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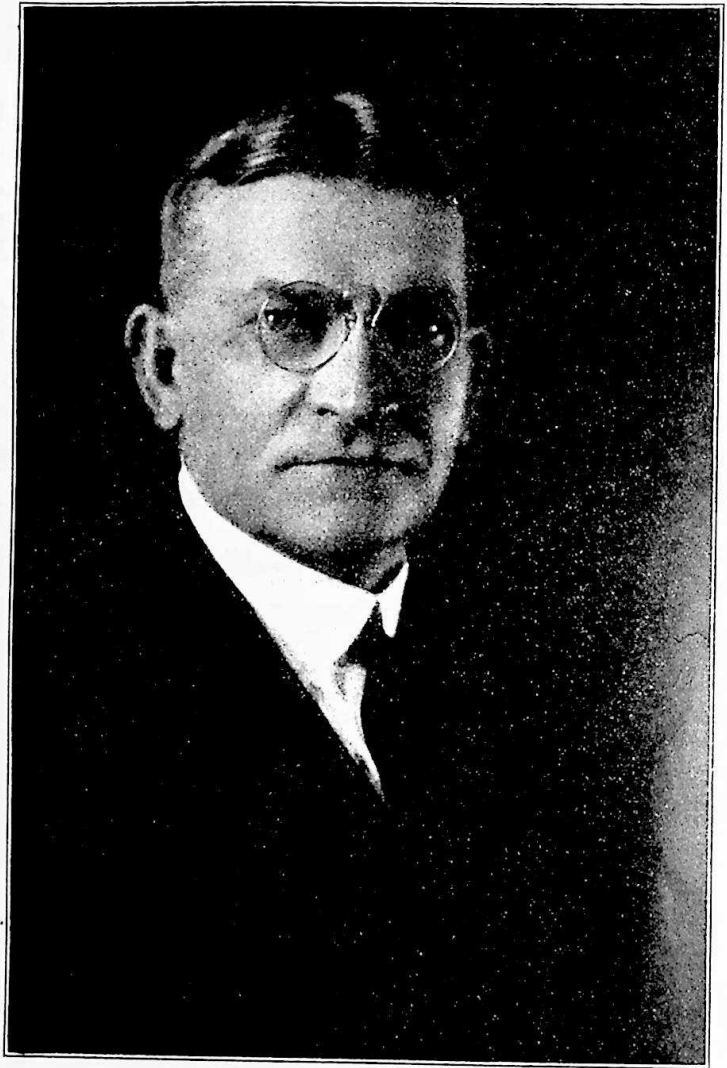
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Woodford, T. R.	Loaned W. H. M. S.	Pