Church the coming Conference Year. A small Sunday School has been maintained. Brother Betts has preached every two weeks in the morning, at a time when he had no services elsewhere. They have set the salary at \$150.00 for next year. I recommend that this action be approved and this action be approved and this Church be added to the Felton Circuit.

Weigand Church on Harbeson Charge was declared a closed Church by this Conference a year ago. In December I received word from Rev. C. M. Cullum stating the Holiness people were occupying the Church. He advised me to offer it for sale.

I went to Milton and found that Brother Townsend, our Pastor, thought we should not sell and that some of his members shared this opinion. By visiting in the community where the Church is located I found a strong sentiment against disposing of the property. After conferring with Brother Cullum I engaged Brother Townsend to conduct services there every two weeks. This he has done. He has elected Stewards and Trustees and they obligated themselves to pay not less than \$75.00 on salary next year. The Milton Quarterly Conference is willing for their Pastor to preach for them. I recommend that this Church be opened again and placed under the care of the Quarterly Conference of Milton Charge. While it is a small county Church my opinion is that, if possible, services, including a Sunday School, should be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN.

## REPORT H

# COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES

(See Journal, pages 32, 34)

Your Committee on Superannuates submits the following report.

We have labored diligently and prayerfully to make the fairest adjustment possible of the resources available and submit the following for Conference endorsement.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

2. We recommend that F. T. Little and J. McLain Brown be, at their request, granted superannuated relations, and that Mrs. S. J. Smith be reinstated on the list of superannuated claimants.

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Total
G. Q. Bacchus.....	\$ 470.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 575.00
L. A. Bennett.....	320.00	255.00	575.00
J. McLain Brown.....	320.00	230.00	550.00
S. W. Coe.....	320.00	255.00	575.00
J. L. Elderdice.....	410.00	165.00	575.00
G. F. Farring.....	450.00	.....	450.00
J. W. Gray.....	480.00	95.00	575.00
G. J. Hill.....	280.00	295.00	575.00
J. M. Holmes.....	520.00	.....	520.00
F. T. Little.....	550.00	50.00	600.00
A. W. Mather.....	490.00	85.00	575.00
F. H. Mullineaux.....	440.00	60.00	500.00
P. L. Rice.....	90.00	85.00	175.00
W. N. Sherwood.....	190.00	310.00	500.00
W. M. Strayer.....	480.00	95.00	575.00
J. G. Sullivan.....	290.00	10.00	300.00
Mrs. C. N. Alexander..	30.00	200.00	230.00
Mrs. E. L. Beauchamp.	45.00	242.00	287.00
Mrs. J. S. Bowers.....	170.00	25.00	195.00
Mrs. H. C. Cushing.....	65.00	165.00	230.00
Mrs. E. O. Ewing.....	195.00	55.00	250.00
Mrs. S. G. Fegurson....	70.00	130.00	200.00
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert.....	15.00	125.00	140.00
Mrs. W. R. Graham.....	225.00	58.00	283.00
Mrs. D. L. Greenfield...	130.00	42.00	172.00
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell....	210.00	90.00	300.00
Mrs. G. R. Hodges.....	135.00	205.00	340.00
Mrs. J. B. Jones.....	115.00	55.00	170.00
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore.....	90.00	80.00	170.00
Mrs. R. K. Lewis.....	25.00	145.00	170.00
Mrs. R. L. Lewis.....	115.00	210.00	235.00

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Total
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger.....	35.00	252.00	287.00
Mrs. W. D. Litsinger...	175.00	112.00	287.00
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas.....	55.00	230.00	285.00
Mrs. C. B. Middleton....	35.00	165.00	200.00
Mrs. W. J. Neeper.....	155.00	122.00	277.00
Mrs. J. W. Norris.....	160.00	70.00	230.00
Mrs. C. W. Sanderson..	25.00	90.00	115.00
Mrs. G. J. Smith.....	105.00	70.00	175.00
Mrs. S. J. Smith.....	5.00	95.00	100.00
Mrs. F. L. Stevens.....	95.00	250.00	345.00
Mrs. S. B. Treadway...	190.00	210.00	400.00
Mrs. R. T. Tyson.....	45.00	185.00	230.00
Mrs. S. G. Valiant.....	15.00	185.00	200.00
Mrs. E. H. Van Dyke...	165.00	135.00	300.00
Mrs. A. J. Walter.....	75.00	150.00	225.00
Mrs. E. A. Warfield....	130.00	215.00	345.00
Mrs. R. S. Williamson.	35.00	115.00	150.00
Mrs. J. A. Weigand.....	70.00	130.00	200.00
Mrs. H. F. Wright.....	65.00	220.00	285.00
Mrs. J. M. Yingling.....	15.00	85.00	100.00

B. W. KINDLEY, Chairman.  
 G. E. McDORMAN, Secretary.  
 N. C. CLOUGH,  
 W. E. SHEPPARD,  
 RUSSELL P. SMITH,  
 DR. T. H. LEGG.

## REPORT I

# COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND EDUCATION

(See Journal, pages 28, 30)

Your Committee on Literature and Education has reviewed reports presented to it and hereby makes its own report from data submitted.

### BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

The Committee rejoices with the Maryland Conference in the completion of the Headquarters Building. It is one of the biggest accomplishments in our Conference history. It shows the greatest breadth of conception, the strongest manifestation of faith, and the widest range of vision in its inception and execution. The Maryland Conference because of this building is now experiencing one of the proudest moments in its history. We are happy to know that within the walls of this building we have our own printing plant, the Stockton Press. We urge all pastors, churches and members, needing church or business printing,

to patronize this, our own, enterprise. We suggest that the management of this plant make such concessions in rates as are practicable in securing such business.

The Committee is made happy in the fact that the goals for increased subscription list to our church paper, *The Methodist Protestant*, have practically been met. We conclude that any loss in printing same is more than compensated in the invaluable service of our splendid church paper.

1. We are pleased to note the improved character of our Sunday School literature, and its comprehensive adaption to all school needs.

2. We most strongly urge the use of our Sunday School material in all of our churches.

We likewise urge all those buying books and using Social stationery to purchase same from our Book-Room. We feel that the wisdom of the new location is justified in that the re-location has caused no reduction in total volume of business enjoyed. We are glad to read of an increase of business, amounting of \$13,935.19, over last year.

The Committee is happy to commend the sterling men working within the walls of the Headquarters Building, Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., Editor of "*The Methodist Protestant*," Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., Agent, and Mr. C. Levine Price, Superintendent of Printing Department.

## THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

The Committee wishes to congratulate Dr. F. T. Benson, Editor, for his work of constant improvement in the already high quality of our popular church paper. We realize that it is becoming more and more the only ample means of information concerning our church life and activities. Through its versatile and enterprising editor, its contents are so varied as to meet many needs and please every type of reader.

We commend the policy of conducting annual drives for new subscribers and renewals of subscriptions, but trust the loyalty and enthusiasm of pastors in furthering same will rise above expected gifts of prizes! We also trust that these drives will be supplemented by the earnest and enthusiastic presentation of the claims of our church paper by our pastors throughout the whole year.

## ECCLESIASTICAL WRITINGS

Proof sheets of a new book coming from the pen of Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, were placed before the Committee and reviewed by the same. The book is entitled "*Handbook of The Methodist Protestant Church.*" Its title page describes it as a book sketching the History, Form of Government, Doctrines, Institutions, Work, Support, Extent and Resources of the Methodist Protestant Church. The Table of Contents shows the following composition of work (the chapter headings are here given):

1. Historical Sketch of the Methodist Protestant Church.

2. Form of Government of the Methodist Protestant Church. 3. Difference between Representative and Episcopal forms of Church Government. 4. Doctrines of the Methodist Protestant Church. 5. A Catechism of the Methodist Protestant Church. 6. Form of Organization in the Methodist Protestant Church. 7. The Work and Support of the Methodist Protestant Church. 6. The Present Program of the Methodist Protestant Church. 9. Extent and Resources of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The book displays the usual concise, direct and scholarly style that characterizes every work of our leading ecclesiastical writer. It brings together vital information that every Methodist Protestant ought to have. It is well adapted to the needs of study classes for all who would know the principles, polity, doctrines and purposes of our denomination. The last two chapters are of present and the other chapters are of permanent value to those who would be intelligent Methodist Protestants. It will always be a good reference book. It will contain about 100 pages and will be bound in cloth and the price will be 50c a copy. Twelve copies will cost \$5.00. The book will be ready in May.

The Committee most heartily recommends it to all pastors and members of the Maryland Annual Conference.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

This Board is giving large assistance toward providing an educated ministry to our denomination. There are many ministers of our church who are college and seminary graduates only because of money loaned by this board. We regret to learn that some of our Maryland Conference ministers have not repaid money loaned them, even though as many as twenty or thirty years have elapsed since loan was received. We call attention to the abolishing of special Christmas programs in the interest of the Board of Education and the use of the Rally Day programs in the interest of same. We urge that all pastors and churches see to it that the money received from this single program amount to as much and more than the money received from both programs heretofore.

We approve the purposes of the Student Loan Fund, and are glad that, even though the resources are small, fifteen students in two colleges were given financial assistance during the last year. We hope that those who love young people will give to this fund.

The Committee with great pleasure welcomes the new Secretary of the Board, Rev. Frank W. Stephenson. The Committee and the Conference join in pledging him our most earnest support in helping him to do the work with which he is charged.

### THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Seminary has achieved great numerical, financial and educational success during the past year.

We are glad to hear that it enrolled 52 students last fall, the largest number in the history of this institution. It is a source of great satis-

faction to note that students from five other denominations are among those enrolled. We are happy to note, too, that two young ladies are enrolled, one for the Home and the other for the Foreign field, and that two young men, graduating this year, will become members of the Maryland Conference this session.

**FINANCIAL.** It is with pleasure that we note that increasing expenses are equalled by increasing receipts. The generous annual gift of \$250.00 by the Baltimore District Union of Young Peoples' Work is to be highly commended. We are most happy to see the successful completion of a \$20,000.00 Parsonage for the President of the Seminary, and are even more gratified to note that only \$2,000.00 indebtedness remains, and even this will soon be provided for. The Committee feels that this beautiful, well appointed home and more is due the faithful President of this splendid institution of learning. We wish to extend to him our grateful appreciation for his tireless efforts to collect monies for this handsome, appropriate, well-built edifice. We urge that more money be given to properly furnish the Parsonage and beautify its grounds.

**EDUCATIONAL.** It is a source of happiness and pride to learn of the high place this Institution of learning has gained among Theological Seminaries. We approve its hospitality in welcoming various religious bodies of Carroll County to hold meetings within its walls.

Your Committee most heartily concurs with the three recommendations appended to the Report of the Board of Governors.

### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

The Committee was pleased to read of the large success that Western Maryland College and its gifted, faithful and tireless President, Rev. A. N. Ward, D. D., have enjoyed. Year by year without exception witnesses an increase in enrollment and this year naturally shows the largest enrollment in the college's existence.

We appreciate the President's successful efforts in securing appropriations of \$125,000.00 each from the Maryland Legislature and the General Education Board. It is the sincere hope that the Maryland Conference will do all it can in helping to raise \$375,000.00, which makes the already mentioned appropriations available.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We therefore recommend that the Maryland Conference shall give its heartiest endorsement to the campaign, and authorize the President of the College, or his representatives, to appeal to our people in the churches in behalf of the financial campaign, which is to begin in the month of May, 1925.

C. M. ELDERDICE, Chairman;  
 C. C. DAY, Secretary;  
 K. K. HADDAWAY,  
 SETH H. LINTHICUM,  
 DR. J. B. JONES,  
 DR. HERBERT MORGAN.



## THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Governors are happy to report to the Maryland Conference that The Westminster Theological Seminary is about to close a year of unprecedented prosperity. This is the best of its 43 years of existence, for success has crowned the work in the three fields of its activities: the numerical, the financial, and the educational.

**ENROLLMENT.** There have matriculated 17 Juniors, 12 Middlers, 12 Seniors, and 11 Post-graduates—a total of 52—the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. In the student body 7 conferences are represented: Eastern, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pittsburgh, and West Virginia. It is gratifying that the Seminary is growing more and more popular not only with the Methodist Protestant denomination, but also with sister denominations; illustrated by the fact that there are now enrolled students from five other churches: the Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, the Presbyterian, the Reformed, and the United Brethren. Perhaps the most significant feature of this year's registration is the presence of two women pursuing the regular course of study—one preparing for the Home and the other for the Foreign field. They have already demonstrated the truth that "it is not good for man to be alone"—even in the sacred halls of a Theological Seminary—for said man in said place is so constantly improving his speech, attire, and conduct, that we have eliminated from our curriculum that ancient classic: "Miller on Clerical Manners and Habits." The graduating class is composed of 12 men, two of whom, Russell Sapp and Charles Robey, will join the Maryland Conference at this session.

**FINANCIAL.** Every year the cost of running the Seminary is increasing, but so far increased receipts have enabled us to meet our current expenses when due. Our SCOLARSHIP FUND has kept pace with our numerical growth. The greater the demand for aid to needy students the more the contributors. Our old friends still respond annually and this year we have added a new and liberal friend in the person of the Baltimore District Union of Young Peoples Work of the Methodist Protestant Church, whose \$250 subscription for this year has been paid, and under the splendid leadership of its President—Rev. T. C. Mulligan—provision has been made for continuance of this generous aid. But the most signal success along material lines is the completion of the NEW PARSONAGE for the PRESIDENT of the SEMINARY. The cost of building, plumbing, furnishing and grading is about \$20,000. Sufficient money has been collected to pay all bills when due except about \$2,000, which we had to borrow. The churches which have not yet been visited will provide this amount in a few weeks. While contributions have come from several conferences, to Maryland belong the honor and glory of inaugurating and largely financing this campaign. To the churches that have so gladly opened their doors and to the pastors who have proven such hearty team-workers in the securing of this large sum of money too much credit cannot be given. The magnificent rally of the ministers and laymen in the

last session of the Maryland Conference made possible the speedy completion of the building. It was ready for occupancy on the 17th of last November, and stands by the side of the imposing New Seminary Building, of the same style of architecture, and with its latchstring outside to all Methodist Protestant pilgrims to our educational Mecca in Westminster. Some furniture is yet needed and considerable work for the landscape gardener must still be done, and any friends who have not yet contributed have now a call to come up and help us.

**EDUCATIONAL.** The courses of study for both undergraduates and advanced students have been so developed that our Seminary ranks high among theological institutions and are sending well-equipped leaders into all our conferences. Never was its influence higher or so wide-spread in Westminster and Carroll County. The Monthly Meetings of the Carroll County Ministerial Union, composed of all the Protestant clergy in the County, meets once a month in the Seminary. The Carroll County Community Training School will make the Seminary its headquarters, and our Professor Forlines will be the dean of their Faculty. So, from year to year, this "School of the Prophets" is growing in favor with God and man."

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that our pastors increase their efforts in laying the claims of the ministry upon the brightest and most consecrated young men of their parishes and that they urge upon them the importance of securing both a college and a seminary training before application for admission to the conference.

2. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year.

3. That the Maryland Conference express its keen appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of Dr. J. L. Mills, the President of the Board of Governors, and T. W. Mather, Treasurer of the Board of Governors, both of whom after many years of shaping the policy of the Seminary, passed from labor to reward since our last session.

J. M. GILL,  
J. W. KIRK,  
T. PLINY FISHER.

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

Westminster, Maryland, April 1, 1925.

To the Maryland Annual Conference  
of the Methodist Protestant Church:

I take pleasure in presenting my fifth annual report to the Maryland Annual Conference.

We are in the midst of one of the most successful years in the history of the college. The enrollment is larger than ever before, but our

resources are taxed to the limit in meeting the demands made upon us. As I have said to you before, it has become necessary for us to increase our Endowment and to add to our equipment. We have more students enrolled now than our revenue is sufficient to take care of.

I reported last year that the Maryland Legislature had made an appropriation of \$125,000 for a building, conditioned upon the college raising \$250,000 additional Endowment. Since that time the General Education Board of New York City has made a conditional appropriation of \$125,000 for Endowment, provided the college raises \$375,000 additional Endowment, or a total, including the appropriation of the General Education Board, of \$500,000. The conditions of the appropriations from the Maryland Legislature and the General Education Board will be met if we raise \$375,000 additional Endowment. Two years are given us in which to meet the condition imposed by the State, and three years to meet the condition made by the General Education Board. In other words, if we raise, within the next three years, \$375,000 for Endowment, we shall get in addition thereto \$125,000 for Endowment from the General Education Board and \$125,000 from the State of Maryland for a building. If we raise a total of \$375,000 we shall get \$250,000, in addition to that amount, from the outside sources named. This makes a distinct challenge to the friends of the institution, and I therefore request that the Maryland Conference shall give its hearty endorsement to the campaign and authorize the President of the college or his representatives to appeal to our people in the churches in behalf of the financial campaign which is to be put on in May of 1925.

A. N. WARD, President.

## BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

Baltimore, Md., April 1, 1925.

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

Dear Brethren:

We herewith submit to the Conference the annual report of the Baltimore Book Directory covering the operations of the various departments for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1925.

The year has been notable in the fact that we have moved to our new quarters in the Maryland Conference Building. This was attended, of course, with a great deal of trouble and not a little expense, which naturally reflects itself in the profits for the year. It was a year of abnormal conditions in which we had to face moving expenses and a loss in revenue during the period in which we moved to our new location. The operating expenses were considerably higher due to these conditions. We are agreeably surprised that the outcome of our move has resulted in no greater loss than we sustained. We naturally expected a falling

off in our sales and a decrease in our profits by moving to the new location, which is for the present, two squares out of the center of the shopping district of Baltimore.

#### THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

The circulation has been maintained at about the same, with a small increase. The result of the drive in Maryland is not yet complete. The present indications are that we will reach the goal of five hundred new subscribers and one thousand renewals, which is a very fine showing, for which we are very grateful. It is gratifying to note that there are 3,104 papers going into homes in the Maryland Conference District at the present time, which will be increased by the returns brought to this Conference. This means that we are maintaining a little better than the average among the church periodicals.

Financially, the paper of course is not paying expenses. Each paper costs the Directory \$2.99 a year and we receive from our subscribers \$2.00. The loss is absorbed by the Directory. We are not at all alarmed by this situation and we very much doubt if any church periodical is paying expenses. The object is not to make money, but to circulate the news and make the people intelligent in regard to their church. Indirectly it is bringing into the church a great deal more money than it costs.

We appreciate very highly the co-operation of the President, ministers and laymen of the Conference. Our success depends so largely upon their co-operation and it is a pleasure to acknowledge that we have received it.

#### PRINTING DEPARTMENT

We have added in equipment during the year new machinery amounting to \$10,273.00, which gives us a plant at the present time that compares favorably with any in Baltimore, and gives us facilities for handling the largest kind of book work. We have purchased since starting this department machinery and equipment amounting to \$30,339.43.

The business in the printing plant has been increased gradually, but with our present facilities we can handle at least 40 per cent more work than we have at the present time.

There seems to be an opinion among many of the laymen that we confine our efforts exclusively to church work. This is not the case. We are equipped to handle all kinds of commercial work and we are at the present time turning out printing for a number of commercial houses in Baltimore. We wish to impress upon the business men of the Maryland Conference the fact that we are catering for a share of their printing business. We need their support.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BOOK DEPARTMENTS

These departments are our main source of revenue and we note with pleasure an increase in the sales for the year. Many changes have been made in the Sunday School literature and a new publication has been added for the use of the Primary Teacher. The periodicals are being

steadily improved under the new editor and many expressions from our Sunday Schools indicate that the new treatment in the lessons is being enthusiastically received. It is the aim of the Board to supply sufficient literature to meet the demands of our schools both in the Group Graded and Closely Graded Lesson Helps. There is now no reason why our schools should be using literature of other publishers.

We have experienced during the past six months considerable difficulty in receiving the literature in time to ship it to our Schools throughout this section of the church. The fault is not ours. The Sunday School literature is printed in Pittsburgh and does not reach us in time to be shipped. This has placed us in an embarrassing situation and we appeal to our people to be patient with us under the circumstances and not to hold us responsible.

With our new store we have been enabled to enlarge the facilities in our Book and Sunday School Supply Departments so that we are carrying at the present time a large assortment of books and requisites.

In addition we have added a Social Stationery Department which we hope will in a few years add materially to the income of our work. We are carrying in this Department a stock of the best stationery and can handle orders for all kinds of engraving, both social and commercial. We solicit the support and co-operation of our constituency in this new department.

We expected a considerable falling off in our sales, but for the past two months we are pleased to note a slight increase over our sales at the old location. We are of course putting forth greater efforts and spending more money to produce this business.

We are pleased to report a total volume of business handled by the Directory during the past year of \$165,922.94. This is an increase of \$13,935.19 over last year. With present prospects there is no reason why our business should not continue to grow and that our profits within the next three years will be considerably increased.

We submit for your careful consideration the financial reports attached, covering the receipts and expenditures, also assets and liabilities.

Rev. Frank T. Benson, D. D., Editor of The Methodist Protestant, still proves himself worthy of the honorable and responsible position to which the church has called him and steadily improves with experience and growing years.

Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., our industrious agent, continues to measure up to the ever increasing responsibilities of a growing business, thus proving himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Mr. C. Levine Price, our genial superintendent of the Printing Department, is proving himself more valuable all the time and continues to grow in favor with the printing public.

We record our appreciation of the services of all our employees.

This report would be incomplete and the Directory be guilty of a serious omission, did we not say to the members of this Conference, you

have been our right hand in all the work of the year, without your co-operation the business could not succeed. May we venture to ask your continued interests and patronage After all the work is yours—not ours. For all we are grateful to God and trust Him for the future.

G. W. HADDAWAY, President.

**THE BOOK DEPOSITORY**  
OF THE  
**METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH**  
516 N. Charles St, Baltimore, Md.

General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year ended  
February 28, 1925

**INCOME**

**Methodist Protestant:**

Sales .....	\$11,308.90		
Advertising .....	1,242.69		
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy.	1,242.12		
Commission and Discount.....	35.49		
Suspense Accts., collections over estimate .....	87.14	\$13,916.34	

Loss, Methodist Protestant..... 5,050.64

**Printing**

Sales .....	42,295.90		
Commission and Discount.....	470.38		
Waste Paper Sales.....	176.61		
Incompleted Orders, 2/28/25.....	246.13	43,189.02	\$57,105.36

Loss, Printing Department..... 905.01

Net loss Meth. Prot. & Printing... 5,955.65

Sunday School Periodicals—Sales..... 34,572.41

Profit, Sunday School periodicals 3,279.74

Merchandise — Sales .....	76,415.90		
Commission and Discount.....	485.91	76,901.81	

Profit, Merchandise ..... 4,258.66

Total Income ..... 168,579.58

Net Loss, Year Ended February 28, 1925, transferred to  
Capitol Account ..... 5,146.25

Total Income and Loss..... \$173,725.83

## EXPENDITURES

## Methodist Protestant

Paper .....	\$ 3,122.03		
Printing .....	8,840.00		
Salaries, (Proportion) .....	4,707.00		
Postage, Express and Freight.....	528.77		
Expense .....	947.26		
General Expense (1-3 total).....	821.92	18,966.98	

## Printing

Purchases Net .....	12,573.87		
Salaries .....	22,371.99		
Rent .....	1,275.00		
Expense .....	1,118.52		
Light and Power .....	755.43		
Insurance .....	481.00		
Interest .....	29.62		
Repairs, Machinery & Equipm't...	451.09		
Depreciation, Mach. & Equipm't..	3,033.94		
Depreciation, Fur. & Fix.....	35.79		
Moving Expense .....	1,611.18		
Invent. Incompleted orders 3 1 24	356.60	44,094.03	\$63,061.01

## Sunday School Periodicals

Purchases, Net .....	23,883.08		
Salaries, (Proportion) .....	4,500.00		
Postage, Express and Freight.....	1,022.14		
Expense .....	1,065.53		
General Expense (1-3 total).....	821.92	31,292.67	

## Merchandise

Purchases Net .....	54,993.93		
Salaries, (Proportion) .....	8,598.46		
Expense .....	6,394.35		
Postage, Express and Freight, outbound.....	991.59		
Postage, Express and Freight, inbound.....	492.64		
Advertising and Window Trimming.....	350.25		
General Expense (1-3 total) .....	821.93	72,643.15	

## Other Expenditures

Rent, Store and Office.....	4,541.63		
Interest .....	376.83		
Moving Expense .....	599.88		
Reserve for Bad Debts 3 1 25.....	374.73		
Less: Unused Balance 3 1 24.....	7.83	366.90	
Reserve, Depre., Office & Store Fur. & Fix	843.76	6,729.00	

Total Expenditures .....		\$173,725.83	
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# THE METHODIST PROTESTANT BOOK CONCERN

516 N. Charles St, Baltimore, Md.

Balance Sheet February 28, 1925

**ASSETS****Current Assets**

Cash .....		\$	570.66
Baltimore Post Office Deposit .....			27.00

**Accounts Receivable**

Customers' Accounts .....	\$18,736.49		
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts.....	374.73	18,361.76	
Suspense Accts, Methodist Protestant.....		315.40	
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant.....		107.99	18,785.15

**Inventories, Merchandise Stock on Hand**

Merchandise .....		24,339.21	
Sunday School Periodicals.....		748.07	
Materials, Printing .....		1,685.93	
Paper, Methodist Protestant .....		308.70	
Work in Process, Printing.....		246.13	
Discipline, (Cost to 2 28 25).....		831.57	28,159.61

Total Current Assets.....			47,542.42
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**Fixed Assets**

Printing Machinery & Equipment	30,339.43		
Less: Reserve for Depreciation....	8,630.88	21,708.55	

Printing Dept. Fur. & Fix.....	357.90		
Less Reserve for Depreciation.....	101.55	256.35	

Office & Store Fur. & Fix.....	8,437.60		
Less Reserve for Depreciation....	1,576.10	6,861.50	

Total Fixed Assets .....			28,826.40
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**Deferred Charges**

Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....	233.14		
Office Stationery and Supplies.....		431.51	

Total Deferred Charges.....			664.65
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Total Assets .....		\$	77,033.47
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## LIABILITIES

## Current Liabilities

Bills Payable .....		\$ 17,595.00
Accounts Payable		
Creditors' Accounts .....	16,338.80	
Subscribers, Meth. Prot., Cr.....	3,026.50	
Subscribers, Meth. Prot., Dr.....	2,862.66	163.84
Subscribers Sunday School Periodicals.....	591.64	17,094.28
Donations for Methodist Protestant Subscribers .....		12.63
Accrued Taxes .....		47.56
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Total Current Liabilities.....		34,749.47
Capital		
Capital, March 1, 1924.....	47,420.25	
Add		
Contributions during year.....	10.00	47,430.25
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Deduct		
Net loss for year Ended February 28, 1925, per Profit and Loss Statement.....	5,146.25	
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Net Worth .....		42,284.00
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Total Liabilities and Capital.....		\$ 77,033.47

## REPORT J

## COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

(See Journal, pages 31, 33)

After having considered all matters brought before it, your Committee on Young People's Work begs leave to submit the following recommendations.

1. That we express full confidence in Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, the General Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, and that we enthusiastically endorse the program of this Board as outlined by him.

2. That Winter Institutes, similar to those held in Baltimore and Wilmington, be held throughout the Conference District wherever possible; that the pastors of our churches give their hearty co-operation to these Institutes; that credits and grade given for work done be recognized by the Conference Union.

3. That the work of the Conference Union, in supporting two missionaries, Rev. Paul M. Cassen of India and Rev. C. S. Heininger of China, be approved, and that we give our hearty financial support through every Sunday School and every Christian Endeavor Society in the Conference.

4. Realizing the imperative need of funds to finance the great Summer Institute, such as we now have, we urge that all Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies send their dues to the Treasurer promptly, we recommend that all Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies pay two cents (2c) per member with a minimum rate of two dollars (\$2.00) and that Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies pay one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

5. That, inasmuch as the Maryland Sunday School Association is being reorganized under the general plan of the International Sunday School Council of Religious Education, providing for representatives from each participating denomination on the basis of Sunday School membership, we approve the plan and suggest that the President of the Maryland Annual Conference appoint the quota for said Conference.

6. That all our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies be urged to send representatives to our Summer Institute at Westminster, and that Rallies be held in the various districts giving publicity to the Institute and appealing to the young people for its support.

7. That the young people pledge their loyal support to the President of this Conference.

8. We endorse the program of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, which is the Friends of Christ Chart, and which is the accepted program of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Maryland Annual Conference. We urge its use by all of our Christian Endeavor Societies.

9. Inasmuch as the Field Secretary of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union, Mr. Carroll M. Wright is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church we express our confidence in him as a leader of the young people and pledge to him our loyal support in the work he is doing within the borders of our Conference.

10. That the first week of February be set apart as Young People's Week, at which time special recognition be given to the young people. At the close of the week, we suggest, that our pastors preach a special sermon to the young people calling for Life Work Recruits.

W. P. ROBERTS,  
E. W. SIMMS,  
THOS. C. MULLIGAN,  
C. F. JENNESS,  
WM. A. WHEATLEY, JR.,  
W. E. RITCHIE.

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

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear brethren—

The Maryland Conference Union of Young People's Work is the largest and perhaps the most important body of Methodist Protestants in the world. Its annual Summer Institute at Western Maryland College brings together the largest representative gathering of Methodist Protestant people ever assembled.

Its membership comprises the combined membership of all our Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor societies, and other young people's organizations. From its ranks, within a few years, will rise practically the entire leadership and working forces of all our churches the same for this Conference. Its failure will mean the failure of this Conference.

Our Institute of last summer was by far our largest in enrollment, and represented a larger number of churches than ever. Our registration was over 400. Twenty-two of our young people offered themselves for life work to the Methodist Protestant Church, while 28 offered their services for work in the local churches.

While I do not want to take up the time and space in this report to describe our Institute program of training classes, let me say, that our General Secretary, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, has prepared a four-year Standard Course for Christian workers, which we have now in operation at our annual Institute. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the efficient work of our General Secretary. He has become a great leader of thought in religious education in this country, and he is giving this Conference a liberal share of his time and aid in developing the leadership of our churches.

I am glad to report that the missionary zeal of our Union constituency is increasing continually. At our Institute last summer, five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was subscribed in addition to the regular offerings for our Union missionary, for the benefit of our work in China, and Japan. At a later meeting of our Executive Committee, just before the departure of Rev. Paul Cassan and wife for India, it was unanimously agreed that our Union add to its present missionary obligation, which includes the support of Rev. Chas. S. Heininger in China, the further support of Rev. Paul Cassan in India. So that now we have two foreign missionaries receiving their support from the Sunday schools and C. E. Societies of this Conference, besides a large number of life work recruits of whom, we believe, that more missionaries will be sent into the field, whenever the circumstances permit it.

The officers of this Union, together with the teachers at our annual Institute, are giving liberally of their time and energies, to this most important work of the church, of course, without any financial remuneration whatsoever. The churches of the Conference are deriving the full benefits of this work at little cost in money. I believe you will agree with me, that the work of these leaders in conducting its annual Institute and carrying on its various activities and details throughout the year is all that ought to be required of them. However, in addition to this, we have been compelled to procure the funds sufficient to conduct our work, by the expenditure of much time and energy that ought to have gone into the program directly. In spite of repeated action by this Conference, designed to afford sufficient financial support of the Union, I regret to say that many of our churches have ignored the Conference action entirely and thereby have greatly embarrassed us in our program.

In view of the very great importance of this work, I therefore request that the full financial support of this Union be placed into the budget for Maryland Conference Expenses, and that an amount of money estimated to be sufficient to conduct the annual Institute and other activ-

ities of this Union, determined by your committee on Young People's Work, and endorsed by the Conference, be added to the budget annually raised for Conference interests. As a means of raising this sum, I recommend that the Sunday schools and C. E. Societies continue as now to be responsible for this money, but crediting the same to the budget. This will work a hardship on no church, will relieve the faithful churches of a part of their financial burden, and secure more general observance of the Conference provision for this Union.

LEONARD B. SMITH, President.

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## REPORT K

# MORAL REFORM AND SOCIAL SERVICE

(See Journal, page 35)

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Tim. 3:1-5. "Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:12, 13.

"But if ye will not harken unto Me, to hallow the Sabbath day. . . then I will kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched." Jer. 17:27.

"Ye shall keep my Sabbath and reverence my sanctuary. I am the Lord." Lev. 19:30.

"Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery: And whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." Luke 16:18. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exd. 20:14.

We have given the above Scripture because we believe the Word of God is law, the only safe rule of conduct, and it has not been repealed. We believe it high time to call the people back to the plain paths their fathers trod: We believe it time to give the Bible the place of honor in our homes, and should be read in the class-room of every public school; We believe it time to re-enthroned modesty in dress and deportment in the home and on the street: We believe it time to demand decency on the the stage and on the screen: We believe it time that somebody be held responsible for non-enforcement of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead act: We believe it time to renew the sacredness of the Lord's Day. A general disregard for the sacredness of the Sabbath-day and law enforcement are the most alarming signs of the times. Sunday golf, baseball, and various other field games, moving pictures in Washington, D. C.,

selling of merchandise and real estate are common desecrations. Social and political evils abound.

The officers of the law have become their interpreter instead of their enforcer, making them null and void. The real existence of hundreds of saloons in our cities, we lay the responsibility at the door of the chief of police, which in Maryland is the Governor, who absolutely refuses to enforce the laws he has sworn to uphold. We also charge Gov. Ritchie, Mayor Jackson and the Park Board of the City of Baltimore, with a persistent and determined effort to break down the laws that safeguard the sanctity of the Lord's day, by turning our Parks into Sunday play-grounds, changing God's holy-day into a holiday.

We regard the nefarious race-track gambling as one of the most flagrant evils of the day and feel a keen sense of shame that such an evil should be tolerated in our beloved state of Maryland.

We deplore the growing laxity in our marriage laws, and the increasing number of divorces which are granted every year in this nation, as well as the ease with which they may be obtained. In Maryland in 1924 there was one divorce for every six marriages, and 156 divorces were issued in Baltimore on one day.

We regret that the press of Baltimore is usually found on the wrong side of every moral question, and are swift to champion the cause of the liquor gang, the race-track iniquity, a continental Sabbath, Sunday movies and kindred evils.

Surely there is much to be done. What we can do we certainly should do. Some things must be done soon, or the Church will be helpless before the growing forces of sin and wickedness. These are "Perilous days." They call for militant action.

Realizing the vital importance of an aroused Lord's Day Conscience, we heartily endorse the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance and recommend:

1st. That all our Churches and Sunday Schools make this program a part of their work.

2nd. That every Church and Sunday School of our Conference take one of the memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance.

3rd. That our President be requested to name four District Lord's Day Committees according to the arrangement adopted by our Conference last year, of which he shall be chairman, to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in putting on this program in the several districts.

4th. That this Conference name a member of the Lord's Day Alliance Educational Committee.

We endorse the Anti-Saloon League as an effective force and agent of the Church, and pledge to it and its Superintendent Dr. Crabbe our prayers and hearty support in the common fight against the diabolical rum evil.

We recommend that Dr. R. L. Shipley and Dr. Louis Randall be appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland.

We also desire to commend Representative Weer of Delaware for championing the Dry cause in that state, making the possession of any amount of liquor an unlawful act.

We desire to commend Senator C. R. Ridgely of Delaware for the courage, in introducing a bill to annul the divorce law of that state.

We desire to commend Senator Virden of Delaware for the passage of a bill compelling the reading of the Bible in the public school, with a fine for its omission.

We commend the Federal Court of Baltimore for meting out justice impartially to all violators of the liquor law.

We commend Brig-Gen. Milton A. Reckord, Maryland Guards, for cancelling all Sunday polo games.

We recommend that this conference officially communicate with all the above mentioned persons, assuring them we are with them, and heartily commend them for their courage and work.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.  
H. O. KEEN, Secretary.  
GEO. A. MORRIS,  
J. T. NORRIS,  
J. T. YOUNG.

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## REPORT L

# COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

(See Journal, page 36)

Your Committee reports that only the papers referring to the Deaconess Work have been before us.

We record our pleasure in the statement of the Board of Managers that a payment of \$1,200.00 has been paid on the debt during the year, which leaves a balance of only \$500.00.

We commend the Board for their wise and economical management.

We report that the terms of Mrs. W. C. Shriver, Mrs. Rose Beebe, Messrs. A. W. Beam, A. W. Richmond, and Rev. Edgar T. Read expired this session of the Annual Conference, and their successors are to be elected.

In conformity with the recommendation of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Work; we recommend

1. That the Sunday preceeding the sessions of the Young People's Institute at Westminster be set apart as a special day when the interests of the Deaconess Work shall be laid on the hearts of our people and that earnest efforts be made to secure recruits for the same.

2. That a place be given on the program of the Young People's Institute at Westminster for the presentation of the Deaconess Work, and that opportunity be given our young women to make their decision for this line of Christian service.

3. That the appropriation of \$2,500.00 be continued for another year.

Your Committee would again call attention to the excellent work of

the Maryland Tract Society and the Maryland Bible Society, and earnestly commend them to the hearty co-operation of all our churches.

While no papers have been 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 the different enterprises of our Conference still we desire to express our grateful appreciation of their valued co-operation. We call the attention of all our churches to the appeal of the Near East Relief and urge their generous support as far as possible.

E. T. READ,	DR. E. B. FENBY,
C. M. COMPHER,	DR. W. G. MONROE,
CLAYBORNE PHILLIPS,	H. C. GRIMES.

## REPORT OF THE DEACONESS BOARD

To the Members of the Maryland Conference.

Another year of the Deaconess Work has come to a close. Financially the year has been a good one. By economical management, with what the Conference Treasurer will turn over to the Treasurer of the Deaconess Board at this session, the total indebtedness of one year ago, amounting to Seventeen Hundred Dollars (\$1700.00) will be reduced Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) or leave only Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) debt; and that sum the last payment on an original mortgage of Three Thousand Dollar (\$3000.00) with a property worth at least Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9000.00). This is a fine showing.

The Board wishes it could say as much for the success of the work in other directions. There is no question as to either the need or merits of the Deaconess Work as such; there is only one real problem in connection with the same. That problem is more Deaconesses of high quality of heart, mental and physical equipment. This problem is the problem of every charge and pastor of this Conference, and not alone that of the Deaconess Board, your servants.

Miss Waples resigned to become the Mistress of the Manse, and Miss Beech, upon the advice of her physician, resigned on account of a nervous breakdown; leaving us at present only four (4) Deaconesses with whom to meet the demands for three times as many.

There has been one accord between the Board of Managers and the special Committee appointed by this Conference a year ago, to review the whole matter of Deaconess Work. Both the Board and Committee have only one aim—the success of the work. There has also been a delightful fellowship within the Board of Managers, and among the Deaconesses as well.

The terms of Mrs. W. C. Shriver, Mrs. Rose Beebe, Messrs. A. W. Beam, A. W. Richards, and Rev. Edgar T. Read expire at this session of the Annual Conference, and their successors are to be elected.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Annual Conference set apart a special day, when the claims of the Deaconess Work shall be laid upon the hearts of our people, and that the said efforts to recruit the Deaconess ranks be headed by the President of this Conference, with power to appoint such help as

he may deem wise. In this way we have taken care of the Superannuate Fund, the Methodist Protestant, the Home for the Aged, and other important interests of this Conference from time to time. Why not in the same fashion consider the Deaconess Work, and thus take hold of the same with strong hands.

2. We recommend that the present assessment of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) be continued for another year. It is physically impossible to run the Home on a less amount. The treasurer's report, which speaks for itself, is herewith attached.

Respectfully submitted by the

Deaconess Board,

G. W. HADDAWAY, President.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF DEACONESS HOME

### RECEIPTS

Balance in April, 1924.....	\$ 813.64
Received from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer of Conference.....	1,746.82
Deaconess Services during year.....	406.83
From donations, loans, etc.....	800.85
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	\$3,768.14

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Board.....	\$1,040.00
Paid for Salaries .....	1,020.00
Baker, Watts & Co.....	500.00
Coal, Gas, Electricity, Telephone, etc.....	1,062.07
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	\$3,622.07
Balance .....	\$ 146.07

W. A. MELVIN, Treasurer.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK

(See Journal, page 27, 33)

Your committee for the Study of Deaconess Work has enjoyed the cordial co-operation of the Deaconess Board in the prosecution of its inquiry. The Board has manifestly wished to give all the assistance possible for gaining a full knowledge of our Deaconess enterprise looking to any improvement that might be suggested. The work of the Board this year has been conducted with care and its financial report is gratifying.

This committee was directed by the last Annual Conference to make three definite investigations, to determine (1) "The real need of the district for such (deaconess) work; (2) the outstanding needs of the work as it now functions; and (3) the methods proven successful by other denominations that may be adaptable to our needs and resources."

Each of these inquiries was assigned to a sub-committee for study



and report. Manifestly the first is primary in importance, and among other means used to determine our need for such work, a questionnaire was sent to the pastors of the Conference. Very full, indeed almost complete, returns were made, the consensus of opinion being favorable to the deaconess idea.

The outstanding difficulty in the work has been to secure and retain deaconesses. Our Church is not peculiar in this regard. Others to a degree experience the same difficulty. Your committee believes we may hardly expect to induce capable young women to enter this work unless the prospect for usefulness is greater than that offered in merely canvassing communities to learn their religious character. We believe the deaconess should be given opportunity to discover and to meet the need for her services, and this cannot be done by only a few weeks' stay in each community, nor without adequate training preparatory to entering upon the deaconess work.

We, therefore, recommend:

1st. That our deaconess work be continued.

2nd. That candidates for the diaconate be given at least two year' training such as that provided by the Lutheran Mother House School in Baltimore, and the Methodist Episcopal Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School in Washington.

3rd. That candidates be definitely sought through the Church. Those accepted for their own sakes as well as for the sake of the Church should give evidence of physical, mental, and spiritual qualification. They should be old enough to make life decision and young enough to take readily the required training. A High School education is desirable; ability to speak English correctly is essential. We believe it important to make the six months' probationary period effective and that qualifications for further candidature be passed upon at the end of that period.

It should be understood that deaconesses remain in the work for life. In case of resignation within five years, except for ill health, they should feel morally bound to reimburse the Church for the cost of their training.

4th. That the home at 2512 N. Charles Street be kept open provided there are a sufficient number of persons in it (say eight) to justify the expense. In this case, your committee earnestly recommends that a mature competent woman be appointed executive of both this home and the deaconess work. This superintendent would, of course, have the assistance of appropriate committees of the Board in her responsibilities, but it is vitally important that she be able to command and retain the respect of those with whom she is associated.

In case there should not be the required eight, the number to justify keeping the home open, we recommend that it be temporarily closed and rented, suitable provision being made by the Board for those who at the time of closing remain in the home. (Action on this section was postponed until next Conference.)

5th. That the present deaconesses take the training herein recommended if the Board so decides.

6th. As one means of meeting the responsibility of the Church to

care for deaconesses in old age, we recommend to the Board the consideration of some form of insurance.

7th. We discover that a relatively large number of young women are manifesting interest in preparation for religious work, thought not as deaconesses. We recommend that this interest be encouraged and if at all possible, the Deaconess Board offer assistance for such training.

W. H. LITSINGER,  
J. H. STRAUGHN,  
W. H. HODGES,  
GEO. W. DEXTER, JR.,  
W. G. MUNROE.

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## REPORT M

### COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

(See Journal, page 38)

The personal report of each minister has been examined and passed. One minister of the conference, Rev. Thomas Turkington, failed to report. Rev. C. M. Kelsner re-enters the conference with the transfer given him by the President of this conference to the Illinois Conference on the 8th day of October 1923.

According to these reports we find that 21 pastors have given a negative reply to the following questions:

"Is your Board of Trustees Incorporated?" So far as this applies to the churches in Virginia, they cannot be incorporated as the laws of that State prohibit it. We find that according to these reports 20 charges did not supply disciplines to the newly admitted members. We also find that 20 charges did not elect a Lady Visitor to the Church Home.

The Secretary of the Board of Education has submitted a list of the names of the men indebted to the Board. We find that quite a number have not met their obligations. Your committee desires to call sharp attention to the fact that a number of the ministers are indebted to the Educational Fund, some of them as long as 25 years. This ought not to be, because it militates against the man himself, his personal influence, and deprives the Board of the use of this money to loan to other students. We venture the assertion that if this money was due to an individual, instead of to a special fund for the Cause of God, most of it would have been paid long ago.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend the loan of Rev. T. R. Woodford to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.
2. We recommend that Rev. W. L. Hoffman be loaned to the Board of Home Missions.
3. We recommend that Rev. J. R. Wright be continued as chaplain in the United States Army.

4. We recommend that Rev. Paul F. Warner be loaned to the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration.
5. We recommend that Rev. Paul M. Cassen be loaned to the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration.
6. We recommend that the request of Rev. Klein K. Haddaway that he be left without an appointment to attend school be granted.

The Conference hereby expresses its appreciation of the many courtesies shown by the pastor and the Entertainment Committee of this church as well as the splendid hospitality of the members and friends of the church during the session of this conference.

We also express our thanks to the Baltimore Press and Wilmington Press for granting us space in its columns in reporting the activities of the conference.

We express thanks to the Burrows Adding Machine and Underwood Typewriter Company for use of machines.

We report that 42 charges and 8 churches are on the Honor Roll having paid 100 per cent or more of the assessments. They are as follows: Bethesda, Brooklyn, North Baltimore, East Baltimore, Edmondson Avenue, Eutaw, Linthicum Heights, Starr, St. John's, Trinity (Baltimore), Violetville, West Baltimore, Baltimore Circuit, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Caroline Circuit, Chestertown, Deer Park, Delta, Denton, Greenbush and Tasley, First Church (Newark), Indian River, Lewes, Lynchburg, New Church, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, St. James, Texas, Union Bridge; Washington: Congress Street, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Tabor, North Carolina Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue; First Church, Wilmington; Peninsula, West Wilmington; Taylor Memorial, Westminster.

The eight churches are as follows: Hebron and Providence on Union Charge, Stewartstown church on Stewartstown Charge, and Fairview on Mapleside and Fairview charge, Hopewell on Susquehanna, Brookville on Howard Charge, Mt. Gilead on Finksburg Charge, Brandenburg of Carroll Circuit.

The charges paying more than 50 per cent of assessments last year and having dropped more than 25 per cent this year are as follows: Calvary (Virginia), Chincoteague, Fairfax, Hawley Memorial, Snow Hill Circuit and South Baltimore.

The following charges have paid less than 50 per cent of assessments this year: Accomac, Amelia, Chesaco Park, Evergreen, Glenburnie, Grace, Graceland Park, Keen Memorial, St. Paul's, Wilton Heights, Bedford, Belair, Bivalve, Cannon, Centreville, Chincoteague, Clayton, Concord, Conquest, Lawsonia, Mariners, Crompton, First Church (Cumberland), Fairfax, Fawn Grove, Felton, Franklin City, Grove, Harbison, Harper's Ferry, Harrington, Kemptown, Laurel Circuit, Dover and Leipsic, Lewistown, Liberty, Lisbon, Mardela, Milford, Mt. Nebo, Newmarket, Nichols Memorial, Northumberland, Tioga Heights, Powellville, Quantico, Reliance, Rowlandville, Salem, Snow Hill, St. Michael's, Trinity, Tyreanna, Warwick, Cherrydale, Walker's Chapel, Whaleyville.

Special attention is called to section 13 on page 25 of the 1924

discipline which is as follows: "Should any pastor fail or neglect to make an honest effort to collect the amount of assessment apportioned to his charge, he shall be reprimanded; and for the second neglect he shall be left with out an appointment."

J. M. GILL,  
R. Y. NICHOLSON,  
J. W. BAXLEY,  
J. H. WOLF,  
F. W. WHITAKER.

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## REPORT N

# COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

(See Journal, page 29)

We have considered, carefully and with keenest pleasure, such reports as the various missionary boards and organizations have submitted to us, and feel the Conference and the churches should be greatly cheered by the remarkable evidence of God's continued care of the work during the year under the wise and untiring management of the specially selected men and women to whom this great enterprise has been committed.

Though the response of the church to the appeal for the relief of our Japanese brethren and the restoration of mission property damaged and destroyed by the great earthquake was spontaneous and most gratifying there was not that large ultimate practical response the Union Board of Foreign Mission Administration had hoped for. It is true that great things have been done, but the opportunity is so great that our joy is tinged with sadness when we realize how inadequate the vision of so large a portion of our churches.

We are delighted by the continued growth of our Nagoya College both in numbers and in Christian influence. The students have contributed so largely to the material development of the College that we urge a prompt response in kind from our home churches. There should be no further delay in meeting our obligations already incurred and the prompt generous response to the magnificent challenge of this wonderful body of Japanese youth. Many of us living will see a remarkable manifestation of the power of God in this great school.

Indeed the entire work in Japan is most encouraging. The missionaries recently sent to this field, including our own Paul F. Warner, a brilliant and consecrated apostle, will greatly strengthen this work. This great work has the sympathy and prayers of our people. It must have also, and that right promptly, a greater outpouring of their money.

Dr. C. S. Heininger on furlough from our mission in Kagan, China, and those earnest women who visited the field give most inspiring reports of the results already achieved and fill us with an abiding faith in the future of the mission. We feel that special praise should be accorded Rev. C. G. Soderbom and Dr. Roberta Fleagle, and all those who have

carried on during Dr. Heininger's absence. With Mr. Horace Williams and Miss Maude Lawson on the field and the return of Dr. Heininger we anticipate a glorious ingathering at Kalgan. The winning of this great people to our Christ is the only hope, as we see it, for peace on earth and joy in heaven for our own civilization.

Despite the great loss to the work of India because of the death of that holy woman of God, Miss Mattie Long, and the disaffection and going away of Miss Williams, the two consecrated women, who, under God, are responsible for our church having a work in Dhulia, the reports are most encouraging. Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Minnis, both young, enthusiastic, consecrated, sent to the field about three years ago, and our own Paul M. Cassen and his young wife, sent during this Conference year, as well as the other missionaries serving in various capacities, are wonderfully pushing the work of our Lord and Saviour for India.

The Methodist Protestant Church has sent nine missionaries to the foreign field this Conference year. Four of these have a peculiar claim upon us for they are the children of this Conference. Rev. Paul M. Cassen and wife to India, Rev. Paul F. Warner to Japan, and Miss Maude Lawson going out from and supported by our Newark Church, to China. Two of our missionaries finished their furloughs and returned to the field with physical health renewed and with even greater enthusiasm for Christ. This makes eleven in all.

The Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration created by the last general Conference has more than fulfilled the most sanguine anticipations of the Board's concerned.

The fortieth anniversary of the introduction of the Children's Day Service by Dr. F. T. Tagg should be commemorated with great enthusiasm this year. The program is of unusual merit and we strongly commend it. We highly commend the efforts of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The collections have reached the splendid sum of \$11,244.16, which is an increase of over 46 per cent. They have also made great increase in membership and new organizations.

The various Home Missionary Boards have made very encouraging reports. They have raised more money and pushed a larger number of worthy enterprises than in any previous year.

Believing that the time is inopportune and doubtful of the ability of bringing the most praiseworthy enterprise of a Girls' Home in Baltimore to a successful conclusion, your Committee with regret withholds its endorsement of the proposed Home.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed in each church to have charge of the centennial celebration of our denomination authorized by the General Conference with especially purpose of making our missionary enterprises worthy of our great traditions.

We recommend also that more time be allowed in the Conference program for the discussion of our missionary enterprises.

S. F. CASSEN,  
T. R. WOODFORD,  
B. F. RULEY,

T. A. MYERS,  
ROWLAND WATTS, Sect.,  
MRS. FANNIE HAY.

## WASHINGTON AND VIRGINIA BRANCH WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Pres., Mrs. H. E. Risler, 511 A St., S. E., Washington, D. C.  
Corres. Sect'y., Mrs. M. M. King, 3114 N St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

Treas., Mrs. W. M. Gates, 215 5th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Record Agt., Mrs. S. W. Finch, R. I. Ave. Church.

Sect'y. Young People's Wing, Mrs. R. C. Laurenson, First Church.

Sect'y. Life Memorial and Perpetual Members, Miss Mary Dodge,  
N. C. Ave. Church.

Sect'y. Scholarship, Mrs. R. C. Hess.

Sect'y. Temperance Work, Mrs. H. E. Risler.

Sect'y. Thank Offering, Mrs. W. A. Miller.

Sect'y. City Missions, Mrs. W. H. Richard.

Sect'y. Leper Work, Mrs. H. E. Risler.

Sect'y. Buds of Hope, Mrs. E. C. Darcey.

We do a great deal of work around the City every Thursday. Some of our ladies go to City Mission to sew and do anything that is necessary to do; one of our Auxiliary supports a child from the Mission, and have parties for them and in many ways entertain them, and do a great deal of local work there. We are very much interested in the Leper Work. We have a meeting every month, 2nd Friday, beginning in November, and ending in May.

Total number of active members, 159. Auxiliaries, 7. We have one new perpetual member, one new life member. We have held our Branch Meetings regularly. Our Budget for the year is \$950.00. We raised \$954.00. We have succeeded in having a Young People's Auxiliary in First Church.

Respectfully,

MRS. MARY M. KING, Corres. Sect'y.

## MARYLAND BRANCH WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Report for 1924-1925

The year now coming to a close has been marked by success and progress along all lines. Our work has been to aid in the support of Pine Ridge, Pittsburgh Mission, Bethel Home, Foreign Work in Ohio, the Children's Home in N. C., and to raise a fund toward the establishment of a business girls' Home in Baltimore. Last year we gave to Pine Ridge \$2500, \$1600 to the girls' home fund, \$50 to Pittsburgh Mission, \$25 to Bethel Home, \$100 to Ohio foreign work and \$25 to the Children's Home.

Our budget this year was \$4500, Total receipts for the year were \$5849.11. Last Christmas, Maryland Branch sent Dr. Woodford \$208.50 to be used toward a radio for the school. All of the workers also at our various stations were remembered by gifts of money.

The total adult membership for this year is 1744, and last year it was 1658, making an increase of 86, with 58 adult auxiliaries and 15 young people's societies, with 305 members.

The Board of Directors of the Business Girls' Home has authorized the purchase of a home to be used for this purpose. The committee appointed to look for a site has a piece of property in view, and it is hoped to start this Home in Baltimore very shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. J. HEATH, Corres. Sect'y.

MARYLAND BRANCH  
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

March 30th, 1925

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—It is with hearts full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father "the giver of every good and perfect gift" that the Maryland Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Submits its report for the past year.

We rejoice that our very own sons and daughters of Maryland have heard the call to larger service in the Foreign Field. This is the victory of Faith and Prayer and Consecration. For the first time in her history Maryland Branch has 2 of her very own in the Foreign work cared for by herself.

To the going out of these fine young people this year we attribute our marvelous increase in interest and enthusiasm. We have just closed the most successful year in our history. Reports of each Department showed marked improvement.

Miss Maude Lawson, a fine type of consecrated womanhood, a member of First Church, Newark, N. J., is now in the Language School in Peking, preparing for her work as Evangelistic Missionary in Kalgan, China. She is entirely supported by her own church Auxiliary, a part of Maryland Branch.

Rev. Paul M. Cassen and wife are at Dhulia, India, and Rev. Paul F. Warner is in the Language School in Tokyo, Japan. When he has completed the Language Study he will teach in Nagoya College. In a peculiar way he is our very own, being the son of our Maryland Branch President, as well as being supported by the Maryland Branch. His successful work at home gives us hope for larger results in Japan.

(Statistics)

Japan.

5 Scholarships at .....	\$ 75.00	\$375.00
2 Scholarship, Union College, Tokyo.....		125.00
5 Native Workers.....	125.00	625.00
1 Native worker .....	132.00	132.00
1 Native Worker.....	240.00	240.00

China.			
	7 Scholarships .....	50.00	350.00
	1 Married Woman's Scholarship.....		50.00
	1 Native Worker .....		150.00
India.			
	24 Scholarships .....	35.00	840.00
	1 Training School Scholarship.....		100.00
	1 Native Worker .....		75.00
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			\$3,062.00

Have added 12 Memorial, 18 Life and 1 Perpetual member this year.

(Young People's Work)

18 Precious Jewel Societies, 6 Sunshine Circles, 3 Mission Clubs, 3 Young Women's Missionary Societies, with a total membership of 411. Money raised by these Societies, \$363.00.

We have added 7 Auxiliaries this year, making a total of 60 Auxiliaries.

2610 members on roll. A gain of 362 members.

Receipts for the year, \$11,244.16.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. F. WARNER, Pres.

MRS. H. M. LEAS, Cor. Sec.

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

### Washington, Virginia Branch

President—Mrs. C. C. Harris.

Cor. Sect'y—Mrs. J. P. Dodge, 1908 First St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

Treas.—Mrs. M. M. King, 3114 N St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Total Number Active Members .....	166
Total Number of Honorary Members.....	9
Total Number of Life Members .....	3
Total Number of Memorial Members .....	16
No. of Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Record.....	37
No. of Auxiliaries .....	7

### Financial Report

Budget (Number of Shares) 25; Amt. raised .....\$614.62

Money sent to Executive Treasurer:

Scholarships—

Japan

India .....\$195.70

China

Bible Women —

Japan ..... 15.00

India ..... 26.00



## Native Teachers—

Japan .....	15.00
China .....	20.00
Total Money For Dues .....	175.40
Total Money For Contingent Fund .....	16.28
Total Money For Y. P. Societies (Precious Jewels).....	8.60
Total Money For Thank Offering .....	47.09
Total Money For All Other Purposes.....	95.55
Total .....	\$614.62

MRS. BLANCHE P. DODGE, Cor. Secty.

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 REPORT O

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED

(See Journal, page 26)

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

This year there has been a marked increase in the interest and attention given the Home. This has found expression in the number of visitors to the Home. Again we have noted with great satisfaction that a number, who are not Methodist Protestants, are among the donors and visitors.

We hope this will get the attention of all the people of our own church and stimulate more of them to participate in this beautiful charity.

The Home visitation day at the last Summer Conference was the largest and best we have yet had, and was a marked increase in both attendance and financial results.

We recommend that the same plan be adopted by the Summer Conference and Young People's Convention for this year and that each pastor of the Conference try to plan for the lady visitor from his church to be present at the Home on that day.

We feel that a larger amount should have been asked for in the Campaign for the Home for the Aged this Conference year to meet the requirements of the situation, but wish to express our great satisfaction that the amount asked for was exceeded by a substantial amount. We hope this will be even greater, so that the special needs at this time may be met. The endowment is still far below what it should be.

So far approximately \$12,000 has been pledged and \$7625 paid.

We recommend that the assessment for the Home for the ensuing year be \$6000.00.

We recommend that all Methodist Protestants visiting in or near Westminster make it a point to visit the Home, and that churches within reach plan visitations to it at least once a year and more when possible.

We recommend that the names of the Lady visitors of each church be included in the pastor's annual information blank, so that this information may be available to our secretary.

We also recommend that Regulation VII, page 165 Conference Minutes 1924, be rewritten to read as follows:

"Regulation VII, HOME FOR THE AGED. 1 Every charge shall elect or appoint a Lady Visitor from each church on the charge, where there is more than one appointment, and that the duties of this representative be defined as follows: She shall be expected to maintain a sympathetic understanding of the Home in her church; to visit the Home whenever convenient; to co-operate with the Board of Lady Superintendents in securing special donation of money, food and supplies, and so far as possible to promote the interests of the Home in her local church."

Realizing that there is some confusion and misunderstanding as to the duties and status of the Board of Lady Visitors, we recommend that the name "Board of Lady Visitors" be changed to "Board of Superintendents" as distinguishing the seven active members in Westminster from the Lady Visitors of the Churches throughout the Conference; and that Article VII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Constitution and By-laws be so changed as to carry out the above recommendation, and that a new section be added defining the duties of the Lady Superintendents.

J. L. NICHOLS,  
GEO. E. BENSON,  
J. EARL CUMMINGS,  
ALFRED ZOLLIKOFFER,  
C. K. McCASLIN,  
J. M. GRIMES.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

In submitting our annual report for the Home for the Aged, we respectfully call your attention to the expiration of the terms of four members of the Board of Managers, with this Conference of 1925, namely Rev. S. F. Cassen, Dr. L. B. Smith, Mr. T. A. Murray and Mr. Milton A. Zollickoffer. These vacancies should be filled at this session.

We request that the annual appropriation of \$6,000 be continued same as last year.

We recommend that the names of the Lady Visitors of each church be included in the pastor's annual report blank, so that this information may be available to our secretary.

We also recommend that Regulation VII, page 165, Conference Minutes 1924, be rewritten to read as follows:

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so far as possible to promote the interests of the Home in her local church."

We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the generous response accorded the \$10,000 campaign for additional endowment, and our joy in finding it oversubscribed. The income from this will aid materially in maintaining the Home. Our endowment, however is still far below where it should be and we respectfully ask pastors and laymen to call the attention of their members to this opportunity whenever practicable.

The report of the treasurer sets forth fully our financial situation and the report of the secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents covers details of administration.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MATHER, Pres. Board of Managers

Maryland Annual Conference,  
Methodist Protestant Church,  
Hampden, Maryland.

Sirs:—

I herewith submit my annual report of receipts and disbursements of the Home for the Aged of the M. P. Church at Westminster, Maryland for the year ending March 15th, 1925, as follows.

Balance on hand at close of year March 15th, 1924.....	\$ 220.46
Amount received from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.....	5,774.30
Amount received from C. P. Nowlin Conf. Treas., Special.....	153.93
Amount received from Lady Board of Managers.....	124.24
Amount received from Friends .....	6.67
Amount received from Different churches in district.....	317.93
Amount borrowed from Union National Bank of Westminster	
During year to take care of expenses over and above cash	
received .....	1,100.00
<b>Total amount of receipts .....</b>	<b>\$7,697.53</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Amount expended for supplies for the table.....	\$3,236.30
Amount expended for labor of all kinds.....	1,850.00
Amount expended for general running expenses.....	1,824.31
Amount expended for upkeep, supplies and interest.....	756.77
Balance on hand at close of year March 15th, 1925.....	30.15

**Total amount of disbursements .....**7,697.53

I also beg to report that we have an invested fund in hand amounting to \$27,328.87, appraised value, which amount represents bequests left to the Home by deceased friends as an endowment fund, and these securities have been appraised by an auditing committee appointed by the President, and a copy of their report is hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

We the undersigned committee appointed by the president to examine the accounts of Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer of the Home for the Aged of the M. P. Church of Westminster Maryland, beg to report that they they have performed that duty to the best of their ability, and find his accounts correct in every respect and supported by the proper vouchers. We also examined the securities belonging to the Home and find them intact and correct as listed and reported.

GEO. MATHER,  
J. L. NICHOLS,  
O. S. HERR.

Report of the Secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents to the Annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged of the Methodist Protestant Church.

March 17, 1925.

The Board is happy to report that the affairs of the Home are running along very smoothly at the present time. We have under our care twenty-one of the Aged of our Church. To provide for their comfort it is necessary to have a matron, nurse, cook, and assistant; making twenty-four in our family.

Considering the advanced age of many of the Old Folks we have had no unusual amount of sickness during the year. Two of the ladies, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Duhurst, are great sufferers, and have been confined to their rooms under the care of our physician and nurse for many weeks at a time. Mr. and Mrs. Rosen each had a serious operation performed at a Baltimore hospital and are much improved in health.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Thos. Simpson: a fine, christian gentleman, who never gave us any trouble. He died November 25th, aged 86 years.

One applicant was admitted: Miss Mary L. Marley, a member of West Baltimore Church.

The annual Donation and Visitors' Day was held August first, and was a great success socially, financially and in the matter of attendance. More Lady Visitors attended than ever before. They cheered us by their presence and the large gifts of money they had solicited to help us in our efforts to provide comfort and happiness for our Old Folks.

We suggested in our report last year that friends should bring their gifts, not send them; and the response was beyond our expectations. Fifteen Churches and organizations of the Churches visited the Home in groups of ten to fifty; bringing their gifts and their talents for the entertainment and pleasure of those in the Home. Many of the rural Churches near Westminster came in a body when they brought their donations, gave an entertainment and treated all present to cake and lemonade. The college girls came weekly to visit and sing songs; the Seminarians held services weekly; Sunday School classes of girls in our Westminster Church gave most enjoyable afternoon entertainments, and young people came from one of our Baltimore Churches at Christmas time to sing the carols.

On such occasions, we were embarrassed for lack of space in any of the rooms to accommodate the visitors and the Home family. We also felt the need of a new instrument for the music.

We have only an old time organ which is almost worn out and we feel that there surely is someone in the Maryland Conference who will give us a new piano and the money to build either a large living room, or to enlarge one of the present ones to seat sixty or seventy-five people. We have faith in the generosity of Methodist Protestants, and believe when a need is understood and explained to them, they will respond. For instance we have not had to buy potatoes since we made the appeal in the Church paper, and have always had more than enough money to provide for the annual Christmas treat.

The donations were numerous and suitable to the needs of the Home. They consisted of provisions of every kind for the pantry and many things that added to the comfort and pleasure of the Old Folks; such as, books, furniture, clothing and a fine Radio. We are indebted to Dr. Benson for securing funds for the radio through the Methodist Protestant and friends of the Home. It is a source of great pleasure to all, especially to those who cannot go to Church at all, and to those who cannot go out in bad weather.

Fifty-eight Churches and many individuals sent donations. Many Churches sent three and four times during the year; that is, the several different organizations in the Church sent separate donations, which are all credited to the Church. The following Churches sent donations:—Harper's Ferry, Christ Church, Baltimore; Central, Evergreen, Powellville, Hawley Memorial, Milton, N. Baltimore, Atlantic, First Church, Wilmington; St. Lukes, Rhode Island Ave., Georgetown, Del.; Finksburg, Parksley, Mt. Gilead, Deer Park, Denton, New Market, Wattsville, Parkton, Zion, Roby, Brandenburg, Sandyville, Providence, Uniontown, Laurel, Stewartstown, Chestertown, Lynch, Norrisville, Pittsville, Harmony Charge of W. Va.; Georgetown, D. C.; Dover, St. Paul's Baltimore; Ruthsburg, Mt. Hermon, St. James, Worton, Mt. Lebanon, Newark, Greenwood, Pocomoke, Starr, West Baltimore, Eutaw, Grace of Baltimore; N. Carolina Ave., St. John's, Hampden, Alnutt Memorial, Taylor Memorial, Salem, Crisfield, Brookville, Harmony Grove, and the Y. W. C. A. of Western Maryland College.

All donations were acknowledged promptly, except two, that had no clue to the shipper's name. We urge all Churches to mark their donations plainly with name of shipper, from what Church or organization, and on what Charge.

Following is a brief report of moneys received from all sources and expenditures of same:

Cash on hand March 1, 1924.....	\$426.49
Receipts: Cash Donations .....	\$270.67
Sale of Rug .....	3.00
Sale of Sweet Potatoes.....	6.10
Refund on freight .....	4.14
Offering at Group meeting.....	27.00

Contribution Box .....	10.59	
Net receipts on Visitors' Day.....	182.06	503.56
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Total .....		\$930.05
Disbursements: For Lavatory.....	\$ 15.66	
Hardwood floor in hall.....	78.00	
To Men's Board for supplies.....	124.24	
Five Cemetery lots.....	250.00	
Toilet, 3rd floor.....	114.41	
Christmas Treat .....	39.81	
Freight and hauling .....	8.06	
Radio .....	6.15	
Miscellaneous Supplies .....	20.24	656.57
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Balance in Bank March 1st, 1925.....		\$273.48

Realizing that there is some confusion and misunderstanding as to the duties and status of the Board of Lady Visitors, we recommend that the name "Board of Lady Visitors" be changed to "Board of Lady Superintendents," as distinguishing the seven active members in Westminster from the Lady Visitors of the Churches throughout the Conference; and that Article VII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Constitution and By-laws be so changed as to carry out the above recommendation, and that a new section be added defining the duties of the Lady Visitors.

We regret to report that Mrs. Billingslea has resigned the Presidency of the Ladies' Board, and we wish to express our appreciation of her faithful and able leadership in all our deliberations of the past ten years. The Board reorganized March 11, as follows:—

Mrs. Denton S. Gehr, President; Mrs. Charles Billingslea, Vice-President; Mrs. Carroll Albaugh, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. George K. Mather, Miss Eva Herr, Mrs. J. Pearre Wantz. Respectfully submitted,

HILDA R. ALBAUGH, Secretary.

## REPORT P

### COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

(See Journal, page 36)

The Committee on Audit met at Bethesda M. P. Church, Salisbury, Maryland, and examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Maryland Annual Conference, and report as follows:

We found them correct in every detail, with a balance on hand in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Maryland, of \$1,512.76, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$2,078.62, making a deficit of \$565.86.

Committee on Audit:

E. C. GRAHAM,  
GUE E. LEISTER,  
R. L. SHIPLEY.

The Committee on Audit have examined the accounts of the Secretary of the Conference, the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association, and the Treasurer of the President's Parsonage and find them correct.

Committee on Audit:

E. C. GRAHAM,  
M. G. DAVIS,  
GUY E. LEISTER.

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## REPORT Q

### THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 22)

The Program Committee met in the Book Room February 16th. The result of our work is the program presented to you. We recommend its adoption.

The work of seeing this program through the press was done by F. T. Benson to whom the committee expresses its thanks.

Adopted.

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

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## REPORT R

### THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

(See Journal, page 23)

The Board of Managers of the Society respectfully submits its reports for the Conference year ending April 1st, 1925. One member of the Board was removed by death in December 1924, Brother T. W. Mather. He was for a number of years Treasurer of the Board. His departure was sudden and, we believe, without pain. He was a good man, capable, loyal, faithful in a marked degree. He rests from his labors and his works do follow.

The income of the Henrietta Gibson Fund was used as usual in the training of young men for our ministry in the Theological Seminary at Westminster, Md., in accordance with the terms in the creation of the Fund.

The demands upon the Trustees of the Conference have made it impossible for them to appropriate any funds to the use of our society for the year.

F. T. LITTLE, President.  
J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

## REPORT S

# THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 38)

The Summer Conference was again held in conjunction with the Young People's Institute. The program arranged was very helpful to those who attended. Arrangements are being made to provide a program to conform as far as possible with the desires expressed in a questionnaire sent out by the President, J. H. Straughn.

The Summer Conference has become one of the institutions of our Conference and we ought to support it by our influence and presence. It cannot do what it is expected to do unless the ministers of the Conference arrange their plans so that they can attend. We most earnestly request an appropriation of two hundred dollars (\$200) as a drawing account, if needed, and the sympathy and support of our brethren in making the next Summer Conference the best in our history.

J. H. STRAUGHN, President.  
J. LEAS GREEN, Secretary.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

1924	RECEIPTS	
July 29—Balance, W. L. Hoffman.....	\$	6.11
July 30—From Prof. Schroyer, Dues.....		112.00
Aug. 1—From R. L. Shipley.....		100.00
1925		
Feb. 28—From R. L. Shipley.....		100.00
	\$	318.11
1924	EXPENDITURES	
Aug. 1—L. Randall.....	\$	24.93
“ Dr. Dager, Check.....		34.80
“ Dr. Freemantle, Check.....		34.80
“ Dr. Lathem, Check.....		15.50
“ Dr. Heiniger, Check.....		24.50
“ Dr. David Hughes, Check.....		13.50
“ Miss Wagner, Check.....		17.50
1925 Executive Committee Expenses:		
Feb. 13—B. W. Kindley, Car fare.....		1.60
“ J. H. Straughn, Care fare.....		2.00
“ J. L. Green, Car fare.....		1.20
“ Stockton Press, Programs.....		28.75
1925		
Jan. 5—R. W. White.....		9.87
Mch. 28—E. Wright Emory, Printing Questionnaires.....		6.36
	\$	215.31
April 1—Balance .....	\$	102.90



REPORT T  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE \$100,000  
SUPERANNUATED FUND

(See Journal, page 37)

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

Your special committee on the \$100,000 Superannuate Campaign desires to call to the attention of the Conference the fact that this year marks the close of the subscription period of the Campaign, and the consequent imperativeness of addressing ourselves to the dutiful collection of the payments. The amount secured to date in cash totals approximately only one-half of the total subscription. Your Committee feels that we should have the entire subscription in at the date specified, January 1, 1926. To this end we wish to recommend:

1. That all pastors acquaint themselves with the condition of this fund on their own charges immediately on return home from this Conference. If information is not available on the charge, the Treasurer of the Conference will furnish lists of subscriptions and payments. Further, that where pastoral changes have occurred, the present pastor be authorized to seek full details and information from the pastor, who was in charge when the Campaign was made.

2. That we designate the month of May as a period for the collection of outstanding subscriptions, and that every effort be made to close out all subscription lists during this month.

3. That an honor roll be established and publication be made in The Methodist Protestant of charges reporting full payments.

4. That where certain lapses may have occurred on charges in subscriptions, said charges are requested by methods of their own to complete the full subscription.

5. That a special committee, working in conjunction with the President of the Conference, be raised or raised or continued to carry forward the provisions of the report by the circulation of special literature and the adoption of whatever measures may seem expedient and wise to bring this Campaign up to a hundred percent collection.

J. H. STRAUGHN,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,  
C. P. NOWLIN,  
J. M. KIRK.

## REPORT U

# COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

(See Journal, page 34)

In the minutes of the ninety-third session of the Maryland Conference, page 56, is the following recommendation which defines the work of this committee.

"This committee shall be charged with the following duty; to inaugurate a series of tent meetings throughout the Conference district during the summer months, designating places, supplying tents, and preachers, etc, all such meetings to work in conjunction with the local pastor and church, if there be any."

And further during the year, to be able to respond to requests for assistance from such churches as may be made.

It is understood that the committee will give pastors at least three weeks notice of their appointment."

This report was adopted and the following year there were over 3000 conversions and accessions. The results at once justified this larger venture of faith and service.

Incomplete returns reported at the Ninety-fifth session indicated more than 2500 conversions, and over 2300 accessions.

The work of the committee has a two-fold relationship. Tent work maintained during the spring and summer months, and evangelistic services in the churches during the fall and winter.

### TENT WORK:

The Conference owns three tents which have been in use from June to October.

Two of these tents were used under the direction of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, one at Rivera Beach, the other at Delmont.

Tent meetings were also held at Brandenburg, Doyleburg, Drawbridge, Hopewell, Harmony, Grove, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Olive, Mardela, Kent Island, Norrisville, etc.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK:

The following churches conducted evangelistic meetings. Afton, Fairfield, and Wicomico churches on Northumberland charge:

Grace, and Liberty churches on Amelia charge, Howard Chapel on Lisbon charge, Harpers Ferry, Moore's chapel on Leed's charge, Rowlandville, Franklin City, Centreville, Union, Salisbury, Brooklyn, Christ church Balto. Md., Trinity church, Kent Island, Trinity and Bates Memorial, Snow Hill charge, Federalsburg, Md. Harbeson, Del., and Friendship church on Pocomoke Circuit.

More than fifty ministers responded to the call "Here am I send me" and rendered most efficient and helpful service.

In some instances after the appointments were made and published in the Methodist Protestant some of the men were unable to serve and

the committee would have to readjust the plan as best they could under the circumstances.

The weak churches in the outlying district of our Maryland Conference need the inspirational uplift of our stronger men, and our men need contact with the weak churches lest we lose our fervor in soul winning.

Before the Conference adopted this plan of aggressive evangelism, it was the custom on the part of our ministers to secure the services of an Evangelist, some of them were excellent men, others indifferent; many of them were not of our household of faith, and only had for the time being the welfare of the church in which they were laboring.

With some the "free will" offering filled them with larger expectation, and they received relatively far more than our people have given toward the maintenance of their own pastor-evangelists.

The committee inherited a debt of \$255 and has honestly sought to decrease this amount, and would have done so had each charge followed the rule laid down in the Conference Minutes of 1922, page 119, and sent the \$15 to the Treasurer to cover the cost incidental to the maintenance of the work.

The committee has freely given its time during this year for the consideration of all the interests involved in this work. The number of conversions reported from the district for the year 2900. Number of accessions 2500.

We recommend:

- First, That the tent and evangelistic work be continued for another year.
- Second, That the Conference reaffirm the resolution requiring all pastors of the Conference to give at least two weeks of their time for evangelistic service during the year if needed, under the direction of the Committee on Evangelism.
- Third, That the sum of \$15 be sent to the Treasurer of the committee from each charge receiving evangelistic help, the same to cover cost of stationary, supplies, printing etc.
- Fourth, That the Conference appropriate \$288.41 to meet the deficit reported by the Treasurer.

J. McLAIN BROWN, Chairman  
 J. L. WARD, Secretary  
 SETH H. LINTHICUM  
 F. G. REINICKER

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Report of Treasurer of Evangelistic Campaign Committee of  
 Maryland Conference of M. P. Church

1924

March	11—Balance on Hand.....	\$ 51.35
Aug.	14—Gilbert E. Turner.....	30.00
"	20—Rev. George Hines.....	40.00

"	22—F. J. Herturck.....	40.00	
Sept.	3—Rev. J. M. Sheridan.....	135.00	
"	19—Rev. M. E. Dearholt.....	50.00	
"	26—Rev. James W. Baxley.....	40.00	
			<u>\$3835.35</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

April	26—T. R. Matthews on loan.....	\$ 30.00	
June	29—J. M. Philbine ....	1.50	
Sept.	2—Central Fire Insurance.....	18.00	
"	2—T. R. Matthews on loan.....	55.00	
Oct.	15—Loane Brothers .....	250.00	
			<u>354.50</u>
			<u>\$ 31.85</u>

Due Loane Brothers.....	\$ 88.41
Due Rev. C. P. Nowlin.....	200.00
	<u>\$288.41</u>

## REPORT V

## HEADQUARTERS' COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 36)

The new Methodist Protestant building at the corner of Charles and Hamilton Streets, Baltimore, Md., has during the year become an accomplished fact.

The building was begun on November 12, 1923, when on motion of Mr. Harry E. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. T. W. Donoho, the contract was awarded to Thos. Hicks & Sons, builders, for \$95,000.00, exclusive of plumbing, heating, lighting, elevator, etc. Soon after this the old building at this site was demolished.

At the meeting of last Conference the building had reached the second floor and was going on to completion.

On September 10, the printing plant and the store and the editor moved into the new building; it was not yet completed but it was necessary to move from the old location in order to save further expense.

On November 14, 1924, the building was officially opened with a noon luncheon served by the Book Concern, and exercises at 2 o'clock in the presence of a great company of interested friends.

The cost of the building is approximately \$140,000.00. The ground being \$60,000, making a total of \$200,000.00. The building is five stories high with basement to accommodate the printing plant and to provide storage room for the store. In addition to the main store occupied by the Book Concern, is a second store occupied by the office force. Two stores are beyond, one of which is rented. The other store is still vacant. On the top floor is located the Drinkhouse Memorial Room, the Editorial Offices, a ladies meeting room, and the private office of the President of

the Maryland Conference. Besides these, the Treasurer of the General Church, and the Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work have rented an office on this floor. One other room also is rented. The remaining rooms are still for rent.

The whole building contains forty-nine rooms. We have forty-four rooms and two stores available for rent. Of these almost one-half have been rented.

The actual overhead expenses of the building for the year will be something like \$16,600.00. The present rental income is \$13,584.00. The overhead will of course increase with increased occupancy but the income will be increased also. The total revenue producing value of the building is something like \$26,000.00, so that on the present rental basis we shall be able to pay our overhead expenses and reduce the debt, so as to be entirely rid of it in about twenty years. This will be a great event in this Conference for it will yield an income of about \$7,000 to \$9,000 a year to be used in the work of the Conference.

The beginning of this enterprise was made in the year of 1922 and the following is from the President's report of that year.

"For some time those in charge of our publishing interests and others acquainted with the needs of the Conference have discussed these needs in relation to the present location, 316 N. Charles St. This property belongs to the Maryland Conference, but is occupied, rent free, by the Book Concern under the terms of an agreement published in the 1906 Minutes. There are several reasons for bringing the whole subject to the Conference. I personally feel that there should be a revision of the terms of the agreement between the Conference and the Book Directory, inasmuch as many of the conditions prevailing at that time have changed, and further, that under the present arrangement the Conference will ultimately be put to some financial disadvantage. A second major reason lies in the fact that with the acquisition of the Stockton Press and the development of the Book Concern business the present quarters are inadequate to the needs. The whole business, brought under one roof, could be conducted much more economically and satisfactorily. An additional reason lies in the need of the Conference itself; we should have an office and sufficient clerical assistance for the President of the Conference. I therefore recommend that this Conference raise up a Headquarter's Committee of ten members (five ministers and five laymen) of which committee the President and one layman of the Conference Trustees and the President and one layman of the Book Directory (supposing that they be under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Conference by reason of membership in the Conference or by membership in one of its churches) shall be members, the remaining six members to be designated by this Conference. This Headquarters' Committee shall take under advisement the whole subject referred to above; the agreement existing between the Conference and the Directory; the question of a new and more commodious location, and all matters pertaining thereto, and shall be given full authority to act and proceed as in their judgment may seem wise and best. Further, that the Conference Trustees are hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to issue such legal papers as this Headquarters' Committee may advise or require. Additional information on this whole subject will

doubtless develop in the discussions of the recommendation on the floor of the Conference."

A new arrangement has been drawn up by a Committee composed of the President of the Conference and the President of the Board of Trustees of the Conference.

"This agreement, now pending between the Committee and the Directory, provides that for the space now occupied by the Directory, viz.: main store room, the adjoining rear store room, the basement and the editor's offices—the Directory shall pay an annual rental of \$4,000, approximately one-half the actual rental value. This contract is subject to revision at the expiration of two years." A loan of \$125,000 has been made through the courtesy of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., which is to be repaid in instalments of \$2,500 every six months, beginning eighteen months after the issuance of the loan. Another small loan of \$12,000 has also been made in order to complete the building.

This is perhaps the greatest enterprise the Maryland Conference has ever entered into and those who have seen the building have been immensely pleased. The financial situation is well in hand, and we are very sure that the Committee can count on the co-operation and sympathy of the Conference in any matter which may arise for future consideration.

The committee recommends its continuance for at least another year, because if a few items of uncompleted accounts.

It also recommends that some time during the session of this Conference that an hour be set apart when the entire Conference will visit the building and inspect it. We want all of our friends to see the building and to join with us in pride of this achievement.

The following is the Current Account as rendered by Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., agent of the building, from the opening of the building in October, to date.

#### RECEIPTS

Rent .....	\$5,989.04	
Discounts .....	20.02	
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>		<b>\$6,009.86</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Commissions, on rentals.....	\$ 194.10	
Hauling Ashes .....	51.50	
Coal .....	544.79	
Supplies .....	277.09	
Expenses .....	194.12	
Janitor Service .....	1,530.25	
Light .....	321.19	
Insurance .....	535.03	
Taxes and Water Rent.....	86.30	
<b>Total Disbursements.....</b>		<b>3,734.37</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>		<b>\$2,275.49</b>

## ASSETS

Cash .....	\$1,893.64
Accounts Receivable .....	173.77
Property (Fixtures) .....	208.08
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Total Assets .....	\$2,275.49

The following report of the Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray sets forth all the financial transactions entering into the whole enterprise.

J. H. STRAUGHN, Treasurer.  
 F. T. BENSON,  
 F. T. LITTLE,  
 G. W. HADDAWAY,  
 L. F. WARNER,  
 G. I. HUMPHREYS,  
 T. A. MURRAY,  
 E. C. COVER,  
 T. W. DONOHO,  
 W. O. ATWOOD,  
 H. E. GILBERT.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer,  
 In Account with

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL  
 CONFERENCE

In Re Sale No. 316 No. Charles St. and Purchase and Building  
 No. 516 North Charles St.

	Dr.	
To Amount from Sale No. 316 No. Charles St.....		\$ 54,927.69
“ Amount from H. E. Gilbert, a/c Commissions....	1,000.00	
“ Income from Temporary Investments of Cash..	2,481.20	
“ Interest on Deposits to Dec. 31, 1924.....	641.61	4,122.81
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“ Amount from Mortgage Loans on No. 516 N. Charles St...		125,000.00
“ Amount from Loan from Baker, Watts & Co., on Note of Jan. 5, 1925.....		12,000.00
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		\$196,050.50
	Cr.	
By Amt. paid P. M. Womble a/c purchase of No. 516 No. Charles St 10,000.00		
“ Amt. paid P. M. Womble in full of Mortgage for balance.....	50,000.00	60,000.00
By Amt. paid P. M. Womble in adjustment of Taxes .....		450.74
“ Amt. paid P. M. Womble Int. on Mortgage, 1 year .....		3,000.00
“ Amt. paid Title Company for Expenses.....		398.00

By Amt. paid J. C. Johnson, Commissions on Sales .....	1,487.50	
" Amt. paid John Hinkley, his fee.....	100.00	
" Amt. paid T. A. Murray, Legal Services.....	100.00	
" Amt. paid S. J. Martinet & Co., for Survey....	20.00	
" Amt. paid Baker, Watts & Co., Int. on first Loan .....	42.50	
" Amt. paid Book Directory for Rent Account..	812.25	
" Amt. paid 1924 Taxes on No. 516 No. Charles Street .....	676.65	
" Amt. paid Drinkhouse Trust Estate in full of Loan .....	2,000.00	
" Amt. paid Baltimore Book Directory, printing Leases .....	25.00	
" Amt. paid H. M. Emmons for expenses re Mortgage .....	1,281.25	
" Amt. paid Green & Abrahams, Ins. Premiums	190.00	
" Amt. paid Mason & Carter.....	60.00	
" Amt. paid Int. on Mortgage Loan, due Dec. 10, 1923 .....	3,437.50	
		<u>\$74,081.39</u>

## By Amt. paid Acct. of new Building:

Thomas Hicks & Sons.....	\$96,023.64		
Kries & Sons.....	6,845.00		
King & Co.....	5,293.31		
Blumenthal, Kahn & Co.....	4,400.00		
Warsaw Elevator Co.....	5,000.00		
John R. Forsythe, Architect.....	1,000.00		
Wm. H. O'Brien.....	851.00		
Window Shade Cleaning Co.....	275.00		
City Water Connection.....	85.76	\$119,773.71	\$193,855.10

Balance on Deposit to Credit this Account..... \$ 2,195.40

All payments above made by check on approved orders therefor, and Treasurer holds Vouchers and has requested full audit.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. MURRAY, Treasurer.

Baltimore, Md., March 31, 1925.

REPORT W  
 THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
 SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY  
 GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

(See Journal, page 37)

At the session of the Maryland Annual Conference sitting in Salisbury, Md., April 1924, the Conference referred to this Board the Report



of the Committee on Group Life Insurance for the ministers of the Maryland Annual Conference.

The Board has investigated the subject and finds that such Insurance is available only on condition that the Conference assume a large proportion of the premium (at least 40 per cent), but knows of no funds available for the payment of the Conference portion of the premium.

Under the charter of this Board no part of its funds may be used for such purposes.

By Order of the Board,

E. J. PAIGE, Secretary.

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## REPORT X

# COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

(See Journal, page 31)

The Committee on Stewardship and Tithing, which was raised at the last Conference, begs leave to submit the following report:

Shortly after the Conference session the Committee was called together and organized for work. A program in conformity with the President's recommendation was planned and the Committee directed its efforts to putting before our churches in an intelligent and practical way the matter of Stewardship.

We wrote to all of our pastors asking them to name some layman, through whom we might distribute literature to the families of our churches, calling to their attention the claims of God in respect to our lives, talents and substance.

A definite program with appropriate subjects for each Sunday in October and the first Sunday in November was sent to the pastors urging them to cooperate by preaching special sermons, in an effort to stimulate thinking upon this subject. Goals were set for each church and an earnest effort made to give vital expression to this important phase of our Christian lives.

The pastors responded generally to our appeal and from ninety-five (95) charges the visible results are 996 signed tithers secured in the campaign. The total number of tithers at present enrolled in 100 charges is 1321.

We were handicapped in an effective educational campaign because of the expense entailed, but we believe we have expended in a profitable way the \$431.29,—\$118.00 of which was secured by contributions of our laymen, and the balance, of 313.29, from the Treasurer of our Conference.

We did not reach our goals, but movements have been set in operation, which we believe to be of incalculable value to the individual and the church. The key to the Church's progress we believe to lie in a continued and vigorous emphasis upon the fact that all that we have

of talent, life and substance we hold as a trust and that God will demand of us all an account of our stewardship.

We have just started. Those who have been led into an acknowledgement of God's claim upon them should be conserved and encouraged by additional recruits. We therefore recommend:

That a standing committee on Stewardship and Tithing be raised to keep before the Conference the subject of Stewardship and Tithing, and to seek by organization of Tithers already secured a more extensive campaign of education upon this Christian Grace.

Respectfully,

J. M. GILL  
E. T. KIRKLEY  
F. G. HOLLOWAY  
J. L. GREEN  
C. D. SATTERFIELD  
J. P. DODGE  
W. G. ARMSTRONG

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## REPORT Y

### CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN

(See Journal, page 26)

Our President, in his report to the last session, did not overstate the importance of carefully removing to the new conference building and systematizing our Conference Library, which includes historical documents and pictures.

The transference has been made.

Over duplication has been corrected. Two volumes of each book, however, are kept, so far as we have them.

There are about eight hundred (800) volumes in the Library,—some of them rare and valuable. They are in sectional book cases kindly provided by the Committee on furnishing the Conference Room. The Library is chiefly historical of Methodism, especially of Methodist Protestantism. The books are arranged in the following order:-

- 1—By and about the Wesleys.
  - 2—Early Methodism in Great Britain.
  - 3—Early Methodism in our country.
  - 4—The Methodist Episcopal Church.
  - 5—The Methodist Episcopal Church South.
  - 6—The Methodist Protestant Church.
- A—Histories  
B—Books by M. P. Aurthors.  
D—M. P. Periodicals (mostly bound volumes)  
E—Books of Discipline from the beginning.  
F—Sets of General and Annual Conference Minutes

There is also the beginning of a religious reference library, which ought to be developed.

Your Librarian can make known what volumes are needed to complete sets. There should be added many volumes by M. P. and also full sets of reports and literature of the general boards, as well as documents of historical value of local churches.

Shall we not make this Library a great institution of the Conference?

#### FINANCIAL

The last session of the Conference provided for necessary expenditures, so I append financial report,—drew upon the Conference Treasurer.

For Supplies and Car Fares.....	\$ 3.00
For Clerical Work as per voucher.....	28.00

Total	<u>31.00</u>
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The Agent of the Book Concern kindly included the actual expense of moving our Library with the moving expense of the Concern.

G. A. OGG.

## RESOLUTIONS

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### No. 1—PRINTING PART OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 21)

Resolved: That the Secretary be instructed to have copies printed of that part of the President's report dealing with recommendations, for distribution to the Conference.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,  
T. H. LEWIS.

### No. 2—PRINTING OF THE CONFERENCE SERMON

(See Journal, page 23)

Resolved: That Rev. Leonard B. Smith is hereby requested to furnish the manuscript of the Conference Sermon for publication in the Conference Minutes.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY,  
F. T. LITTLE.

### No. 3—ON F. T. LITTLE

(See Journal, page 25)

Resolved: That the Maryland Conference has heard with profound regret the request of Rev. F. T. Little for superannuation. We would not hesitate for a moment to grant this request nor to question his motive in making it. But we are convinced that his intellectual and physical vigor are so sustained that we wish to have our President consult with him to see if some arrangement may not be made to continue Dr. Little's services in the active work, and whether it may not be possible by some contrivance to enable the Conference to avail itself of his services until it shall please God to take him up higher.

T. H. LEWIS.

### No. 4—BORROWING SUPERANNUATE DEFICIT

(See Journal, pages 30-31)

Resolved: That the Treasurer be instructed to borrow \$1,007.00 in order to pay Superannuate claims in full.

C. P. NOWLIN,  
G. W. HADDAWAY.

### No. 5—PROMOTING WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

(See Journal, page 35)

Western Maryland College is a child of Providence. Its entire history has been interwoven with special interventions of the leadership of God. It was founded on faith. Its continued existence through the years down to the present has been a venture of faith. And now, through the leading of the Providence that has directed its course, there is a turn of the path that reveals most clearly that faith is to have her

vindication in a way marked so clearly that there are no doubts as to the steps to be taken and the road to be travelled.

The Maryland Conference is so intimately associated with Western Maryland College that the history of the one, for the past fifty years, has been the history of the other. We can hardly think of the one without thinking of the other, their paths have been so joined. Nothing is clearer than that the two must go hand in hand into the days that are before us.

The same Providence that has guided us in the Past now opens new doors of opportunity through which both church and college must pass to enter the duties and responsibilities of a new age. Providential seem the steps that have led the college in the recent developments. The offer of the State of Maryland to give the College \$125,000 provided the College raises \$250,000 additional for endowment, and the more recent conditional gift of the General Education Board of New York City of \$125,000 provided the College raises \$375,000 additional endowment, come as a clear Providence and as a distinct challenge to the friends of Christian education.

Briefly stated, the proposition is that we are offered \$250,000 from outside sources if we raise ourselves additional endowment to the amount of \$375,000. As the \$125,000 offered by the General Education Board goes into endowment, the \$375,000 raised by the College will mean \$500,000 additional endowment for the college. The successful completion of the campaign now being organized will mean that Western Maryland College will have an endowment that will meet the requirements of the standardizing agencies in every way and will be prepared to do the most efficient and effective work along educational lines. Surely God is leading us still!

Therefore, be it resolved by the Maryland Conference that this Conference expresses its gratitude to the State of Maryland and to the General Education Board for the conditional gifts made by them to advance the work of the College, and that we accept the challenge laid down by them in the conditions named; and be it further

Resolved, that the second Sunday in May be set apart as Western Maryland College Day in all our churches, and that on that day sermons be preached and prayers be offered in the interest of the College and Christian Education; and be it still further

Resolved, that the strongest endorsement be given to the financial campaign in the interest of raising the money needed to meet the conditions made, and that our churches be open to the President of the College or his representatives for the solicitation of funds in the campaign.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,  
WM. H. LITSINGER,  
LEONARD B. SMITH,  
EUGENE C. MAKOSKY,  
T. H. LEWIS,  
H. L. ELDERDICE.

## No. 6—SUPERANNUATES CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Conference that Regulation 20 of the Manual is intended to include Superannuated Ministers as beneficiaries of this plan.

H. W. D. JOHNSON,  
EUGENE C. MAKOSKY.

Referred to the Treasurer of the Conference who presented as a substitute.

Resolved: That the Manual, Page 167, be changed to read:

Section A—The superannuated ministers are invited to attend the Conference as guests of the conference.

Section B—5. The superannuated ministers are guests of the conference.

C. P. NOWLIN.

## No. 7—STUDYING THE ADVISABILITY OF CHANGING DATE OF CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 32)

Whereas the observance of the Easter week has come to have a larger place in the program of the modern Church be it

Resolved: That the President of the Conference be requested to enquire into the practicability of having the Conference meet on the Wednesday following Easter except in such times as Easter Sunday comes in the month of March.

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

## No. 8—APPRECIATIVE OF W. I. SIMPSON

(See Journal, page 35)

Resolved: In grateful appreciation of the services, financial and otherwise, rendered to our Church in Milford by William Isaac Simpson, we wish to record our sorrow in his death and our sympathy for his family and the Church to which he was so loyal.

T. O. CROUSE,  
L. A. BENNETT,  
C. R. STRAUSBURG.

## No. 9—ON CHURCH EXTENSION APPROPRIATIONS

(See Journal, page 35)

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Conference that it not expedient to make any new appropriations on Church debts on Church improvements this Conference year in view of the fact of the large deficit which faces this Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY.

## No. 10—ENDORING MISS GRACE JONES, EVANGELIST

(See Journal, page 35)

Whereas: Miss Grace Jones, an unstationed preacher of the Hampden Quarterly Conference is engaged in Evangelistic work, and we are satisfied as to her character and consecration, acquainted with her efficiency in the work, we therefore commend her to our pastors and churches for service in this field of labor.

E. L. BUNCE,  
E. D. STONE.

# CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

## CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Church Extension Society convened on Thursday, April 2, with the President, C. E. Makosky, presiding.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Report of Board of Managers, including Treasurer's report, was read and referred to Board of Survey and Extension.

The following officers were elected:

President—E. C. Makosky.

First Vice President—J. F. Wooden.

Second Vice President—G. E. Brown.

Secretary—C. R. Strausburg.

Treasurer—A. R. Lewis.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following for Board of Managers:

Ministers—G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, S. F. Cassen, P. W. Crosby.

Laymen—W. C. Scott, T. A. Myers, J. H. Roberts, Henry Gilligan.

The Society adjourned.

April 2, 1925.

C. R. STRAUSBURG.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society begs to submit the following detailed report of its work and of the various interests intrusted to its care:

**BETHESDA CHURCH.** This was the first work which engaged the attention of our Board in the opening of the Conference Year. The chapel, which was begun just previous to the last session of the Annual Conference, was opened for Service Sunday, May 4th. The cost was \$2,600.00: The cost of the ground was \$3,250.00. On the opening day there was secured in cash and subscriptions \$4,212.00. Of this amount \$3,000.00 has been paid.

Later a primary room was added at a cost \$500.00. The church membership is seventy-five (75) with a Sunday School of ninety (90) including Cradle Roll. The Pastor's salary for the ensuing conference year has been advanced to \$1,200.00. The Church has made commendable progress and the outlook for the future is encouraging.

**DELMONT.** This is another new work. It is located in Anne Arundel County on the W. B. & A. electric road. The approximate value of the building, when entirely finished and including the ground, will be \$3,000.00. The Church has been organized, and recognized by the Quarterly Conference of Nichol's Memorial Charge. At the last session of the

Annual Conference it was placed in charge of the Superintendent and the pastor of Nichol's Memorial. In September it was found necessary to make some change and the services of Rev. J. T. Fenby were secured. There is an indebtedness of \$1,000.00 which will eventually be paid. The Church has requested to be attached to Marley Charge and promises to pay \$300.00 on Pastor's salary. We recommend that this request be granted.

**RIVIERA BEACH.** As there was a report of this place made a year ago we will state that there have been developments there which made it necessary that we discontinue our activities for the present.

**CHESACO PARK.** While the Church properties of this charge are not held by this Board we have had some supervision of the work, and a committee from the Board has been co-operating with the President of the Conference in an effort to give the charge a full time Pastor, which we have all felt has been greatly needed. In this we have not been successful but the prospect is favorable for such an arrangement for the coming year. We trust that it will be possible for such a supply to be given and we will cheerfully do all possible toward the support and success of such a Pastor. We have a house rented and part of the money for the rent is in hand. It has been furnished by the two churches. It is a Home Missionary field where we all think much can be done for the Kingdom. We recommend an appropriation of \$125.00 toward house rent for next year. This will enable us to have full time Pastor.

**CALVARY WASHINGTON.** The property of this church is held by the Board and the Pastor is appointed under our care and supervision.

While the membership is yet small the congregations are excellent and are composed of many who hold their membership, for the present, in Washington but co-operate with us in this new field. The Sunday School is large and well organized. The Pastor's salary has been increased to \$1,000.00. The Superintendent has made several visits to the charge during the year. The community is developing rapidly. We should begin the erection of the first unit of a permanent church in the near future. There is a small amount already in Bank for this purpose.

**TRINITY.** This church is making steady progress. The Pastor reports two hundred and sixty (260) church members with a Sunday School enrollment, including Cradle Roll and two large Bible Classes, of six hundred (600).

**GRACELAND PARK.** We report reasonable progress at this place. The debt on the new building has been reduced to \$1,600.00 and further payments will be regularly made. The Sunday School is an interesting feature of the church. A Parsonage is greatly needed, but cannot be started until the debt on the church is paid.

**GRACE CHURCH.** The Pastor reports a prosperous year with thirty-three (33) members received and eighty six (86) added to the Sunday School. The note of \$2,500.00 has been paid, save a small amount, and this is in hand. The only indebtedness remaining will be the \$20,000.00 mortgage and the hope is that will be reduced annually.



**PENINSULA CHURCH, WILMINGTON.** We have had no supervision of this Church, but from the beginning the Superintendent has been closely identified with it and has given very much time and labor to it. The reports we have from this great Church are most encouraging. The membership and Sunday School are growing constantly. The spiritual tone of the Church is excellent. Their local budget of \$7,500.00 is met regularly while their contributions to the Church debt are most commendable. The Church has a large number of Tithers which largely explains their splendid financial showing. There is a large debt, separate from the mortgage, in the form of notes, which requires constant attention both in meeting the interest charges and regular reductions necessary to be made. The Church has received aid from almost every source, but it is not yet able to stand alone. It would be a serious mistake not to continue help to this promising church. We therefore again commend this Church to the Conference and to our entire Methodist Protestant Constituency. We also appeal to the friends over the Conference District, who have made subscriptions and have not paid them to do so at an early day. This is imperative. You may think your subscription does not count largely, but every dollar is needed.

**MERIDIAN.** At the request of Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, the Superintendent in November was released from his duties in Maryland to assist in advancing the interests of a new Church Enterprise in Meridian, Mississippi. He spent two weeks there and in attendance of the Mississippi Annual Conference, with the result that much interest was created and a subscription fund of \$9,500.00 was raised. There were also found in Meridian seventy-five (75) members of the Methodist Protestant Church and fifty (50) children who had moved into the city from the adjacent charges. The most of these declared their purpose in uniting with the new Church where it is started.

We, as a Board, were gratified that we could in this manner, render some assistance to another Annual Conference of our denomination. The expenses of this trip were met by Dr. Lewis and the friends of Meridian.

**TIOGA HEIGHTS.** This church, at the last session of the Annual Conference, was placed under the supervision of the Board of Survey. Our principal relation to it has been that we endorsed their note for \$3,500.00 in the Northern Central Trust Company of Philadelphia, which made it possible for them to complete the Church building. They have reduced the note to \$2,800.00 and promise further reductions every sixty days. The membership of the Church have had no previous relation to our denomination. It would be helpful if some plan could be devised to bring them in close and sympathetic touch with our Ministers and the Churches of the Conference.

**EDMONDSON AVENUE.** This church has given all of us much concern. It is a great undertaking with the funds in hand. We have felt it better to proceed slowly and plan wisely. This has been true, not only as relating to the character of the building to be erected, but

the safe financing of building operations and this not only includes the amount of money to be borrowed, but the securing of other financial backing. We are hoping that the contract will be awarded at an early day and the work pushed vigorously. The cost of the building including ground and furnishing will not be much less than \$55,000.00.

The work of this Board is growing to such proportions that we deem it advisable at this time to present a financial statement showing our assets and liabilities.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Assets

Cash in bank as shown by Treasurer's report.....	\$ 2,950.00
Mortgage, Butler Estate.....	5,000.00
Mortgage, Keen Memorial.....	1,000.00
Judgment Note, Tioga Heights.....	2,800.00
Cash held for Chesaco Park.....	125.00

#### Property Holdings:

Lowe Memorial Building.....	40,000.00
Trinity .....	10,000.00
Graceland Park .....	10,000.00
Grace .....	68,000.00
Bethesda .....	6,500.00
Edmondson Avenue .....	6,000.00
Arundel Cove .....	7,000.00
Calvary, Washington .....	3,000.00
Delmont .....	3,000.00
Conference Appropriation, Peninsula Church.....	625.00
Conference Appropriation, Edmondson Avenue.....	2,500.00

#### Liabilities

*Mortgage Grace Church.....	\$ 20,000.00
*Mortgage Bethesda Church.....	3,250.00
*Note endorsed for Graceland Park.....	1,600.00
*Note endorsed for Delmont.....	900.00
*Note endorsed for Tioga Heights.....	2,800.00
Note A. R. Lewis (Edmondson Ave.).....	2,000.00
Note Miss Ella J. Martin (Edmondson Ave.).....	2,500.00
Note Miss Ella J. Martin (Peninsula Church).....	625.00
Loan on Mrs. Eversold Legacy.....	1,000.00
Due Chesaco Park Charge.....	125.00

\$ 34,800.00

\* These Mortgages and notes are taken care of by the churches named.

Recognizing the consecrated and efficient service of the Superintendent, Dr. J. M. Sheridan, the Board of Managers by a unanimous vote requests his continuation in the office for the next Conference year.

THOMAS A. MYERS, President.

WM. H. LITSINGER, Secretary.

## CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

### Treasurer's Annual Report Ending April 1st, 1925

#### RECEIPTS

1924		
April	7—Amount Forwarded .....	\$2,377.23
"	"—Peninsula Church Interest.....	75.00
"	"—C. P. Nowlin, Appropriation a/c Ella J. Martin Note	875.00
June	5—Graceland Park M. P. Church.....	100.00
May	8—Conference Appropriation Edmondson Avenue.....	2,500.00
July	22—Thos. J. Gardner for Delmont Lot .....	250.00
"	"—Interest from Bank.....	36.45
April	23—D. Baker, Jr.....	375.00
Dec.	27—Check for Bambury Church.....	75.00
"	31—Interest on Deposits.....	41.67
1925		
Jan.	26—Check Hopkins Savings Bank (Grace Church).....	90.15
Mar.	27—J. M. Sheridan.....	55.00
"	"—J. M. Sheridan.....	500.00
		<u>\$7,350.50</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

1924		
April	11—Ella J. Martin, Int. on Sundry notes.....	\$ 340.00
May	15—Rev. C. L. Dawson.....	50.00
"	"—J. M. Sheridan, attorney's fees.....	25.00
June	5—S. J. Martinet & Co. Surveying lot "Edmond".....	20.00
"	21—Rev. C. L. Dawson, Rent.....	20.00
July	2—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Delmont lot.....	20.00
"	"—Emory W. Clark, Delmont lot.....	230.00
"	"—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, expense account.....	38.76
"	9—The Equitable Trust Co.....	3.00
"	16—A. R. Lewis, Int. not \$2,000 due 8 12 24.....	120.00
Aug.	9—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, rent Delmont.....	25.00
"	"—Rev. C. L. Dawson, parsonage July and Aug.....	40.00
Sept.	23—James Kelty, Edmondson Ave., lot.....	4,227.75
"	"—Title Guarantee Co., Ex. Edmondson Ave. lot.....	38.75
"	"—Rev. C. L. Dawson, rent Sept.....	20.00
Oct.	20—Rev. C. L. Dawson, rent, Oct.....	20.00
"	"—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, expense.....	71.90
"	"—Central Fire Ins. Co. of Balto., Edmondson Ave.....	10.00
Dec.	27—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, expense.....	32.91
"	"—Rev. L. B. Smith, Bambury Church.....	75.00

1925		
Jan.	9—John Freund, Edmondson Ave., Architect.....	1 50.00
"	26—Rev. G. E. Brown (Grace Church).....	90.15
"	31—Henry Pepper, rent of Parsonage, 3 months.....	60.00
Feb.	21—Rev. J. M. Sheridan (Layman Supper).....	40.23
Mar.	4—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Meeting W. B.....	6.50
"	27—Rev. J. M. Sheridan.....	71.08
		\$5,846.03
Balance in Bank.....		1,504.47
		\$7,350.50

A. R. LEWIS, Treasurer.

### SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

Meeting was called to order Monday, 7.40 P. M., by First Vice-President F. T. Benson. T. A. Dudley elected Secretary pro tem.

The Treasurer's report was read by Recording Secretary and approved by rising vote.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

First Vice-President—F. T. Benson.  
 Second Vice-President—J. W. Kirk.  
 Third Vice-President—C. M. Compber.  
 Recording Secretary—E. W. Simms.  
 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.  
 Adjourned.

T. A. DUDLEY, Recording Secretary pro tem.

### 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. Peculiarities of condition; 4. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or by private income.

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

information thus given. (For items 2, 3, 4, see report H. Superannuates, 1914 Minutes.)

5. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, and shall make a quarterly distribution of the funds provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

6. When the committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before action thereon, during which time objections to 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? Postoffice 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?

TREASURER'S REPORT  
SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
PERMANENT FUND

To Balance per last Report.....	\$ 8,418.71	
To Amounts received from Conference		
Treasurer a/c Subscriptions to Per-		
manent Fund: .....		
April 15, 1924.....	\$8,562.67	
March 14, 1925.....	4,000.00	\$12,562.67
" Annual Dues Through Conference Treasurer....	93.50	
" Amount from Sale of \$6,200 U. S. Lib. Bonds....	6,209.22	
" Amount from Sale of \$2,000 Norf. & Car. R.		
R. Bonds .....	1,997.00	20,862.39
		\$29,281.10
Cr.		
By Amount invested per Order of Board.....	\$25,225.00	
" Balance .....	4,056.10	29,281.10

## INCOME ACCOUNT

To Income from Investments.....	\$ 9,635.94		
“ Interst on Deposits.....	101.12		9,737.06
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		Cr.	
By 1925 Taxes on Securities paid.....	\$ 54.18		
“ Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5.00		
“ Amount paid for printing Ground Rent Bills....	4.75		
“ Amount paid L. R. Randall, Rec. Sec’y, Expense for printing, etc.....	9.69		
“ Interest on Mortuary Gifts per William H. Martin .....	\$ 40.00		
Mrs. Mary E. McCready.....	20.00		
William J. Simpson.....	50.00		110.00
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“ Allowance for Treasurer’s expenses.....	350.00		
“ Amt. remitted to Conf. Treas August 4, 1924. Check for.....	\$2,350.00		
October 11, 1924. Check for.....	2,350.00		
January 19, 1925. Check for.....	2,000.00		
Check herewith .....	2,503.44	9,203.44	9,737.06
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We certify that we have examined the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer and find same correct as per above Report: all Income accounted for, and Securities deposited in Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

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

Auditing Committee

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

## THE MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Mutual Relief Association met in Hampden Church, April 2, with second Vice President, W. H. Litsinger, in the chair. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Audit. The Committee on Audit reported and the report was adopted.

Officers were elected as follows:

First Vice-President—W. H. Litsinger.  
Second Vice-President—C. E. Dryden.  
Third Vice-President—C. R. Strausburg.  
Secretary-Treasurer—G. A. Ogg.

The Committee on Revision was continued with request to report next year.

G. A. OGG, Secretary.

## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1924 to April 1, 1925

## FINANCIAL

On hand April 1, 1924		
Collected on case No. 78 to pay case No. 79.....	\$213	
Collected on case No. 79 to pay case No. 80.....	6	
Collected on case No. 80 to pay case No. 81.....	3	
Expense Fund on hand .....	51	
Total on hand April 1, 1924.....		\$273

## RECEIPTS

Collected on case No. 79 for case No. 80, advance.....	\$199	
Collected on case No. 80 for case No. 81.....	3	
Collected with case No. 79 for Expense Fund.....	1	203
		<u>\$476</u>

## EXPENDITURES

To heirs of Rev. J. L. Mills—By check Jan. 19, 1925.....	\$213	
To Stockton Press for 500 Notice, Postal Cards, Jan. 17, 1925...	8	221
		<u>\$255</u>
Balance April 1, 1925.....		\$255
For case No. 80.....	\$205	
For case No. 81.....	6	
Expense Fund .....	44	\$255

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership April 1, 1925.....		215
Deceased .....	1	
Lapsed .....	1	
New Members .....	4	
Present Membership .....		217

The Committee on Audit reports that they have made a thorough examination of the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association, and have found them to be correct.

E. C. GRAHAM,  
G. E. LEISTER,  
M. G. DAVIS.

## MEMBERS OF MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Adams, Ziba  
Alexander, Mrs. C. N.  
Bacchus, G. Q.  
Bailey, F. B.  
Bailey, J. T. and wife  
Balderston, J. W.  
Bauscher, W. F.  
Baxley, J. W. and wife  
Beauchamp, Mrs. Edna  
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, Paul M.  
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.

## Members Mutual Relief Association—Continued

- Dobson, C. H. and wife  
 Donovan, Avery  
 Dryden, C. E. and wife  
 Dudley, J. A. 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. and wife  
 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  
 Hoblitzell, Mrs. Ella V.  
 Hodge, Mrs. Emma F.  
 Hodges, W. H. and wife  
 Holland, F. A.  
 Holloway, F. G. and wife  
 Holmes, J. M.  
 Hooker, G. J. and wife  
 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.  
 Kester, H. A.  
 Kindley, B. W. and wife  
 Kirk, J. W. and wife  
 Kirkley, E. T.  
 Klein, F. C. and wife  
 Leister, Guy E.  
 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. K. and wife  
 Melvin, W. A. and wife  
 Mills, J. L.  
 Mumford, W. C. and wife  
 Murphy, H. L. and wife  
 Mulligan, T. C. and wife  
 Neepier, Mrs. A. S.  
 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. and wife  
 Randall, L. C. and wife  
 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.  
 Sanders, W. B.  
 Schauer, P. M. R. and wife  
 Echlincke, H. L. and wife  
 Schmeiser, Wm.  
 Sexsmith, E. A. and wife  
 Shipley, R. L. and wife  
 Sheridan, J. M.  
 Simms, E. W. and wife  
 Smith, Mrs. Annie A.  
 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. and wife  
 Trader, John A.  
 Tredway, Mrs. Cornelia  
 Trout, J. W.  
 Turkington, T. J. and wife  
 Turner, G. E. and wife  
 Volk, Frank M.  
 Walter, Mrs. Isabella S.  
 Ward, A. N. and wife  
 Warner, L. F. and wife  
 Warner, Paul F.  
 White, R. W.  
 Weigand, Mrs. Anne R.  
 Williamson, Mrs. Laura B.  
 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

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"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	Entered		Died
	Born	Conference	
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	Born	Entered	
		Conference	Died
Isaac Tunnel Adkins .....	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee .....	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson .....	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick .....	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell .....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice .....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray .....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon .....	1845	1866	1885
Joseph 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 Neeper .....	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 McCready .....	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
Francis Thomas Tagg, D. D. ....	1845	1871	1924
Joseph Levin Mill, D. D. ....	1840	1860	1924
C. E. McCullough .....	1865	1891	1925
Harry Sherman Johnson .....	1864	1890	1925

# OBITUARIES

## REV. JOSEPH LEVIN MILLS

In paying tribute to the memory of this hero of our Methodist Protestant faith, there is danger of saying not to much but too little; for his years were many and his life was large. From cradle to grave 85 years; a minister of the Gospel 65 years; and, in thousands of homes throughout Alabama, Maryland, Virginia and Washington City, he lived, labored, and loved almost three fourths of a century. But the transforming and triumphant thoughts he fostered, the gracious words which lingered on his lips, and the sympathetic services he rendered all classes and conditions of parishioners, friends and strangers, are higher than the figures of the mathematician and more comprehensive than the dates of the historian. Surely the field is vast, varied, and inviting for eulogy; but his love and simplicity, his modest manners, and his hatred of the trumpet and the limelight seal with silence the voice that would attempt to sound his praises long and loud. Yet justice to both him and the Church he served so well compels us to glance at three of his public pictures.

### **The First presents him as a Preacher**

As an expounder of the Word of God he was reverent, sane, and sound. Whether the structure of his sermon was topical, textual, or expository, the materials were always Biblical. His range of reading was wide and his sermonic search led him into many schools of theological thought; but he was never swept from his Gospel anchor by any flood of religious vagaries nor by any storms of doctrinal disputes. Believing that his message was a human echo of the saving truths of the Sacred Scriptures and that he was an inspired prophet of the Most High, he dared not convert his pulpit into a forum for the secular discussion of political problems, economic theories, nor social fads. He never lost his mental poise in religious controversy, for he did not feel called to step aside from the King's Highway of Holiness to share the squabbles of would-be theologians wrangling on the by-paths. He obeyed the Scriptural injunction: "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saint;" but he refused to join the ranks of those who were only contentious. It was a delight to hear him gently yet severely rebuke the narrow-minded who assailed the creed and conduct of sister denominations and posed as the only true champions of Christianity. Not only for the State but also for the church his motto was: "In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; and in all things charity." He was therefore a Conservative-Liberal: in doctrine as orthodox as Paul; in spirit as generous as his Master who recognized His sheep in various flocks, sheltering them all in one fold.

### **In the Second Picture we see him as Pastor**

As a shepherd of his flock none knew him but to love him. With the instincts of a refined, cultivated gentleman he knew when and where and how to pay his pastoral visits. With tender heart and the gentle touch of a strong Christian character he was an expert in bearing the

burdens, winning the confidence and holding the love of his parishioners. They have long since forgotten the themes of his sermons and his texts have slipped away from the halls of memory; but they ever bear in mind his prayer at the family altar, his word of counsel to the father in business perplexity, his message of cheer to the mother anxious over diseased stricken children, his advice to the daughter at the parting of the ways, and his fatherly rebuke to the son straying away from home and God. Like Goldsmith's Village Pastor, "A man he was to all the country dear;" and many seekers after spiritual strength in his many parishes of city streets and rural regions bestow upon him the benediction pronounced by Tennyson's May Queen upon:

"That good man—the Clergyman,  
Has told me words of peace.  
O blessings on his kindly voice,  
And on his silver hair!  
And blessings on his whole life through  
Until he meet me there!"

#### The Third Picture reveals a Denominational Leader

His official record discloses the following facts: received in to the Maryland Conference 1860; ordained 1862; Quantico, ass't 1860; Susquehanna 1861; Talbot, ass't, 1862; Snow Hill, 1863-4; Superannuated 1865-6; no appointment at own request 1867-8; Lynchburg 1869; Salisbury, 1870-2; Somerset, 1873; Laurel 1874; Montgomery, Ala., (loan), 1875-9; Alexandria, 1880; Jefferson, 1881-2; Ninth Street, Washington 1883-6; Newark 1887-8; Westminster 1889-91; St James 1892-7; Brooklyn 1898-1903; South Baltimore; 1904-9; Wye; 1910-13; Superannuated 1914 in which relation he continued until his last roll call.

His leadership was found in many conferences as well as pulpit and pastoral relations; for he served faithfully as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, Secretary of the Baltimore Book Directory, President of the Faculty of Instruction of the Maryland Conference, and President of the Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary. Twenty two years ago next May he was elected to membership in the Board of Governors, and nine years later, May 1912, as a tribute to his deep and devoted interest in the thorough training of young men for the ministry, and his loyal support of all progressive programs of the Seminary, he was exalted to the highest office—the presidency. In this capacity he was always cautious and conservative when facing radical changes proposed, either financial or educational; and his searching questions and counter-proposals sometimes seemed opposition; but not so; for with open mind he welcomed all new truth, and, so soon as convinced that the innovation was wise and worthy, he became its champion, never failed in any fight for its success, and in final victory was the happiest of us all. In wise counsel, in fadeless hopes, in wide vision, and in the inspiration of hearty laughter, he illustrated the sublime art of "growing old gracefully."

Shall we look at one more Picture—his home life? No! that is too

sacred for the public gaze. We let it hang as their richest treasure in the heart of every member of his family circle. Those who knew him best and loved him most have the blessed memory of an immortality of the richest influence, and are assured of the immortality of that personality that passed from the city of Birmingham, Alabama to that "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Today they are comforted when by faith they hear his message from his New Home: "We have loved, we still love, we shall love." And, "if we still love those we lose, can we forever lose those we love?"

On the 22nd of December, 1924, at four-fourty in the morning, he suddenly and silently entered upon his triumphant translation to the Choir Loft of the Angels and sang with a new voice the old, old song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The day after Christmas in Pocomoke City, Maryland, where he had been cradled 85 years before, and where he had found his bride—Miss Marietta Dickin-son— his body was laid to rest in "the silent city of the dead," by the president of the Maryland Conference—Dr. G. I. Humphreys, the pastor of the church, Rev. E. L. Bunce, Rev. Dr. R. L. Shipley, the pastor of of the Salisbury Methodist Protestant Church, and the chairman of this Obituary Committee—H. L. Elderrice.

"Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last."

Committee:

H. L. ELDERRICE,  
A. N. WARD,  
J. W. GRAY,

W. E. SHEPPARD,  
R. G. NICHOLSON,  
JAMES H. CARTER.

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REV. HARRY SHERMAN JOHNSON

Rev. Harry Sherman Johnson, of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, departed this life at the home of his sister, Mrs. Julia Reed, near Rising Sun, Cecil County, Md., January 29, 1925, in the 62nd year of his age. He was the son of the late Henry Clay Johnson and Rachel his wife, born near Bay View, Cecil County, Md., December 12, 1864. He attended the public schools of his native county for a number of years. In the years 1886 and 1887 he was a student in Delaware College, located in Newark, Del. The following year he taught school at Bay View in his home county. This was followed by a two years spent in the Theological Seminary in Westminster, Md., during which time he did some special work at Western Maryland College. He joined the Maryland Conference in April 1890 and began his itinerant career as associate with the late Rev. J. B. Jones on Cecil circuit, his home charge.

He served the following charges in the order named: Chincoteague, Greenwood, Barren Creek, Oak Grove, Va., Quantico, Deer Creek, Mil-

ton, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Accomac, Dover, Calvary and Lauraville—the last named two located in Baltimore.

Brother Johnson was a sound, sincere, thoroughly orthodox preacher of the Gospel, a tender, sympathetic, loving pastor and a friend always to be depended upon; while he and his splendid wife who preceeded him to the better world by almost six years—always working together, were quiet but very effective evangelists.

Dr. L. F. Warner of the committee submits the following tribute, "Brother Johnson joined the Conference one year preceeding me, but we were not intimately acquainted with one another. Our fields of labor were never closely related and our paths only touched at Conference time. When I was President of the Conference I was frequently in his home conferring about matters of local and Conference activities. I always found him willing, genial, happy in the work and full of faith and the Holy Ghost. He had the evangelistic temperment and was very careful and methodical in habits of life. I do not recall that I ever heard him preach, but he had an abiding and exalted conviction of what the ministry ought to be and was filled with sorrow and distress when the mantle rested upon others unworthily. The measure of this man was in the intensity of his ideals and his loyalty was as constant as it was conscientious. He was faithful to every trust and being well trained in habits of fidelity he was faithful unto and until death."

Rev. H. O. Keen, also of the committee, says: "My acquaintance with Brother Harry S. Johnson covers nearly thirty years of conference relation. That acquaintance rapidly grew into a strong friendship. He was one of the members of the Conference that I soon classified a "special" friend. When we find one of them we have found a jewel rare indeed. "A friend loveth at all times." He was an active member of the Conference, a successful pastor, a faithful minister of the Gospel and a true, loving friend. The particular trend of his life that impressed me most was his fearless stand on all matters pertaining to moral reform. No man among us was a greater enemy of the organized liquor traffic than he and his conviction that a true servant of God would vote as he prayed. He was always ready, and, because of his pronounced opposition to this diabolical business, he was often chairman of the committee on "Moral Reform." He served his day and generation well. I am now pastor of a church he served for nine years. I never have followed a man who had as large a place in the hearts of a people as I found here at Calvary church. No stronger testimony could be given to the life of any preacher and pastor."

"These dear people loved him to the end. Thirty of the members and friends journeyed the distance to attend his funeral, the choir being of that number, and they rendered three beautiful selections during the services." Mr Harry A. Lewis, a layman of the committee contributes the following tribute. "Regarding the Rev. H. S. Johnson I can say, he served Accomac charge for four years and was loved by all who knew him. He was a faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ and a devoted ser-

vant of his people. He and his beloved wife did all they could and spared not anything to keep the church and the people of the community together. They worked hard to have a large and deeply spiritual Christian Endeavor Society at Leemont and their efforts were crowned with success as the society grew to be the largest in the Maryland Conference. Souls were born into the Kingdom through their work and some of those who professed a saving knowledge of Christ at that time are the leading men and women in our church to-day. We all loved him and with me the entire membership of Accomac charge is deeply grieved over his death. But God had a better place for him in that holy home of the soul and so took him out of his affliction. May the Christ who led him in this life continue to lead us on to that happy reunion in the realms of glory."

Brother E. L. Keyser, a layman of the committee, contributes the following: "It is with distinct sense of our loss that we attempt to pay a loving tribute to the memory of our departed brother and friend, Rev. Harry S. Johnson, a former pastor of Calvary M. P. church.

"He labored among us for eight short years, during which time we found him a consecrated, tireless, devoted executive, ministering to the needs of his flock in sickness and health, uncompromising in his attitude toward the world and the devil, dividing the Word of Truth rightly, he preached Jesus and Jesus only. His life, like his Master's was one of service.

"Under his guiding hand and untiring efforts, the church became free of financial encumbrance; the spiritual life of the church was quickened and a devotion and effection sprung up between pastor and people, which disappointment, sorrow, and affliction could not remove. He loved old Calvary as he loved his life. There were ties of love and friendship which bound him to her. The loss of his devoted companion during his pastorate seemed only to deepen his affection.

"When God in His wisdom saw fit to permit affliction to put an end to his active ministry, he waged a valiant fight against the worst kind of odds, and though emaciated in body from the intense suffering of a lingering illness, his faith in God remained strong, his mind was ever keen and alert, and his life's work seemed uppermost in his mind.

"Like Paul, he could say, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He has gone Home to claim the crown awaiting him.

"What a happy meeting there must have been as the Gates swung open and he stepped in the glory land to greet Jesus and his own beloved wife.

"The memory of his life will linger long and be cherished by the church he loved."

"His funeral services were held in Bay View church—the church of his childhood and youth, also of his first year in the active ministry—at 1:30 P. M. on Monday, February 2nd, 1925, participated in by Revs. H. O. Keen, F. S. Cain and J. G. Lynn, the supply pastor of Cecil Circuit, and by a large delegation from Calvary church, the choir of that



church furnishing the music for the occasion. At the conclusion of the services his sadly emaciated body was placed by the side of that of his faithful, loving companion in Bay View Cemetery to await God's call to all His sleeping saints.

F. T. LITTLE,  
L. F. WARNER,  
H. O. KEEN,

T. A. LEWIS,  
E. L. KEYSER,  
ALLEN HARTMAN.

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### REV. CHARLES E. McCULLOUGH

Rev. Charles E. McCullough was born in Baltimore, October 5, 1861. In early life he was converted, and became a member of the United Brethren church. Later he transferred his membership to West Baltimore Methodist Protestant church, and in 1888 was recommended by that church to the Maryland Annual Conference, and received into its itinerancy. His first appointment was assistant pastor on Frederick Circuit. He was ordained Elder in 1891. He filled pastorates in various sections of the Conference District.

In April 1899 he married Miss Margaret L. Burdette of Poplar Springs, Howard County, Maryland. Of this union there were three children, Dr. Kenneth McCullough of Wacross, Georgia, now Physician and Surgeon of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., Caroline, who married Mr. A. H. Gallaher, and who died in April 1916. The other was Annie Mary, who is the second wife of Mr. A. H. Gallaher of Plainfield, New Jersey. Mrs. McCullough departed this life May 1, 1898, and in November 1899 brother McCullough was married again to Miss Ella R. Zepp, also of Howard County and who died several years ago.

Brother McCullough was refined and cultured, and was a most excellent and acceptable preacher. He was never strong physically, and during the later years of his active ministry, was in such delicate health that he labored under serious difficulties, both in the pulpit and pastorate. He however persevered and tried to attend to his work. From 1907 to 1909 he filled the pastorate of what was then the Monterey Congregational church in the Blue Ridge Mountains with the hope of regaining his health.

In speaking of him Dr. G. W. Haddaway says, "Rev. C. E. McCullough and myself joined the Maryland Conference about the same time. We became warm friends, as did Mrs. Haddaway and his first wife, who was a Miss Burdette of Howard County. She was a splendid woman. Our wives met for the first time on our honeymoon, and became fast friends until the death of Mrs. McCullough. Brother McCullough was an industrious worker and fine preacher. He did good work on the various charges he served. In the later years of his ministry, largely because of distance, we did not see very much of each other. His health failed him some years ago, and he was compelled to give up active work earlier than he would have otherwise have done. His work here is done, his reward is won."

Rev. H. W. D. Johnson, a member of the committee, writes as fol-

lows: "Thirty-four years ago brother McCullough and I knelt side by side in West Baltimore Church, and were ordained to the office of Elder. Our fields of labor have been far apart, and I have met our brother but once during all these years, except during our Conference sessions. However, because of our first meeting at the altar of consecration, and being touched by the infirmities of his body, I have felt more than a usual interest in him and his work. He has impressed me as a zealous consecrated minister of the Gospel, and we all know he was a workman that needed not to be ashamed. Although handicapped by physical infirmities, he fought a good fight and kept the faith. His is the victor's crown."

Brother Ludlow Gafford, of Queen Anne Charge, furnishes this testimonial. "It was with deep sorrow that we learned of the death of brother McCullough. He served our charge for two years, leaving us in 1896, having made a host of friends; for we all loved both him and his wife. While with us he organized the Christian Endeavor Society, which is still doing a good work. In 1919, when we were left without a pastor, although in poor health, he showed his love for us by coming to us in June, and remaining until January of the following year, when he was compelled to give up his work, and return to his home in Georgia. He was kind and loving to everyone."

Mr. James L. Townsend, of Howard Circuit, writes: "Brother McCullough was much thought of at this appointment. He was a good preacher, a fine singer and, as far as I know, did a good work."

On account of ill health he was Superannuated in 1918, and went to live with his son in Wacross, Georgia. His son says that for the first year or two after he came with him, he was as active in church work as his health would permit. He filled different pulpits for ministers in Wacross and adjoining towns. He was greatly interested in a little mission in Florida, and made one or two trips there. He seemed especially interested in mission work, and one summer conducted services almost every week at a little saw-mill town, thirty miles from Wacross. He seemed gratified in performing services for others. He was taken suddenly ill on Saturday morning, January 31, and lingered until eleven o'clock Sunday morning, when he quietly passed from the sufferings of this life to the life immortal in the Heavenly Home.

The funeral services were conducted in Poplar Springs Church, Lisbon Charge, by the Chairman of this Committee, assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Dobson. Many beautiful floral designs were sent from Georgia by the friends of the family.

We express our sympathy and love for the son and daughter of our brother, and commend them to our Heavenly Father, who will comfort them in their sorrow, and sustain them by His grace.

J. M. SHERIDAN,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,  
H. W. D. JOHNSON,

LUDLOW GAFFORD,  
JAMES W. TOWNSEND  
SOLOMON MYERS.

# CONFERENCE SERMON

## A SYMMETRICAL MINISTRY

Text:- II. Timothy 2: 15

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

LEONARD B. SMITH

I want first to confess my own failure to exemplify the kind of ministry that I have described in one word of my theme. But trusting a sympathetic and prayerful audience to be tolerant in regard to my own failures, I shall endeavor to speak only what I believe "the Spirit saith unto the churches," particularly to my brethren of the ministry. "He that hath an ear, let him hear."

Perhaps I ought to apologize for requiring the somewhat over-worked Apostle Paul to afford a text for this occasion. Many timely words of counsel concerning our labours have been given by other inspired writers of the Scriptures. However, it is doubtful if any great improvement can be made to the sacred charges which Paul has given to ministers of the Gospel, or to the exhortations which he has sent down to Christian laymen.

### THE TEXT

This familiar text has come perhaps as often to our minds in our devotions, our pulpit utterances, and our pastoral ministrations as any other passage of the Word of God. As a Christian motto, as counsel to young converts, and in various other ways, it has a wide-spread usage. Some may recall the incident in the life of Charles M. Alexander, when on a vacation, he and a chum selected this passage as a year-text. Instead of "Good Night" and "Good Morning," it was always "Second Timothy Two Fifteen." At the end of their vacation, when they parted at the depot, the same words were used to bid each other "Good Bye." A listening reporter casually wrote a short account of it in his paper. It was copied by a London journal, a copy of which was sent by a good woman to a soldier in Calcutta, who afterwards met Mr Alexander in his world evangelistic tour with Dr. Torrey. Sixty Cambridge University students painted the words on the side of their pleasure car for an extended trip. The master of ceremonies in the Court of Denmark read the article, and spoke of it in an influential gathering of leading men whereupon it became a popular expression throughout the land. Whether or not it has been used as a text for the purpose which I have in mind today, I do not know. Suffice it to say, no other passage has seemed to convey to me the truths which I desire to emphasize before this body of ministers and laymen.

The familiar word "Study" in this passage does not occur at all in the original Greek text. The word has rather the meaning of "Do thy diligence," as when Paul uses it in a later chapter to say to Timothy, "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me." Peter uses it in his second

epistle, chapter 1, verse 10,—“Give diligence to make your calling and election sure.” In Hebrews 4:11, it is used for the words translated in our authorized Version “Let us labour,” referring to entering into the rest that “remaineth for the people of God.”

It is interesting also to note that the word “Approved” is the positive form of the word which Paul uses in the negative form in his first Corinthian letter, translated “castaway,”—“Lest by any means, when I have preached unto others, I myself should be a castaway (literally, “disapproved”). He is not expressing the fear that he will fail of salvation, for certainly the apostle is not alarmed about his security in this respect, but he rather expresses the fear that he may miss one of his anticipated crowns or rewards for service.

I suppose the most interesting light which the original throws upon this passage is reflected in the word our English calls “rightly dividing.” The literal meaning of this word is “cutting straight,” seeming to convey the idea of carving something at the table, and distributing it to the guests in a proportional way. Its meaning is to “handle aright” the Word of God, as “that meat which endureth,” carving it properly, and conveying it in digestible fashion to hungry souls around us that they may grow thereby.

#### THE THEME

Let us glance for a moment at our theme. Many excellent advices have been spoken and written concerning the minister and his preaching, his pastoral work, his conduct, his character, his devotional life, his library, and what not? I have listened at times to the emphasis by master minds and successful men upon some one phase of our great work, and have been moved to resolve that, if necessary, I will stop doing anything else in the ministry until I learn to succeed in this one thing. I fear that many of us have been so deeply moved by such messages, that we have long since concluded that one cannot be efficient in more than one way in our Lord’s work on earth. Consequently, the impression has gone out that because this man is a great preacher, he must be a poor pastor; that because another is exploited as a wonderful pastor, he must be of course, weak in the pulpit; because another is such a great student, he is put down as a poor leader, financier, executive; because another is a most excellent manager, he cannot find time to study, and consequently is supposed to lack that resourcefulness that commends itself to many people. In attempting to correct these erroneous impressions, I am not unmindful of what this same great apostle has written in other epistles concerning the ministry. For example, in Ephes. 4, he refers to placing certain men with gifts peculiar to themselves, into one field, and others with other gifts into another,—“and he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers.” In his first Corinthian letter he writes also of the “diversities of gifts” by the Spirit of God. Of course, there are “differences of administration,” and “diversities of operation,” and the work of the Spirit in so doing is for every man to profit withal.” But on the other hand, when I think of Paul himself, and many of his worthy, Spirit—filled successors through the ages, who have been peerless teachers, fruitful evangelists, faithful

pastors, mighty preachers, remarkable leaders, and efficient managers, I believe that every one of us can greatly improve upon that which may not be our specialty, and thereby guarantee a ministry symmetrical enough to profit withal. The preacher who lays many of his pulpit supplies up in his mind during his heart to heart talks in the homes of his people through the week, and he carries a big bundle of pulpit provisions and distributes them in person wherever he knows that they are needed, may, after all, be the man that "goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seeds," who later "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." The pastor-evangelist who conserves the fruitage of his revival harvest by thorough organization, patient training, and safe teaching, may find his fruit both more permanent and abundant with which to glorify the Father in Heaven.

Happy is that minister who finds his field ripe for tireless and persistent pastoral labours, whether he likes them or not, and at the same time, a challenge for the best preaching in town. Happy is that church which realizes that it needs never to apologize for the sermons of its pulpit, and yet whose pastoral labours are never left undone. Happy is the congregation who sit at the feet of a teacher in the pulpit, Sunday school and prayer meeting every week of the year, and yet fail never to receive from him words whereby they and their households may be saved. It is undoubtedly this kind of a ministry that Robert E. Speer had in mind when he said "It offers the finest opportunity to any man to make the whole of his life tell. A man may do good in any calling, but the minister makes it his life work to do good. No man has such chances for influencing the lives of men, which, after all, is the work that tells." It was Southey who declared "The pulpit is the clergyman's parade; the parish is his field of active service."

There are four timely suggestions in the text for a symmetrical ministry.. Perhaps they are not all of equal importance, but it is doubtful that any minister ever does his best until he has given close attention to each one of them.

### I. A DILIGENT MINISTRY

This introductory word "Study," or, as we have explained, "Do thy diligence," was evidently intended to be applied to every phrase of the text. I use it as a separate suggestion because of the urgency of the business of our King. If this was true in Paul's day, it is in ours, "and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." All around us we see men diligently applying their energies to the various industries and professions of life. Shall we subject the highest of all callings to the scorn of a sloth-hating world? Samuel Johnson once said "I do not envy a clergyman's life, nor do I envy the clergyman who makes it an easy life." One of our familiar expressions in the pastorate is this: "If you want a thing done, ask a busy man or woman to do it." Is it any the less true in the case of ministers themselves? Dr. Russell Conwell was once asked how he prepared his sermons, to which he gave this amazing reply: "Having had such a busy pastorate with more than I could do ever pressing on my time, I have had no time or freedom of mind for sermons. I never wrote or saved one. I have found if the time is

filled with Christ's work all the week, God will use weak sermons on Sunday; but laziness through the week grings sure failure." My purpose in quoting Dr. Conwell is certainly not to discourage sermon preparation, for, in this respect, there are but few Russell Conwells on earth. Rather do I want to insist that a symmetrical ministry gives no time whatever for loafing in the King's business. Dr. Cleland McAfee, in an article on "If I were A Pastor Again," gives these significant words: "It is easy to shirk ministerial duties, to lounge in one's study, to grind and polish a sermon on pretence of feeling the importance of it, to let one's self be coddled by the warning that one 'works so hard.'" "But," on the other hand he adds, "It is not much better to spread one's strength out so thin that the essential things get only the leavings of the strident things. Some men know how to strike the miraculous balance, therefore, it is not impossible."

It seems to me the longer I engage in the service of my Lord, the more and more virgin soil He points out to me, and it almost taunts me to think of the feeble hands I have to till it. Yet Jesus faced such scenes every day of His brief ministry. As we think of some of the familiar scenes before Him, we are deeply moved by His words: "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you 'Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.'" The bungled work of the centuries of Christian teaching, the masses unreached by the Gospel, the forces untrained for service, the infant minds in adult brains concerning matters of religion, the reluctance of the masses of Christian people to reply with voluntary service to our Saviour's last commission, the appalling dearth of men and women in the churches who are willing to undertake even the simplest Christian duty, all this, is a ringing challenge to us, not only enter more zealously into the task, but also to cry out again in the words of Amos, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion!"

It is a blessed privilege to be engaged in a task like ours, altogether too big for us, and yet to know that we are labouring with Him. There is no one like our Lord in partnership of service. He has announced the program; He has made all the plans; He has promised us guidance and help, and wisdom from above; and then He bears all the anxiety and care of it on His own great heart. Though we see far more than our feeble hands can do, we can go into it with confidence, and with hearts that are happy and free, knowing that "He which hath begun a good work in us will perform it," and hearing the long echo of His words "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

## II. THE APPROVED LIFE

In our symmetrical ministry, let us be diligent, while preaching unto others, to preach also to ourselves, lest after all, we be disapproved. Some one has said "The world looks at a minister out of the pulpit to know what he means in it." It was said of a certain minister that "When he was out of the pulpit, it was a pity he should ever go into it, and when he was in the pulpit, it was a pity he should ever come out of it." Breth-

ren, no ministry is symmetrical, or effective either, that does not include the minister's own life sphere. Let the world keep on debating whether or not a minister is expected to be better than other people, but as long as we know how far short of perfection our people have halted, let us not be content with mere relative goodness. It is God's approval, not man's, that counts. Last week I was teaching to my prayer meeting audience the Book of Daniel. The personal message came to me with double emphasis, because I was also meditating upon this message: Daniel was in Babylon, and all Babylon knew it; but Babylon was not in Daniel, and both Daniel and God knew that quite well. Brethren, as long as we are in the world, let us see to it that the world knows it; but let us beware, lest the world get into us, for whether we know it or not, God will know it. Phillips Brooks was right, when he said, "There are pages of the Bible that are forever soiled by the touches of the hands of ministers who delight in the cheap jokes they have left behind them." A worldly ministry is a barren and joyless ministry. The only cure to the tendency is to set the Lord ever before us, and say daily "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God." In character, let us be unspotted from the world, in conduct, walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, in integrity, never so cheap as to cater to preacher-pitying petters, who are always ready to apologize for us with the familiar excuse for our failures,— "Oh, well, he is only a preacher." Let us be poor, if need be, but let us be honest by all means. A million sinners have gone to hell telling about a few ministers who refused to pay their debts, and who lived no better than they. In a certain town, the citizens are said to have named a prominent sign post "The Minister". A new preacher came on, and hearing the strange term applied to the post, asked what it meant, whereupon a citizen replied, "We call it 'The Minister' because it is always directing which way we should go, but never going itself." I wonder who was pastor in that town, when the post got its name; was it you?

### III. THE UNASHAMED WORKMAN

I am sure that I voice the sentiments of every minister and possibly every layman here, when I say that there is scarcely one of us but who is disappointed with the results of his labours for Christ and the church during the year that is closing today. Our hearts ache, because other hearts have not softened under the warmth of our spiritual pleadings. Our increases are not as large as we had prayed. We are dissatisfied with the progress shown in our reports. But brethren, it is one thing to be disappointed, and quite another to be ashamed. Jesus was disappointed. Was there ever a pastor's wail so pathetic as some of His? "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! how often would I . . . and ye would not." "But ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." "If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." We have noted with sorrow and keenest regrets the declension of some of our Demas members who have "loved this present world," and have forsaken us; and we have entered into His sorrow, as He looked at His own depleted "little flock" and said,

"Will ye also go away?" But be it remembered, however disappointed Jesus was, He had no occasion to be ashamed. When He declared in the triumph of His soul "Father, I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do," His great heart was aching with disappointment, but He was not at all ashamed. That man of God among us today who is conscious of having not shunned "to declare all the counsel of God," and has taken heed to "feed the church of Christ which He hath purchased with His own blood," has no cause to be ashamed.

Notwithstanding, brethren, let us beware of self-tolerance. Before God ever called us to our present fields of labour, and before we shall place our feet upon our new fields in another week, He has been there and surveyed those fields. We have prayed for Divine direction, and have learned that "the steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord; and He delighteth in his way." In our devotions, we have read the words "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." I wonder if we are just following His leading in the symmetry of His work. Some duties are a delight for us to perform, and others may be obnoxious, but just as essential. Permit me to mention, for example, a few phases of our work, which ought to determine whether or not as workman we have any occasion to be ashamed.

(a) Have we made disciples for Jesus? Unto this task every one of us has been definitely sent. In addition to the many who are not far from the Kingdom of God, there are to be found in every community some people who seem to have been given over to the devil. They are worth too much for us to surrender them so readily. Can there be anything more necessary than to know that we have persistently urged these and others, even more hopeful, to come into the fold of our Christ? Oh, could we but know the value of a single hour spent close beside some of these Gospel hardened ones so near us, tearfully pleading with them to flee from the wrath to come! In the marts of trade the modern successful salesman is described as one who "gets the name on the dotted line." Every pastor, and every lay worker, ought to carry with him a list of men and women, boys and girls, for whose salvation he feels that no one else is more responsible than he; and he should pray and work to the end that e'er long he will be able to place a real confession of faith before every one of them, and "get the name on the dotted line." I suppose some one is saying just now: "I don't believe in this dry-eyed, card-signing, altar-standing, church-joining method of conversion; give me the "Old-Time Religion" that brings a man to his knees with sobbing cries for mercy." My brother you can't say that too strong for me, for I was born again in the midst of a most hilarious demonstration of this, and I know it's real. God give us more of it! But give me any method of converting sinners that converts and brings them out of sin and the world into the Kingdom and the church of Christ. Make me "all things to all men that I might by all means save some." I glean just now from my book of recent memory a man in early middle life, who, after persistent



invitation, came into my Bible class. Soon after, he suggested with more or less indifference that he guessed he ought to be baptized. Immediately seizing upon the opportunity, I spent a whole evening with that man, going carefully over the conditions of baptism. He accepted, and the following Sunday he quietly stood before the congregation, and with a dry eye was baptized and received into the church. There were no sobs, no tears. After four years that man stands today second to none in the confidence and esteem of the entire congregation, and I believe in the favor of God. Another comes to my mind, a man of over seventy years, a friend of preachers, but never a Christian or a member of the church. Soon after he began to attend, I said to him as I grasped his hand going out of church one Sunday, "Your granddaughter is going to join the church next Sunday; I want you to stand beside her and do the same thing." Without another word, he came, and has enjoyed a genuine Christian experience ever since. These cases are illustrative of hundreds and thousands of opportunities we have all around us. As Dr. Theodore Cuyler has put it, let us "make a dead set for souls." I am more and more convinced that the man who does it, will have less and less to say about the hardened sinners around him, and a larger and larger figure to place year by year in the column of conversions on the charge. "These things ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

(b) Then, brethren, I think of the general interests of the Kingdom as challenging us to be workmen unashamed. I have sympathy with the complaint that ministers are being made more and more financial agents, and less and less spiritual leaders. If we allow this, it will be true. But we have answered the call of God into the ministry of a church which believes in the Gospel for the entire world, and not merely for the narrow boundaries of our local communities. Our church believes in the training of Christian youth, and in the Christian education of its youth. We believe in a Gospel of love and care for the orphan, and the aged. We believe it to be the will of God that our people not only be converted and join the church, and support the church which they join, but that they also obey Christ in His demand for world evangelization. Since we cannot have every one of our people go personally into this world task, the most concrete thing we have to enlist them in it, is what we call the "budget". We must see that our people place an equal accent upon all their obligations. Again I resort to the commercial world for a term to fit my utterances here: "Sell it" is the word I want. The unashamed workman will take up the duties of his charge, and with the co-operation of his faithful laymen, such as I believe we have with us here, determine to "sell" the budget of his church. He either believes that these general interests do, or that they do not, deserve all that they demand for their support. If he does not believe it, he ought to tell the faculty when he enters, or if already in, he ought to tell the President as he leaves. If he does believe it, he should determine by the help of God that he will get his people to believe it, or else ask for a change the first year. Brethren, we don't have to live, but, whether we live or die, we do have to give an account of our stewardship. That stewardship in-

volves our obligation to renounce both ourselves and in our people "the hidden things of dishonesty". "If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded their minds." This may apply not only to sinners out in the world, but also to official boards who, by their narrow policies, are inducing the people to do less than their best. If it is a choice between the pastor's salary, and the general interests of the Kingdom, let it be the latter first at whatever the cost. As for myself, once I was young, nor yet am I old, yet have I never seen my budget fall short, nor myself begging bread. If it is either coal for our congregations, or the Gospel for the heathen world, let us put our Lord's program first. It is better to have our people shiver a few Sundays than to have them scorch hereafter, facing a God whose voice they have refused to hear, and whom they have robbed in tithes and offerings. If they are squandering God's money upon personal comforts, it is well that we courageously remind them that robbers cannot enter Heaven.

(c) Perhaps I should not leave this important phase of my theme with out at least brief reference to our part in law enforcement and civic reform. I am fully aware of the peril in a minister's life hidden in his identity as a citizen, a leader in reform movements, a moulder of public opinion, and a creator of public sentiment. I realize how easily his passion for victory over community evils may carry him too far. I also appreciate the criticism that we are called to preach the Gospel to lost sinners, and that if we do this faithfully, we will have but little time to help overthrow the specific evils of our communities. Yet, my brethren, there is not a minister on earth so busy, that he cannot, and should not, have something to do with the character of the laws passed, under which he and his people must live, and more to say about the manner in which these laws are enforced. If it were necessary to forfeit our priestly office of mediation between the souls of men and God, in order to fulfill our prophetic duties of speaking for God before the people, denouncing public and private sins, it would be quite a different situation. Ah, the forces of evil would experience a glad day if the ministers of our land could once be silenced about these great issues. They would, if they could, make church membership mean a forfeit of citizenship, and in this, the daily press is with them in large measure. Be it remembered that it was he, as the "voice in the wilderness," who cried out "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!" and "Repent ye; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," who also stood in the presence of a Roman ruler, declaring "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife." The other day I heard two politicians talking. One of them used the time-worn and thread-bare expression, "You can't make people good by passing laws." Whoever said we were trying to do so? We know that a few laws placed upon the statute books will not place a lease for a heavenly mansion into the pockets of the crooks and criminals of all our communities. But though we cannot make them good by passing laws, we can at least tell them how far they dare proceed with their misbehaviour in places where a few good people happen

to be living. "The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and the sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for man-slayers . . . for liars, perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine."

Dan Poling says of Dr. David J. Burrell: "His profound convictions concerning the fundamentals of the Christian faith have not kept him out of the social and reform activities of the day. As a fighter for the Christian Sabbath and against the liquor traffic, he came with all the fire and drive of his Scotch ancestry into the public arena. I have found few really worth-while programs to which he is not intimately related." Then he significantly adds: "But nothing has ever been allowed to stand in the way of the real business of his life, the preaching of the Gospel." God, make of us such men! "Men," as said Wm. W. Punshon, "of zeal untiring,—whose hearts of constancy quail not, although dull men sneer, and proud men scorn, and timid men blush, and cautious men deprecate, and wicked men revile."

I cannot dwell longer upon our many and difficult tasks, but trust you to apply these same thoughts to the many more which I have not mentioned specifically. The thought comes to us, when will we ever find the time for all these things. Let us remember "My times are in Thy hands," and when we said "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" He answered by showing us these things, and He knows just how much to place into our feeble hands. Yes, there will be some to think we might do much more. They will lay out our work for us, choose our themes, and give instructions as to what we are to say and refrain from saying. There will be some to hate us, but 'tis a far greater peril to have all speak well of us, and then to blush with shame when we approach the great Husbandman to receive our wages eternal. Let us not be disturbed by what men say.

"He knows; He loves; He cares;  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives the very best to those  
Who leave the choice with Him."

### III. THE DIVIDER OF THE WORD

I have taken the hint of the apostle, and reserved for the last this function of a symmetrical ministry,—“rightly dividing (handling aright —“cutting straight”) the word of truth.” We are told of a certain stranger in a town who on Saturday night visited the barber shop. The inquisitive barber casually inquired of him his business in town. The stranger replied, “O, I am just supplying the Methodist pulpit.” The barber failing to recognize the clerical appearance of the stranger, and not understanding the term “supplying the pulpit,” continued with his second question, “What with?” The stranger blushing explained, but the remainder of the time in the chair was spent in a deep study. That

night a light burned late, and some said the Methodist pulpit had seldom ever been so well supplied as it was next morning, all because of the innocent, but pertinent little question, "What with?" "Every scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."

(a) A symmetrical ministry demands that we face frankly the fact and cause of the wide-spread and pitiable ignorance of the people around us in regard to the Word of God. The great advance of education has completely exploded the theory that this may be due to illiteracy. Never before in the history of the human race was there a more general and thorough knowledge of expressed human opinion; and speaking relatively, never before did real Bible knowledge occupy a smaller space in the human intellect. Don't misunderstand me. I do not say that men know less of the Bible today than ever, but that in proportion to their educational attainment today, they know less than ever of the Word of God. We may try to comfort ourselves by tracing to various sources the blame for this pathetic condition, but when the last explanation is discovered, it will be found lodging quite near the steps of our pulpits, and the doors of our studies. Sometime ago, in a mid-western university, there was a Bible test given before nineteen hundred students. The answers revealed some amazing notions about Bible facts. Paul was given as the name of one of the Books of the Bible by nearly eight hundred students. Nearly five hundred gave Pilate the honor of having written one of the Bible Books. Over four hundred thought James was the name of a prominent river in Palestine, while twice that number thought the same of Galilee. About four hundred called Agrippa an apostle, while six hundred supposed Jude to be a king, and Gethsemane a city of Egypt. Nearly one thousand defined the scriptures as quotations from literature, and a large number gave such answers as that elders meant bushes, scribes were bad men, and tithes were bundles of provisions to be shipped to missionaries.

This reminds me vividly of one of the "embarrassing moments" of my Seminary days. In the assembly of faculty and students one day, I was called to the platform, and Dr. Elderdice bluntly announced that I would tell the audience what I knew about Deborah. I did not want to insult that great woman deliverer from Canaanite oppression, but really I could recall no more about her than if she had never been born. As the perspiration increased on my face, and smiles on those of my amused audience, the thoughtful Doctor attempted to relieve the situation by changing my subject to that of Jephthah, and alas, I knew no more about this Judge of Israel than if he had been the most insignificant character of ancient history. As I stood squirming and blushing a moment or two in torture, the kind-hearted President sympathetically suggested that I might do a little better with the story of Lot, whereupon I rushed to relate that he was a nephew of Abraham, whose wife had a rubber neck and turned to salt.

Brethren, I wonder if we fully realize just how little our people do know, not about the Scriptures, but actually of them. If you want to

make the discovery for yourselves, turn your next prayer meeting into a Bible test, not to embarrass your people personally, but to reveal unto them how very little they know of the only words on earth that can make them wise unto salvation. In these days of spiritual declension, that preacher is most thoughtful of God's people who is truest to God's Word. There is nothing on earth of so much value that is so little known. There is no brighter news running through the centuries that means so much to men, to which they are giving so little attention. How strange will be the language of Heaven to the average saint when first translated!

(b) The modern ministry affords a wonderful opportunity for the distribution of Bible food. Experts in physical nutrition prescribe to the general public certain foods to guarantee symmetry of physical growth. In creating the human body, God has provided in nature a sufficient amount of these various elements in proper proportion. So also in His Word has He provided the essential elements for spiritual growth and development. We are the appointed dietitians. Shall we stunt that growth by careless and improper distribution of spiritual food in our daily and weekly ministrations! It is ours to sit at the head of God's family table down here, and carve and distribute the meat of the Word to the hungry souls of His children. The pulpit today presents a ringing challenge to this holy task. The thoughts of the people are awakened, and their minds are better able to grasp what is given. Yet I fear that ninety-nine per cent of the average sermon today is taken up with human opinions concerning the Word, and human ethical advice, and not more than one per cent with the actual Word itself. There is too much catering to popular curiosity as to what God meant, and too little declaring of what God said; too much giving of advice to God, and too little giving of God's advice to men. I am not disparaging of modern books of great writers that keep us abreast with the times, but I am insisting upon more Bible preaching in our pulpits today. Not long ago I went to hear a prominent Methodist minister, whose theme interested me: "Is a Christian Life Practicable for the Young Man of Today." His text was: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways?" The literary resourcefulness of the preacher was demonstrated in the voluminous and appropriate quotations from nearly every magazine to be found in a preacher's library. But I declare to you that I heard but one quotation from the Bible in the entire sermon, and that was a misquotation. I did indeed want so badly to suggest the Bible's own answer to its own question given in the same verse as the text: "By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word."

If the controversy between so-called modernism and fundamentalism has its hazards and its perils today in religious life, I thank God that I am optimistic enough to believe that it has also its brighter side. It is driving us, ministers and laymen alike, whether modernists or fundamentalists, liberalists or literalists, to play safe by giving God a chance to speak directly through His own Word, and He can be counted on to do it, when we look and listen. I have not bothered to name myself either a modernist or a fundamentalist,—rather judge ye, if ye dare. But I am ready to reaffirm my abiding faith in the Word itself, and for my own particu-

lar use, it needs no great alteration to fit my humble ideas of twentieth century preaching. It is true that our young people are being taught the astounding discoveries of science. I welcome the day when a new discovery is made. Why need we fear what science may reveal? Ours is to tell the Word of God, and that of scientists is to reveal the works of God. Will He tell us one thing and do quite another? I assume that scientists are doing the best they can at their job with His works, and I am determined to do no less at mine with His Word. What if a few misled and inflated minds are suddenly moved by their findings to declare independence and cry out "What is the Almighty that we should serve Him?" "Nay, man, but who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, 'Why hast Thou made me thus?'" If the "foolishness of God is wiser than men," will God's truth break down under human reasoning? So the greater the controversy over the Word, the greater our opportunity to give the Word. Bayne has truthfully said: "The day that witnesses the conversion of our ministers into political and philosophical speculators or scientific lecturers, will witness the final decay of clerical weight and influence." "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven." "O earth, earth, earth, hear the Word of the Lord!"

When we find ourselves at the mercy of some critical discussion, or in the aftermath of some late scientific discovery that at first puzzles and perplexes and disturbs us and our people, it is just here that the Bible will provide our own counterpoise. More thorough study of it will give us that freshness of spirit, that resourcefulness which challenges even those who differ with us, a capacity for calming the troubled waters, a readiness for emergencies, and a persistency in service that will keep us going in the face of contrary winds. My brethren, there are troubled hearts before us today, for whom there is no balm so soothing as those beatific words of Jesus to His troubled "little flock" just as He began to take the Calvary climb: "Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." There are before us skeptical minds whose problems we can help solve in no safer way than to show them patiently that "Without faith it is impossible to please God," and then sweetly breathe upon them the benediction "Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed." Bright and ambitious boys and girls, and young men and women, with faces upturned, are listening to what we have to say to them. Is there saner counsel to give than Joshua received? "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Is any modern advice more timely than that which Paul gave to bright young Timothy: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a youth thou hast known the Holy Scriptures." The aged

also, bowed beneath their hoary-headed crowns, need all the comforting assurances we can give them. In the evening time of their lives, let us light the valley for them with the bright lamp of truth, and show them that they can walk therein just as fearlessly as did the Psalmist, with the rod and staff still comforting. The heart-broken and sorrowing are ever with us, and they will never hear words to assuage their groanings more effective than those we are wont to speak, "He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole; He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." Brethren, there is no condition in life into which the Word of God may not more easily fit than any words of man's wisdom. Let us carve and distribute it; let us divide it aright. I am not attempting to tell my brethren how to prepare and deliver their sermons. I am merely urging that as we do this in our own way, let us do more Bible preaching, Bible speaking, and Bible teaching. Some day we are to share with Him in a glorious reign "when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Let's not wait until He comes to do the filling.

I believe one of the most profitable things I ever did, at least for myself, if not for my people, was to begin last fall, to take my prayer meeting audience through the Bible, Book by Book. Each Book is given a night. Of course, we have not been able to give a thorough study to each Book, but we have gone into it with the determination to know more of the Bible than ever before. I am happy to declare that our desires have been realized. Some of our grimest young men and women are seldom absent. They are studiously following it. Some of them are taking periodical examinations on sections of Books. It is putting it lightly to say that they are driving me to a more thorough study of the Word than I have ever given t, and it is a veritable benediction to me. At a New Year testimony meeting, one of our bright young women stood and said that the greatest blessing the Old Year had brought to her were those prayer meeting Bible lessons. I believe it is possible to create an interest in this blessed Book that would displace many of the follies and idle pastimes of our people. I believe that we can form in our pastoral efforts family Bible classes, while the radio furnishes its helpful intermissions. Our young people are ready for such a program. Our institutes are creating an appetite for the Word, and a passion for giving it.

God has placed into our hands this Book of sixty-six Books, every one of which is an introduction to His only begotten Son, for whom we are sent to make disciples. "They are they which testify of me." Let us take Genesis and introduce Him as the "seed of the woman" that "shall bruise the serpent's head." Let us take Exodus, and point to Him the "lamb without blemish," slain to take away the sin of the world; let us take Leviticus, and show Him to be the atoning sacrifice for the people; Numbers, as the "smitten rock," the "budding rod," and "the brazen serpent lifted up;" Dueteronomy, as the Prophet; Joshua, as the Captain of salvation; Judges, as the great deliverer; Ruth, as the kinsman-redeemer; Samuel, Kings and Chronicles as the King of kings; Ezra as the temple restorer; Nehemiah as the nation's builder; Esther as the advocate; Job

as "My Redeemer;" Psalms as "My Shepard;" Proverbs and Ecclesiastes as the beginning and the end of wisdom; Song of Solomon, as the Rose of Sharon; Isaiah, as the Prince of Peace, and Emanuel, as the "tender plant;" Jeremiah as David's righteous Branch, whose name "shall be called 'The Lord our Righteousness,'" Lamentations, as the "man that hath seen affliction;" Ezekial, as the man on the throne, the "tender twig," and the "one sheperd;" Daniel, as the stone cut out; Hosea, as the ransoming power from the grave, and the dew unto Israel; Joel, as the hope of His people; Amos, as the planter in the latter days; Obadiah, as the Saviour; Jonah, as the Resurrection and the Life; Micah, as the witness against the people; Nahum, as "the stronghold in the day of trouble"; Habakkuk, as the salvation of the people; Haggai, as "the desire of all nations"; Zechariah, as the "headstone"; Malachi, as the "sun of righteousness with healing in his wings;" let us take Matthew, and introduce Jesus, the Messiah; Mark, Jesus the servant; Luke, the son of man; John, the son of God; Acts, the risen Lord and coming King; Romans, as "the power of God unto salvation," and "the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith;" First Corinthians, as the conquerer of death and the grave; Second Corinthians, as our Comforter in tribulation; Galatians, as our deliverer from evil, and the yoke of bondage; Ephesians as our medium of spiritual adoption; Philippians, as the river of our strength to do all things; Colossians, as the center of our affections set on things above; First Thessalonians, as God's "Son from heaven"; Second Thess., as the one "revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels" and "glorified in His saints;" First Timothy, as the one who came to save sinners; Second Timothy, as the one who is "able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day;" Titus, as "our blessed hope;" Philemon, as our Master and owner; Hebrews, as "the High Priest of our profession;" James, as our good works pattern, and whose coming "draweth nigh;" First Peter, as the "chief corner stone elect and precious," and the "Sheperd and Bishop of our souls;" Second Peter, as the long suffering one, who is "not slack concerning His promises"; First John, as our Life; Second John, as our Truth; and Third John, as our Way; Jude; as our Preserver; and Revelation, as "the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Blessed is the man who takes these Books of the Book, and through them introduces to men, Him of whom they so clearly testify!

"He dwells upon a lonely height.

He is the keeper of the light;

And trimmed and ready it must be

To guide the ships upon the sea.

He is the bearer of the lamp

That shines through densest fogs and damp;

And weary sailors as they roam

Are blessing him who leads them home.

He leads us through life's winding ways,

And keeps the torch of faith ablaze.

He is the keeper of the light

That guides our wandering souls aright."



Bunyan saw him,—“the picture of a very grave person hung up against a wall; and this was the fashion of it: it had eyes lifted up to Heaven; the best of book was in its hand; the law of truth was written upon its lips; the world was behind its back; it stood as if it pleaded with men; and a crown of gold did hang over its head.” Was it you? Was it I? Who was it? It was the diligent minister, whose uprightness of life, and purity of soul commended him to God; of whose work he was not ashamed; and whose faithfulness and skill in dividing and distributing the Word of truth, in pulpit, in homes, and everywhere he went, made him a worthy candidate for the crown of glory that fadeth not away, because he had fed the flock of God “taking the oversight, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither being a lord over God’s heritage, but being an example to the flock.”

“Break Thou the bread of life,  
Dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee,  
O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,  
To me—to me——  
As Thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace,  
My all in all.”



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**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES**

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COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	Charge	Ass'd 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	Pd. on Bdg. Less Cr.
		Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid											
1	Accomac, Va.....	31	31	204	204	106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	10
2	Amelia, Va.....	19	19	123	123	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	26
	Baltimore															
3	Alnutt Memorial.....	39	39	325	325	25	...	10	235	11	...	210	27	...	518	500
4	Baltimore Circuit.....	27	27	185	185	108	...	...	141	23	...	...	...	...	272	270
5	Bethesda.....	2	2	5	5	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	20	11
6	Brooklyn.....	38	38	256	256	85	100	58	210	75	50	132	62	50	822	100
7	Calvary.....	36	36	235	235	100	64	10	139	30	52	13	50	12	470	...
8	Chesaco Park.....	9	9	55	55	7	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	20	9
9	Christ Church.....	90	90	603	603	191	25	308	447	128	...	404	54	60	1617	389
10	East Baltimore.....	34	34	227	227	25	...	5	100	25	...	...	20	...	175	641
11	Edmondson Ave.....	7	7	48	48	25	...	...	...	...	...	31	20	...	88	89
12	Eutaw.....	43	43	286	286	132	...	382	316	105	...	400	75	...	1410	...
13	Evergreen.....	21	21	134	134	25	...	...	51	22	...	...	...	...	98	10
14	Glenburnie.....	23	23	147	147	50	...	10	18	16	10	5	...	...	109	9
15	Grace.....	41	41	267	267	50	...	10	28	35	...	...	...	15	138	100
16	Graceland Park.....	10	10	68	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
17	Hampden.....	105	105	702	702	731	...	15	169	5	...	...	...	...	920	288
18	Keen Memorial.....	36	36	239	239	55	20	...	40	25	30	...	10	...	180	...
19	Lauraville.....	22	22	149	149	70	...	...	120	56	...	...	38	...	284	92
20	Linthicum Heights.....	28	28	186	186	211	72	...	100	25	111	75	76	...	670	...
21	Lowe Memorial.....	59	59	392	392	125	25	...	105	50	...	15	...	...	320	235
22	Marley.....	12	12	75	75	23	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	28	105
23	North Baltimore.....	63	63	424	424	281	352	...	400	...	100	300	75	50	1558	...
24	Payson Street.....	17	17	110	110	20	...	6	62	19	...	11	14	...	132	85
25	South Baltimore.....	40	40	265	265	71	46	95	34	71	45	58	53	...	473	...
26	Starr.....	100	100	666	666	...	...	30	631	...	...	550	...	...	1211	1179
27	St. John's.....	85	85	567	567	41	411	...	700	23	...	375	25	...	1575	458
28	St. Paul's.....	46	46	301	200	10	10	...	...	...	10	...	15	...	65	30
29	Trinity.....	24	24	156	156	30	...	...	60	100	...	35	25	25	275	292
30	Violetville.....	16	16	102	102	35	...	...	10	75	25	21	25	30	221	147
31	West Baltimore.....	83	83	554	554	650	100	100	400	100	...	505	25	25	1905	85
32	Wilton Heights.....	40	40	269	152	24	152	15	98	21	...	60	11	...	381	...
33	Bedford, Pa.....	28	28	181	158	32	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	52	...
34	Belair.....	30	30	198	198	64	36	...	...	...	5	...	13	...	118	44
35	Bivalve.....	25	25	165	138	50	...	...	...	19	...	...	17	...	86	...
36	Buckeystown.....	40	40	268	268	116	...	10	203	55	...	150	27	...	561	400
37	Cambridge.....	41	41	280	280	37	156	399	100	29	40	102	46	96	1005	...
38	Cambridge Ct.....	12	12	78	78	25	18	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	51	45
39	Cannon, Del.....	18	18	123	123	30	31	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	74	...
40	Caroline.....	19	19	125	125	143	...	...	...	51	...	...	87	...	281	163
41	Carroll.....	16	16	99	99	28	...	12	39	13	12	17	16	14	151	...
42	Cecil.....	22	22	149	149	41	11	10	10	...	20	3	12	50	157	128
43	Centreville.....	25	25	162	162	75	...	...	...	15	...	27	30	...	147	...
44	Chestertown.....	48	48	328	328	157	...	15	120	100	62	...	...	...	454	724
45	Chincoteague, Va.....	14	14	94	...	5	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	7	35
46	Clayton, Del.....	33	33	222	222	75	65	20	...	8	...	27	14	6	215	...
47	Concord, Pa.....	22	22	148	124	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	79	...
48	Conquest, Va.....	14	14	92	92	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	46	...
	Crisfield															
49	Crisfield.....	61	61	402	402	129	...	10	210	70	...	95	75	...	580	20
50	Lawsonia.....	12	12	78	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	Mariners.....	33	33	214	100	26	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	50	3
52	Crumpton.....	9	9	57	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	10
53	Cumberland 1st Church.....	40	40	267	267	71	...	...	...	50	...	...	29	...	150	100

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd General Conference Budget		Total Assessments		Percentage Paid on 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	Number
Ass'd Paid	Ass'd Total	Ass'd Paid	Ass'd Assessments			Ass'd Pastor's	Paid Salary											
732	116	967	351	36	131	482	1500	1500	200	500	600	250	45	315	3410	3892	1	
443	108	585	250	48	153	403	1000	1000	125	85	175	.....	.....	.....	19	1404	1807	2
1169	1018	1533	1382	90	352	1732	2100	2100	600	1814	2200	.....	.....	.....	175	6889	8621	3
666	542	878	754	86	156	910	1500	1500	600	552	486	.....	.....	.....	200	3310	4226	4
18	31	25	38	120	14	52	1040	1040	.....	94	2190	.....	.....	247	725	4296	4348	5
921	922	1215	1216	101	624	1840	2000	2000	900	800	187	.....	.....	.....	2251	6138	7978	6
845	470	1116	741	66	314	1055	1800	1800	500	900	425	.....	500	670	900	5695	6750	7
200	29	264	73	28	10	83	900	800	200	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	446	1485	1568	8
2163	2006	2836	2699	94	461	3160	2200	2200	600	2470	1000	1300	30	800	8400	11560	9	
816	816	1077	1077	100	285	1362	1800	1800	480	954	974	150	26	368	4752	6114	10	
177	177	232	232	100	59	291	1000	900	600	485	.....	.....	.....	.....	579	2564	2855	11
1029	1410	1358	1739	128	474	2213	2000	2004	400	1345	2762	.....	89	825	7425	9638	12	
486	180	641	263	39	68	331	1000	1000	.....	159	151	.....	.....	.....	441	1751	2082	13
533	118	703	288	40	121	409	1800	1800	500	200	500	600	426	687	4713	5122	14	
959	238	1267	546	43	174	720	2000	2000	600	1100	500	1000	1040	866	7106	7826	15	
247	8	326	86	24	15	101	1000	1000	.....	150	100	500	106	.....	1856	1957	16	
2521	1208	3328	2015	60	12	2027	2500	2500	1200	3372	.....	11980	3870	617	23539	25566	17	
858	180	1133	455	39	200	655	1750	1800	960	1000	500	2500	1180	1000	8940	9505	18	
534	376	705	547	76	243	790	1700	1700	.....	627	50	1500	75	897	4849	5639	19	
667	670	881	884	100.3	204	1088	1600	1800	600	905	.....	662	166	673	4806	5894	20	
1409	555	1860	1006	55	429	1435	2000	2000	600	1400	.....	1000	.....	.....	5000	6435	21	
271	133	358	220	62	99	319	1200	1200	.....	165	75	.....	.....	.....	322	1762	2081	22
1521	1558	2008	2045	100.1	2395	4440	2500	2800	750	2218	5966	.....	346	1044	13124	17564	23	
398	217	525	344	66	189	523	1100	1200	286	840	499	348	592	409	4174	4707	24	
954	473	1259	778	61	101	879	2000	2002	500	1058	.....	504	99	496	4659	5538	25	
2390	2390	3156	3156	100	174	3330	4000	4000	1800	3500	600	4000	1900	1100	16900	20230	26	
2033	2033	2685	2685	100	807	3492	2500	2500	750	3995	1881	2350	.....	842	12318	15810	27	
1081	95	1428	341	22	81	422	1480	1480	600	900	300	2000	420	725	6425	6817	28	
567	567	747	747	100	104	851	1560	1620	540	450	950	500	120	685	4865	5716	29	
368	368	486	486	100	172	658	1200	1200	600	275	2202	700	665	372	6014	6672	30	
1990	1990	2627	2627	100	759	3386	3000	3000	700	1940	600	.....	90	1849	8179	11565	31	
966	381	1275	573	45	148	721	1600	1600	384	421	400	250	612	422	4089	4810	32	
651	52	860	238	26	95	333	1200	1275	75	200	420	.....	.....	280	2250	2533	33	
713	162	941	390	41	172	562	1200	1200	500	350	150	.....	.....	215	2415	2977	34	
582	86	769	249	32	23	272	1100	1100	200	250	50	100	6	115	1821	2093	35	
961	961	1269	1269	100	385	1654	1500	1500	250	555	.....	.....	.....	1279	3584	5238	36	
1005	1005	1326	1326	100	296	1622	2200	2200	300	500	.....	750	.....	731	4481	6103	37	
279	96	369	186	50	26	212	800	800	75	179	1477	.....	.....	123	2654	2866	38	
445	74	586	215	37	15	230	1025	1007	125	175	8300	.....	.....	190	9797	10027	39	
450	450	594	594	100	187	781	1050	1050	120	87	338	.....	.....	174	1769	2550	40	
355	151	470	266	57	120	386	700	700	100	50	.....	.....	.....	315	1165	1551	41	
535	283	706	454	48	66	520	1000	1015	200	325	265	.....	.....	278	2083	2603	42	
573	147	760	334	44	165	499	1500	1600	300	1565	575	.....	430	299	4769	5268	43	
1178	1178	1554	1554	100	1051	2605	2000	2000	500	885	400	.....	.....	682	4467	7072	44	
346	35	454	49	11	.....	49	1200	1200	150	50	.....	.....	24	24	.....	1448	1497	45
799	215	1054	470	43	67	537	1400	1400	300	325	150	.....	.....	404	2579	3116	46	
534	79	704	225	32	41	266	900	772	50	80	240	.....	.....	185	1327	1593	47	
332	46	438	152	35	12	164	1000	1000	150	100	90	625	402	216	2583	2747	48	
1441	600	1904	1063	56	209	1272	2400	2400	200	1846	.....	50	63	1227	5786	7058	49	
282	.....	372	40	13	.....	40	1200	1021	.....	400	50	.....	60	442	1973	2013	50	
767	50	1025	183	18	13	196	1500	1500	100	500	1350	500	13	577	4540	4736	51	
205	40	271	77	28	21	98	800	719	75	285	85	.....	.....	56	1220	1318	52	
959	250	1266	557	44	209	766	1800	1800	500	1017	5333	233	81	448	9412	10178	53	

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		Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid											
54	Mapleside and Fairview	13	6	80	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	147
55	Melvin Chapel	13	13	80	80	14	...	...	...	9	...	...	20	...	43	76
56	Dagsboro	25	25	164	57	15	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	25	...
57	Deer Creek	14	14	90	90	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	105
58	Deer Park	34	34	226	226	188	40	...	...	19	34	...	62	...	343	472
59	Delmar, Del.	29	29	196	196	30	25	50	28	8	57	50	20	...	268	...
60	Delta, Pa.	29	29	193	193	225	200	50	100	30	143	...	77	100	925	...
61	Denton.	28	28	186	186	130	70	30	155	15	7	25	30	25	487	175
62	Dorchester.	22	22	151	151	140	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	195	35
63	Dover, Del.	18	18	117	117	75	25	...	100	25	...	...	13	...	238	...
64	Easton.	35	35	230	230	110	60	...	83	43	...	...	85	...	381	...
65	Elizabeth, N. J.	29	29	192	192	32	...	...	...	13	...	...	25	...	70	164
66	Fairfax, Va.	16	15	102	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	60
67	Rawn Grove, Pa.	36	36	243	243	83	...	...	69	38	26	...	...	...	216	64
68	Federalburg.	29	29	192	96	45	55	...	37	56	...	...	25	...	218	127
69	Felton, Del.	14	14	86	86	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	14	...
70	Finksburg.	34	34	222	222	...	96	115	227	47	14	43	72	...	614	54
71	First Church, Newark.	129	129	860	860	106	252	25	862	93	22	250	70	41	1721	1365
72	Franklin City, Va.	28	28	187	160	93	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	16	131	11
73	Frederick.	25	25	167	167	50	...	...	109	...	...	...	17	9	185	58
74	Georgetown, Del.	27	27	180	180	25	...	...	...	20	17	...	...	...	62	174
75	Greenbush and Tasley	17	17	110	110	165	...	...	...	25	...	...	208	...	398	...
76	Greensboro.	9	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
77	Greenwood, Del.	25	25	167	147	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	100	331
78	Grove.	16	16	104	104	45	...	...	...	6	...	...	4	...	55	...
79	Harbeson, Del.	21	21	135	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
80	Harmony, Md.	12	12	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
81	Harmony, W. Va.	16	16	107	107	20	34	5	10	5	139	12	...	225	...	
82	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.	20	20	135	135	44	8	...	10	16	...	13	...	91	...	
83	Harrington, Del.	32	32	216	216	39	31	...	22	50	...	21	30	193	...	
84	Hawley Memorial, Pa.	14	14	90	90	50	...	...	62	...	...	17	...	129	...	
85	Howard.	28	39	260	260	144	...	...	...	15	30	...	63	...	252	363
86	Hurlock.	33	33	219	219	50	...	10	100	...	53	100	...	318	280	
87	Indian River.	4	4	21	21	...	...	...	...	7	...	15	...	22	56	...
88	Kempton.	46	46	309	220	110	...	...	...	19	...	82	...	211	...	
89	Kennedyville.	19	21	126	139	23	14	...	12	10	10	14	9	92	...	
90	Kent Island.	13	13	81	81	26	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	31	190	...
91	Laurel, Del.	44	44	291	291	106	...	...	50	100	...	101	...	357	494	...
92	Laurel Ct.	22	22	146	86	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...
93	Leeds.	22	22	144	144	70	100	...	...	10	40	...	10	...	230	...
94	Leipsic, Del.	9	9	56	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...
95	Lewes, Del.	7	7	43	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158	...
96	Lewistown.	12	12	77	77	11	...	4	...	13	...	23	8	64	16	...
97	Liberty.	18	18	114	50	20	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	25	10	...
98	Lisbon.	38	38	260	260	177	6	...	...	10	...	...	25	25	243	202
99	Lynchburg, Va.	31	31	201	201	103	140	...	279	...	25	51	...	98	130	...
100	Mardela.	29	29	188	188	25	30	...	...	30	...	...	...	85	22	...
101	Middleway, W. Va.	3	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
102	Milford, Del.	44	44	296	296	80	...	10	...	55	...	...	15	160	135	...
103	Milton, Del.	22	22	145	145	90	...	5	...	57	...	25	62	12	251	25
104	Mt. Nebo.	33	33	220	80	104	...	...	...	21	...	34	...	159	...	...
105	New Church, Va.	32	32	210	210	369	109	...	35	94	...	50	49	706	15	...
106	Newmarket.	36	36	236	236	52	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	62	...	...
107	Nichols Memorial.	17	17	111	111	50	...	5	...	...	...	2	14	71	...	...
108	Northumberland, Va.	34	34	223	223	...	89	...	...	18	...	...	...	107	...	...
109	Oak Grove, Va.	11	11	71	17	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...
110	Oxford.	19	19	122	122	44	...	...	111	40	...	...	47	242	51	...

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## AND LOCAL INTERESTS

General Conference Budget		Total Assessments		Percentage Paid on Total Assessments		Miscel. Gen'l Int.		Total Paid Gen'l Int's		Ass'd 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		Number									
Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Percentage	Total	Miscel.	Gen'l Int.	Total	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Rental	Value of	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	Number	
293	147	386	193	41	32	225	1000	844	300	213	289	179	60	16	1901	2126	54																				
290	119	383	212	55	82	294	1000	1000	30	51	600	.....	270	118	2069	2363	55																				
501	25	780	107	.....	10	117	950	950	120	.....	148	.....	.....	253	1471	1588	56																				
330	144	434	243	57	64	312	600	600	200	141	209	.....	.....	138	1288	1600	57																				
815	815	1075	1075	100	266	1341	1400	1400	300	489	365	948	104	828	4434	5775	58																				
705	263	930	493	53	195	688	1500	1500	300	626	1000	.....	.....	15	187	3627	4316	59																			
703	925	925	1147	124	52	1199	1600	1600	300	220	140	.....	.....	31	348	2639	3838	60																			
662	662	876	876	100	137	1013	1600	1600	300	484	25	.....	.....	.....	862	3271	4284	61																			
543	230	716	403	56	106	509	1100	1100	200	750	900	.....	.....	.....	488	3438	3947	62																			
421	238	556	373	67	169	542	1000	1100	300	380	.....	.....	.....	957	2737	3279	63																				
824	381	1089	646	60	414	1060	1600	1600	360	1225	250	.....	.....	100	50	289	3874	4934	64																		
689	234	910	455	50	147	600	1200	1200	720	1010	675	.....	.....	180	240	340	4365	4967	65																		
371	40	489	75	15	.....	75	950	750	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195	1125	1200	66																		
876	280	1155	559	47	394	953	1500	1500	200	375	325	.....	.....	.....	.....	575	2975	3928	67																		
690	345	911	470	52	50	520	1300	1400	300	511	468	.....	.....	75	15	329	3098	3618	68																		
309	14	409	114	28	17	131	900	950	125	.....	50	.....	.....	60	75	1260	1391	69																			
798	707	1054	963	87	536	1499	1600	1600	300	265	401	975	126	850	4517	6016	70																				
3036	3086	4075	4075	100	2305	6380	3500	3500	1000	6162	1558	.....	.....	5867	18087	24467	71																				
672	142	887	330	37	150	480	1200	1200	100	170	3000	.....	.....	.....	475	4945	5425	72																			
603	243	795	435	55	105	540	1200	1200	150	85	131	.....	.....	.....	575	2141	2681	73																			
648	236	855	442	52	145	587	1500	1700	200	300	200	.....	.....	.....	400	2800	3387	74																			
398	398	525	525	100	90	615	1100	1100	300	175	.....	.....	.....	300	198	2073	2688	75																			
44	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76																			
590	431	782	603	71	154	757	1100	1200	200	375	.....	.....	.....	301	2076	2833	77																				
376	55	496	175	35	42	217	1000	1000	125	172	125	.....	.....	200	12	305	1939	2156	78																		
487	.....	643	156	24	52	208	.....	900	180	350	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	1984	2192	79																		
422	.....	498	12	.....	.....	12	400	400	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	449	461	80																		
386	225	509	348	68	137	485	950	950	180	88	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	258	1776	2261	81																		
488	91	643	246	38	45	291	1300	1350	180	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1880	2171	82																		
777	193	1025	441	43	289	730	1500	1500	420	500	5514	.....	.....	.....	340	8274	9004	83																			
325	325	429	233	54	49	282	1200	1200	360	186	.....	.....	.....	.....	1145	2891	3173	84																			
935	615	1233	913	74	466	1379	1600	1600	150	584	630	.....	.....	.....	86	3050	4429	85																			
788	598	1040	850	72	282	1132	1500	1500	150	660	100	.....	.....	600	.....	114	2524	3656	86																		
78	78	103	103	100	10	113	.....	297	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	907	1020	87																		
1010	211	1365	477	35	172	649	1200	1300	200	247	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	2547	3196	88																			
454	92	599	252	50	86	338	800	800	120	222	842	.....	.....	.....	.....	466	2450	2788	89																		
294	221	388	315	81	118	433	800	800	150	209	264	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	1563	1996	90																		
1044	851	1379	1186	81	245	1431	1800	1800	400	1091	771	1500	90	702	6354	7785	91																				
528	25	696	133	19	102	235	1000	957	250	76	203	.....	.....	.....	.....	169	1655	1890	92																		
519	230	685	396	58	168	564	1200	1200	125	262	1463	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	3175	3739	93																		
201	25	266	90	34	92	182	450	530	60	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	628	57	1313	1495	94																		
158	158	208	208	100	.....	208	500	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	236	736	944	95																		
281	80	370	169	46	42	211	400	400	.....	.....	70	81	.....	.....	.....	200	751	962	96																		
412	131	544	199	36	57	256	700	905	120	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	307	1552	1808	97																		
933	263	1231	566	46	227	793	1500	1500	600	400	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	588	3223	4016	98																		
724	724	956	956	100	403	1326	2000	2000	600	1608	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	217	4425	5751	99																		
677	110	894	327	38	57	384	1300	1300	120	135	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	1890	2274	100																		
63	.....	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3198	4067	101																		
053	295	1393	635	36	99	734	1800	1800	200	900	75	237	.....	.....	.....	121	3333	3932	102																		
522	276	689	443	64	98	541	1100	1125	150	213	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	283	1965	2506	103																		
793	159	1046	272	26	7	279	1000	1200	240	250	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	2620	2899	104																		
718	718	960	960	100	228	1188	1700	1700	150	600	850	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	3360	4548	105																		
848	62	1120	334	30	176	510	1200	1200	180	1000	500	.....</																									

## MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers		Probationers				Full Members				Children Baptised		Sunday School		Y. P. S. C. E.				Amt't for Con. Un. Ministry				
	Probationers	Full Members	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Adults Baptised	Children Baptised	Conversions	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	Societies		Members	Junior Societies	Members	Amount for Missions
Accomac, Va.....	11	284	11				19			3	2	41	234	10	390								
Amelia, Va.....		170					10	5		7	10	10	323		146								
Baltimore.....																							
Alnutt Memor'l	2	4	280		2		3	1	4	16	2	125	19	143					1	39		- 10	
Brooklyn.....		278					18	28	7	218	22	137	125	407	1	69	1	51	59	59			
Bethesda.....		75					75			7	33	115		79	1	25	1	18					
Calvary.....	3	326					70	44	1	19	80	128	32	355	1	51	1	25				10	
Chesaco Park.....	1	61					1			5	1	221	15	120									
Christ Ch.....	4	660					40	22	27	11	26	30	160	60	550	2	75	1	40	60	24	8	
E. Balto.....	3	185					6	6	7	2	12		119	17	191	1	35					5	
Edmondson Ave		101					41	1	3	2	2	4	25	111	42	152	1	62				5	
Eutaw.....	2	526	3	2			16	3			1	4	7	136	24	208	1	24	1	33		-38	
Evergreen.....		131					2	2			6		118	20	130								
Grace.....		192					33	2	3	4	23	50	130	182	410	2	51	1	40			- 10	
Graceland Park		48	6	3						13	4	110	16	110									
Hampden.....	4	714					50	10	50	9	552	129	149	226	1833	4	170					15- 15	
Keen Mem.....	11	720	17	8	15		8	29	2	317	35	127	12	300	1	45	1	28	20				
Laurav'le.....	1	158					23	2	28	2	3	6	8	119	11	191	1	24	1	15	17		
Linthicum H'g'ts		147					2	8	4	2	7	32	118	9	139	2	49	1	15	37			
Lowe M.....	1	525					26	6	10	390	25	138	25	400	1	35	1	50					
N. Balto.....		215					2	3	1	3	4	1	120	10	154	1	44	1	15	21	2		
Payson Street...		3120		2			16	3	8	3	10	16	115	30	180	3	38	1	12	14	6		
S. Balto.....	3	276					24	5	1	4	230	30	119		243			1	32	30	95		
Starr.....	22	519		5			30	4	36	5	112	15	135	25	325	2	75	1	40				
St. Johns.....		412					33	10	52	7	1	8	18	137	30	314	2	94	1	40			
St. Paul's.....		230					15	79	6	346	39	134	33	350	2	35	1	60				- 15	
Trinity.....		261					64	2	2	4	26	75	135	150	610	1	36						
Violetv'le.....	1	105					9	6	8	2	5	12	114	12	141	1	33	1	30	10	20		
W. Balto.....		477	22	35			47	10	20	7	10	41	136	50	352	2	94	1	64	150	10		
Wilton Heights.	1	267	1				10	14	17	1	11	4	128	32	234	2	44	1	60	35	15		
Balto. Cir.....		240					17	8		9	6	13	321	16	181	2	40					20	
Bedford.....		320	61	61	1		61	1	1	331	77	555	60	480	1	25							
Bel Air.....		232					3	1		4	12	3	426	200	1	22							
Bivalve.....		150					8	28	2	4	17	230	10	224	2	55	1	15					
Buckey's n.....		246	25	25			25	4		1	311	32	227	12	165	1	25					10	
Cambridge.....		383					9	1	5	1	126	12	126	75	383	2	100	1	40			-338	
Cambridge Ct.....		84					3	1	2		5	2	210	6	60								
Cannon.....		174	8	8			8	2		2	5	9	325	30	210	2	55	1	20				
Caroline.....		162					27	3		1	81	17	432	14	216	3	75						
Carroll Circuit...		164					6	1		1	2	8	10	333	7	194	3	121	2	35	13	20	
Cecil.....	1	3204	3				16	2		4	1	7	10	428	39	255	1	32				15	
Centreville.....		4170					17	2	7	4		5	12	116	30	120	1	30	1	25			
Chestert'n.....	10	337					10	520	3	113	2	135	15	200	1	61	1	30	15				
Chincoteague, Va.		83									5	5	20	115									
Clayton, Del.....	2	235	4	4			4	6	118	2	426	6	225	7	307	1	40						
Concord, Pa.....		6255	39	33			33			4	1	9	41	336	14	210	1	19					
Conquest, Va.....		875	8				1			1	10	9	1	7	12	110							
Crisfield: Crisfield	152	537	38	6	11		12	1	4	215	60	142	118	551	1142	1124						- 10	
Lawsonia.....		43						136	1	115	2	1	7	5	50								
Mariners.....		219					4	103	3	5	20	124		236	2	100	1	39					
Crumpton.....		66	2				9	4	8	3	3	13	210	5	108								
Cumberl'd: 1st Ch	1	295					13	116	6	332	6	130	56	261	1	36	1	38	71				







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	Pastor's Salary 1925-1926	President's Salary \$4500	Md. Conf. Int. \$80,500	Gen. Conference Budget \$110,000	Total Assessments \$145,000
Accomac, Va.....	2	2	1	25000	3000	300	8000	6	1500	31	207	741	979
Amelia, Va.....	2	2	1	7000	3000	.....	3600	7	1000	19	126	455	600
Baltimore:													
Alnutt Mem'l.....	1	1	1	65000	10000	.....	40000	23	2000	47	318	1141	1506
Bethesda.....	1	1	1	900	.....	3860	3500	7	1200	4	27	96	127
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	28000	15000	.....	19000	33	2000	39	265	948	1252
Calvary.....	1	1	1	40000	5000	11500	12000	20	2000	36	247	883	1166
Chesaco Park.....	2	2	1	10000	.....	.....	4000	.....	900	9	62	221	292
Christ Ch.....	1	1	1	65000	6000	.....	36500	.....	220	89	605	2170	2864
E. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	25000	4250	400	8300	19	1800	32	214	765	1011
Edmond. Ave.....	1	1	1	10000	.....	.....	3000	11	1200	12	83	297	392
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	35000	6000	4150	23000	52	2000	44	300	1077	1421
Evergreen.....	1	1	1	6000	.....	.....	5000	4	1000	22	145	520	687
Grace.....	1	1	1	63000	5000	21700	23000	31	2000	38	260	934	1232
Graceland Pk.....	1	1	1	10000	.....	2000	5000	16	1000	10	64	228	302
Hampden.....	1	1	1	175000	20000	61133	75000	133	2500	95	651	2337	3083
Keen Mem'l.....	1	1	1	60000	3000	21500	33500	12	1750	32	221	793	1046
Lauraville.....	1	1	1	13000	500	.....	4200	15	1700	22	154	551	727
Linthicum Hts.....	1	2	1	14000	7000	2193	27650	32	1800	27	179	640	846
Lowe Mem'l.....	1	1	1	50000	6000	.....	15500	40	2000	58	392	1409	1859
N. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	42000	7000	6300	35000	36	3000	62	421	1510	1993
Payson St.....	1	1	1	16000	1800	10500	22000	14	1500	17	120	428	565
S. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	25000	3000	1474	14000	51	2000	39	270	966	1275
Starr.....	1	1	1	240000	20000	28000	40000	85	4000	95	648	2322	3065
St. John's.....	1	1	1	100000	10000	1500	52000	56	2500	82	551	1976	2609
St. Paul's.....	1	1	1	40000	.....	12000	15000	15	1480	41	279	999	1319
Trinity.....	1	1	1	12000	4750	1700	6000	19	1560	28	184	663	875
Violetville.....	1	1	1	25000	10000	11300	17500	22	1300	16	103	369	488
W. Baltimore.....	1	1	1	90000	7000	1500	41000	46	3000	81	548	1968	2597
Wilton Hgts.....	1	1	1	60000	.....	10400	20000	16	1700	39	266	953	1258
Balto. Circuit.....	3	3	1	22000	3000	.....	18000	20	1500	27	179	644	850
Bedford.....	5	5	1	10500	1500	.....	2900	19	1200	30	204	735	969
Belair.....	4	4	1	19000	7000	.....	10000	22	1200	27	186	668	881
Bivalve.....	2	2	1	10000	1900	.....	4500	14	1100	21	138	497	656
Buckeystown.....	2	2	1	35000	4500	.....	14600	26	1500	43	293	1051	1387
Cambridge.....	1	1	1	40000	4000	1100	27000	26	2200	43	290	1040	1373
Cambridge Cir.....	2	2	1	4000	1500	505	2000	8	800	11	76	270	357
Cannon.....	3	3	1	15000	2500	2000	13000	11	1025	19	132	471	622
Caroline.....	4	4	1	5000	2500	.....	4500	17	1050	19	134	483	636
Carroll Cir.....	3	3	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	14	900	16	103	371	490
Cecil.....	3	3	1	20000	3000	.....	12100	11	1000	23	153	550	726
Centreville.....	1	1	1	30000	5000	7000	23325	2	1600	22	153	548	726
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	60000	10000	.....	58000	56	2400	51	342	1226	1619
Chincoteague.....	1	1	1	6000	1600	.....	3000	2	1200	14	97	349	460
Clayton, Del.....	2	2	1	14000	3000	150	9000	26	1500	26	177	635	838
Concord, Pa.....	3	3	1	5700	1050	.....	4800	15	900	23	155	558	736
Conquest, Va.....	2	2	1	19000	4000	5375	11500	9	900	13	87	310	410
Crisfield, Cris.....	1	1	1	30000	3000	375	27000	19	2400	61	418	1500	1979
Lawsonia.....	1	1	1	2000	2500	1000	2500	4	.....	14	93	335	442
Mariners.....	1	1	1	4000	2500	.....	3000	5	1500	27	189	675	891
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	7	600	9	61	220	290
Cum. 1st Chch.....	1	1	1	4000	7000	988	27000	44	1800	41	280	1002	1323
Mapleside.....	2	2	1	4500	3000	1161	4800	6	800	12	79	282	373
Melvin Chapel.....	1	1	1	4000	3000	4200	2100	10	1000	13	86	306	405
Dagsboro.....	2	2	1	600	1800	.....	4600	1	.....	20	139	500	659
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	4000	3000	.....	5000	17	650	13	88	313	414
Deer Park.....	2	2	1	15500	8000	1900	11400	110	1500	36	242	867	1145
Delmar, Del.....	1	1	1	13000	4000	400	10600	30	1500	27	188	677	892
Delta, Pa.....	1	1	1	8000	3000	500	6000	54	1600	30	208	739	975

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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	Pastor's Salary 1925-1926	President's Salary \$4500	Md. Conf. Int. \$30,500	Gen. Conference Budget \$110,000	Total Assessments \$145,000
Denton.....	1	1	1	2000	3500		8865	26	1600	28	189	679	896
Dorchester.....	3	3	1	7000	2500		9200	22	1100	23	155	555	733
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	20000	5000		10000	9	1000	17	111	396	524
Easton.....	1	1	1	20000	5000	800	12885	24	1600	34	229	820	1083
Elizabeth, N. J.	1	1	1	20000	8000	3800	14300	7	1200	27	184	660	871
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	10000	2000		5275	16	950	15	102	367	484
Fawn Grove, Pa.	2	2	1	20400	3000	129	9000	35	1500	37	252	901	1190
Federalsburg.....	1	1	1	15000	3500	268	8900	12	1400	25	172	614	811
Felton, Del.....	5	5	1	6000	2000	337	4500	8	1000	14	93	334	441
1st Ch. Newark, N.J.	1	2	1	103000	10000		60000	89	3500	126	854	3065	4046
Finksburg.....	3	3	1	41000	5500	2100	25000	25	1600	33	222	799	1054
Franklin C'y, Va	3	3	1	20000	3000	4000	10000	19	1300	25	170	613	808
Frederick.....	3	3	1	5500	2500		5950	13	1200	22	153	550	725
Georgeto'n, Del.	1	1	1	15000	5000		8600	20	1500	28	192	691	911
Glenburnie.....	1	1	1	13000	8000	6500	8000	10	1800	24	164	587	775
Greenbush T's'y	2	2	1	6500	7000	6000	8000	22	1100	17	113	403	533
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	3000	1900		2200	...	...	1	2	8	11
Greenw'd, Del.	3	3	1	10000	2000		9300	22	1100	26	174	624	824
Grove.....	4	4	1	10000	1800		3500	17	1000	16	105	376	497
Harbeson, Del.	2	2	1	13800	2000		3500	2	1100	20	142	508	670
Harmony, W.V.	1	1	1	8000	2500		4500	16	950	9	61	217	287
Harpers F'y, W.V.	2	2	1	10000	4000		6000	6	1300	21	142	510	673
Harrington, Del	1	1	1	40000	6000		25000	32	1500	33	225	808	1066
Hawley Mem... ..	1	1	1	13000	3000	850	7500	13	1200	15	102	362	479
Howard.....	4	3	1	12300	4000		11500	41	1600	37	249	896	1182
Hurlock.....	3	3	1	10000	2500		7500	40	1500	25	173	621	819
Indian Riv, Del.	1	1	1	6000			4000	2	...	4	25	89	118
Kemptonw.....	5	5	1	14000	4000		11500	38	1300	28	196	706	930
Kennedyville.....	1	1	1	5000	1500		4000	18	800	18	124	443	585
Kent Island.....	2	2	1	6000	1800		7800	13	800	13	89	319	421
Laurel, Del.....	1	1	1	50000	7000		22900	29	2100	42	285	1024	1351
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	8000	5000	213	5200	9	1000	21	147	520	694
Leeds.....	2	2	1	15000	2500	200	15475	20	1000	20	134	481	635
Leipsic, Del.....	1	1	1	4000	800		2000	3	450	8	52	180	240
Lewes, Del.....	1	1	1	3000			2000	4	500	8	48	174	230
Lewistown.....	2	2	1	5200			3000	11	400	14	80	287	381
Liberty.....	2	2	1	7000	3000		5600	15	...	17	115	410	542
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	10000	6000		10107	27	1000	23	161	561	745
Lynchburg.....	1	1	1	25000	6000		13000	22	2000	29	196	704	929
Mardela.....	4	4	1	15500	2000		3500	24	1300	28	194	697	919
Marley.....	2	2	1	5000			3200	15	1200	9	59	210	278
Middleway, W.V.	1	1	1	1500	1200		2000	3	...	3	22	79	104
Milford.....	2	2	1	41000	4500	1600	23840	17	1800	44	302	1083	1429
Milton.....	1	1	1	3800	2500		3500	15	1200	22	151	541	714
Mt. Nebo.....	3	3	1	13000	3500	950	12700	35	1200	32	217	779	1028
New Church, Va.	3	3	1	70000	3000		22000	30	1700	32	216	776	1024
New Market.....	4	4	1	25000	2500		12000	5	1200	35	241	866	1142
Nichols Memor.	1	1	1	10000	5000	800	6000	12	1500	17	120	427	564
Northumber'nd	4	4	1	15000	2500		5000	30	1400	33	224	804	1061
Oak Grove, Va.	1	1	1	2500	1200		3300	10	500	11	72	257	340
Oxford.....	1	1	1	4000	2500		3300	15	1200	17	113	407	537
Parkley, Va.....	1	1	1	30000	5000		9000	26	1700	27	185	664	876
Patapsco.....	1	1	1	1000			1000	1	255	3	20	71	94
Phila Emman... ..	1	1	1	60000	8000	16300	16500	32	2000	34	234	837	1105
St. Luke's.....	1	1	1	100000	25000	12500	23500	33	1800	48	325	1166	1539
Taylor Mem'l	1	1	1	54000	6000	6500	38700	27	2200	61	415	1490	1966
Tioga Hgts.. ..	1	1	1	32000		23000	12000	5	500	9	58	207	274
Pipe Creek.....	2	2	1	9000	4000		8000	21	1200	23	157	565	745

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Pittsville.....	2	2	1	10000	4000		7500	63	1600	39	262	939	1240
Pocomoke City	1	1	1	17500	7500	200	16860	40	2600	48	327	1173	1548
Powellville.....	3	3	1	7000	2000		3500	48	1200	20	135	485	640
Prince Geo., Va.	1	1		1300				58	400	5	36	130	171
Quantico.....	3	3	1	2500	1500		700	3	500	9	61	215	285
Queen Annes.....	2	2	1	5500	1200		4800	13	650	11	76	269	356
Reliance.....	3	3	1	13000	4800	990	10450	18	925	23	152	545	720
Ridgeville.....									1200	28	196	706	930
Rowlandville.....	3	3	1	8500	1500		6500	10	1000	14	95	337	446
Salem.....	2	2	1	6000	2000		7200	19	600	12	85	30	398
Salisbury.....	1	1	1	150000	10000	64250	105000	43	2600	80	548	1968	2596
Seaford, Del.....	1	1	1	20000	10000	3900	22000	30	1800	40	269	969	1278
Sharptown.....	2	2	1	16000	3500		11800	33	1500	28	188	676	892
Smyrna.....	1	1		6000			2500		500	3	17	63	83
Snow Hill.....	2	2	1	37500	4500	200	35000	23	1500	32	218	783	1033
Snow Hill Cir.	4	4	1	5000	1500				500	13	82	295	390
Stewartstown.....	2	2	1	16000	3500		6595	7		31	207	745	983
St. James.....	2	2	1	11000	3500		8500	13	1200	26	179	640	845
St. Michaels.....	3	3	1	15000	2000		14000	14	1200	27	178	638	843
Susquehanna.....	2	2	1	15200	5000	400	9000	27	900	20	136	486	642
Talbot.....	1	1		350									
Texas.....	1	1		8000			6000	11	700	8	57	204	269
Trinity.....	2	2	1	5000	4000		3000	26	1200	28	186	665	879
Tyreanna Va.....	1	1	1	3000	3000		3000	1	900	7	47	167	221
Union.....	3	3	1	7000	3000		7500	30	1500	37	254	915	1206
Union Bridge.....	2	2	1	10500	2500		7800	30	900	16	107	383	506
Wallace Mem'l.....	1	1	1	5000	3000	2100	3500	43	1200	20	134	478	632
Warwick.....	3	3	1	4800	2500		4300	11	1000	22	147	528	697
Washington:													
Alexandria, Va	1	1		20000		6350	15500	23	2000	29	194	698	921
Calvary.....	1	1		2700			2700		1020	9	63	226	298
Cherrydale.....	1	1	1	15000	8000	7000	10000	15	2000	36	240	858	1134
First Church.....	1	1	1	40000	10000	5000	35000	25	1700	39	264	945	1248
Congress St.....	1	1	1	25000	8000	600	13000	21	1800	31	213	764	1008
Mt. Olive.....	1	1	1	20000	9000	8000	15000	23	2000	30	205	705	940
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	1	18000	6000		14500	34	1500	25	169	604	798
N. C. Ave.....	1	1	1	50000	6000	7300	43000	24	2000	52	349	1250	1651
R. I. Ave.....	1	1	1	75000	12000	9900	36000	27	3000	88	600	2151	2839
Walkers.....	1	1		8750			8000		480	10	70	210	310
Westley Chapel	3	3	1	25000	2000		6500	12	1200	19	130	464	618
Westminster.....	1	1	1	25000	4000		13000	35	1700	37	256	919	1212
Wilmington, First Ch.	1	1		12000		1100	4000	14	1200	13	93	335	441
Peninsula.....	1	1	1	110000	11000	52000	60500	38	2700	38	258	928	1224
W. Wilming'n.....	1	1		5000			2100	3	1040	8	53	192	253
Whaleyville.....	3	3	1	11000	2500		5700	25	1500	33	227	814	1074
Wye.....	1	1	1	5000	3000		4000	10	650	13	85	307	405
Md. Con. Bldg.				250000			100000						
Pres. Pars'ge.....				18000		9000	12000						
W. T. Sem'n'y.....				170000			90000						
W. M. College.....				500000			150000						
Home for Aged.....				13000			3000						
Deaconess' H.....				9000			5000						
Detach Chs.....													
Harmony, Md.	1	1		1000					400	2	14	50	66
Union Church.....	1	1		3000			2000	2	400	7	42	151	200
W'gand's Chap.....	1	1		5000					100	2	8	25	35
Portsville.....									300	3	22	75	100
Quinton.....	1	1		4000			1800		350	6	42	151	199

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## TOTAL FOR GENERAL INTERESTS

	1925	1924	Increase	Decrease
President's Salary .....	\$ 4,588	\$ 4,498	\$ 90	\$.....
Maryland Conference Budget .....	28,781	27,142	1,512	.....
General Conference Budget .....	64,995	60,196	3,799	.....
Credits—Children's Day .....	12,092	12,564	.....	472
Special Foreign Missions..	3,697	3,532	165	.....
Y. P. Missionary.....	2,372	1,810	562	.....
W. F. M. S.....	9,984	8,073	1,911	.....
Easter Offering .....	3,816	1,389	2,427	.....
Special Home Missions....	1,466	1,738	.....	272
W. H. M. S.....	5,792	5,100	692	.....
Rally Day .....	4,129	3,285	844	.....
Educational Day .....	1,026	2,588	.....	1,562
Total Credits .....	44,374	40,059	4,315	.....
Paid on Budget Less Credits.....	20,369	20,137	232	.....
Total Assessments .....	98,177	91,836	6,341	.....
Miscellaneous General .....	33,274	51,224	.....	17,977
Total for General Interests.....	\$131,451	\$143,060	.....	\$11,609

## TOTAL FOR LOCAL INTERESTS

	1925	1924	Increase	Decrease
Pastor's Salary .....	\$216,758	\$207,404	\$9,354	\$.....
Rental Value of Parsonage .....	48,543	46,800	1,743	.....
Current Expenses .....	98,243	101,414	.....	3,171
Paid on Building and Improvement	106,579	132,400	.....	25,821
Paid on Debt .....	66,372	66,662	.....	290
Paid for Interest on Debt .....	28,980	27,750	602	.....
Miscellaneous Local Interests .....	75,028	66,250	8,778	.....
Total Paid for Local Interests.....	640,501	648,680	.....	8,179
Total Paid for all Purposes.....	\$771,952	\$791,740	.....	\$19,788
Salaries for 1925-1926.....	205,455	212,062	.....	6,607

R. W. WHITE, Steward.

G. E. LEISTER, Asst. Steward.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

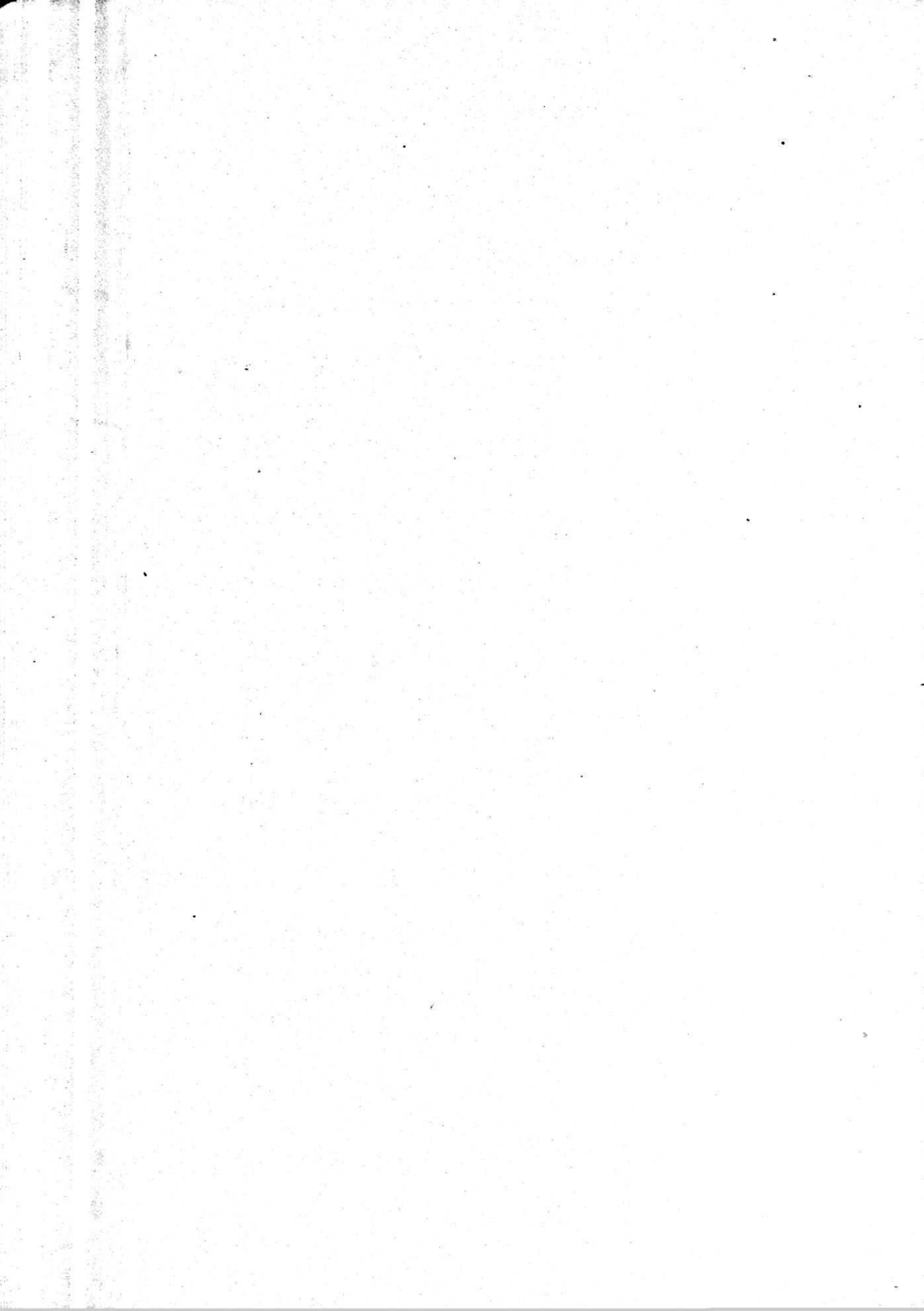
## MEMBERSHIP

	1925	1924	Incr.	Decr.
Ministers and Preachers.....	161	163	.....	2
Unstationed Min. & Preachers	77	71	6	.....
Probationers .....	585	572	13	.....
Full Members .....	34,577	34,709	.....	132
Probationers received .....	559	525	34	.....
Pro. elected to membership.....	473	335	138	.....
Probationers discontinued.....	68	85	.....	17
Full Members received.....	2,740	2,520	220	.....
Full Members withdrawn.....	478	527	.....	49
Full Members discontinued...	1,988	1,577	411	.....
Full Members deceased.....	406	311	95	.....
Adults Baptized .....	227	191	36	.....
Children Baptized .....	1,798	1,645	153	.....
Conversions .....	3,119	2,977	142	.....
Sunday Schools .....	280	271	9	.....
S. S. Officers & Teachers.....	3,957	4,077	.....	120
New Scholars received.....	4,290	4,827	.....	537
Scholars on Roll.....	37,423	37,585	.....	152
C. E. Societies.....	174	171	3	.....
C. E. Members.....	6,365	6,358	7	.....
Jr. C. E. Societies.....	74	71	3	.....
Jr. C. E. Members.....	2,383	2,360	23	.....
Money for Foreign Missions...	\$2,166	\$2,397	.....	\$231
Money for Conf. Union Mis...	\$2,091	\$1,469	\$622	.....

## PROPERTY

Appointments .....	287	286	1	.....
Churches .....	288 ½	291 ½	.....	3
Parsonages .....	137	136	1	.....
Value of Church Property....	\$4,742,295	\$4,401,200	\$341,075	.....
Value of Pars. Property.....	\$ 649,850	\$ 641,250	\$ 8,600	.....
Debt on Ch. & Pars.....	\$ 554,251	\$ 555,856	.....	\$1,605
Ins. on Ch. & Pars.....	\$2,539,079	\$2,261,262	\$277,817	.....
Church Papers taken.....	3,455	3,432	23	.....

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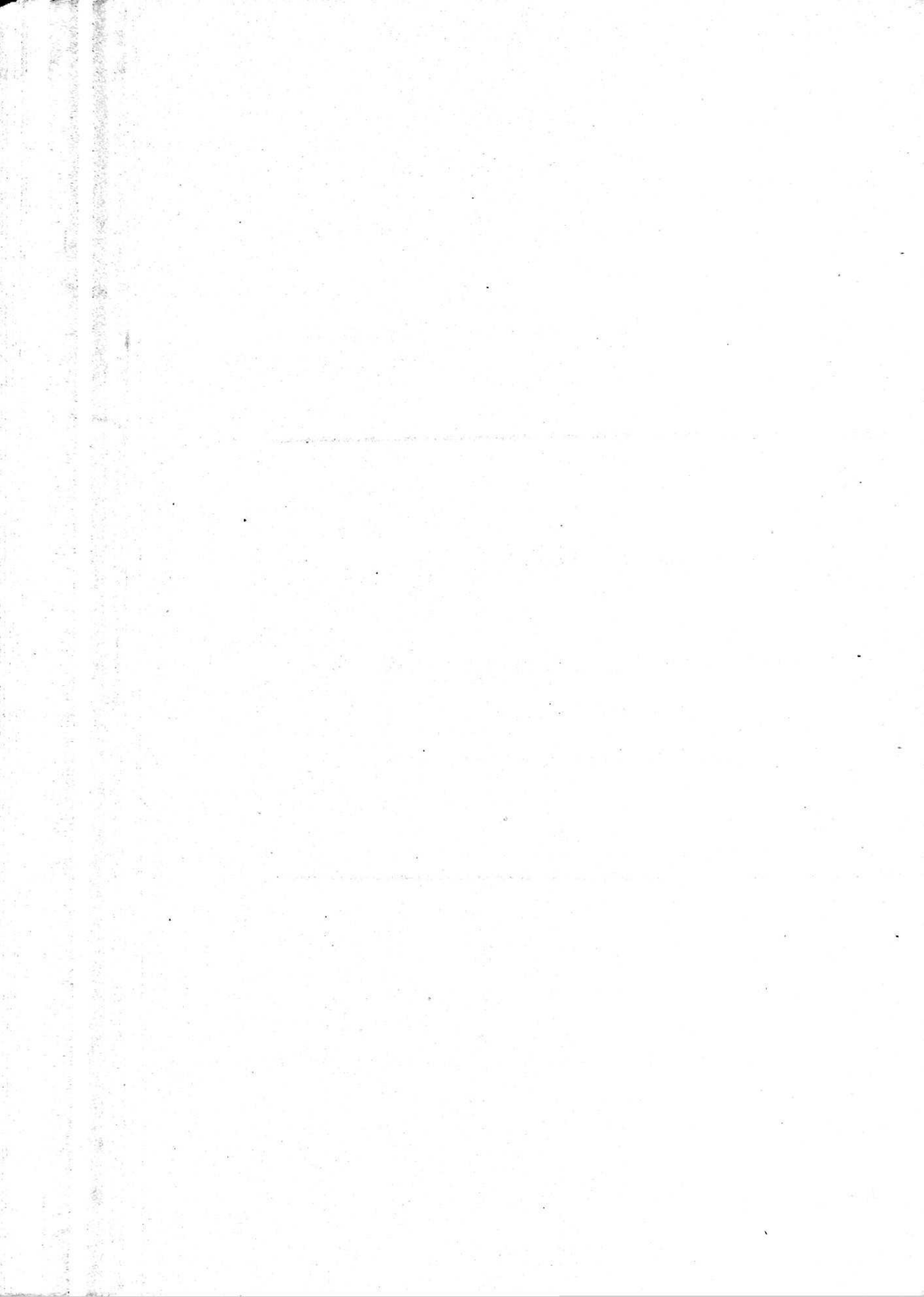
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**Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.** 1 Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday 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-

ignated 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



Funds until this Board of Survey shall have reviewed their plans and passed favorably upon same.

13. All married pastors of the Conference shall be guaranteed a minimum salary of \$1,200, and parsonage, and that where the charge either cannot or will not pay the said amount this Conference undertakes to pay out of Conference Funds the difference between the amount the charge pays and the \$1,200, except in cases where the pastors agree to serve for less than the minimum salary to accommodate personal situations.

Further, under the Minimum Salary Regulation, it shall be understood that the maximum appropriation shall not exceed \$300, except in such cases as are specifically recommended by the Board of Survey. See Minutes 1923, page 65, item 16.

14. All pastors of the Conference shall be required to give at least two weeks of their time for evangelistic services during the year, if needed, under the direction of the Committee on Evangelism, provided that pastors shall be given three weeks' notice of their appointment.

**Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.** 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. The assessment of \$4,500 shall be continued under the name of right to vote in the election of their class-leader; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," of the Discipline.

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

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

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years. And no minister shall be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conference for more than three years in succession.

6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

**Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.** 1. The Conference endorses the actions of the Committee in the purchase of the property, 3600 Copley Road, Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. The assessment of \$4,500 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows; nine-tenths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One-tenth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property.

**Regulation IV. RECORDS OF TRIAL CASES.** In all cases of the trial of a minister, the Secretary of the Trial Committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges, and specifications, a copy of the finding, or verdict of the Committee—and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference.

**Regulation V. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AND SUPERNUMERARY REQUESTS.** All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Relations for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

**Regulation VI. SABBATH SCHOOLS.** 1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teachers' meetings should be stately held under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Discipline regulations concerning the organization of our Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.

3. Children's Day shall be faithfully observed by all our Sabbath Schools, and the money received on that day shall be exclusively devoted to the Children's Day offering for Foreign Missions.

**Regulation VII. HOME FOR THE AGED.** 1. Every charge shall elect or appoint a Lady Visitor from each church on the charge, where there is more than one appointment, and that the duties of this representative be defined as follows: She shall be expected to maintain a sympathetic understanding of the Home in her church; to visit the Home whenever convenient; to co-operate with the Board of Lady Superintendents in securing special donation of money, food and supplies, and so far as possible to promote the interests of the Home in her local church."

2. The list of charges failing to meet the requirement of the Conference relative to Our Church Home shall be read at each session of the Conference.

3. The second Sunday of November of each year shall be known as "Donation Day" for Our Church Home, and all our pastors are instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and an endeavor made to have donations of provisions, groceries and things needed to conduct the Home, sent to Mrs. Chas. Billingslea, Westminster, Md.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Regulation XIII. MARRIAGES.** The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

**Regulation XIV. TITLES AND DEGREES.** Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference

expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

**Regulation XV. UNFERMENTED WINE.** The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Regulation XVI. DROPPING MEMBERS.** Persons whose names are on the church register and cannot be found, or who have ceased to take an interest in the church, may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by the Quarterly Conference.

**Regulation XVII. PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES.** As the Discipline grants the Annual Conference the right to "make such regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the ministers and preachers," it is the judgment of this Conference that the charge to which a minister or preacher is assigned should pay the moving expenses of the incoming pastor.

**Regulation XVIII. CAMP-MEETINGS.** 1. Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

2. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's Day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

3. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for 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.**

1. 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. The Superannuated Ministers are invited to attend Conference as guests of the 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.

5. The Superannuate Ministers are guests of the Conference.

**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., American Bible Society and Contingent Fund of the Executive Committee.

**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 "Rental Value of Parsonage," "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.

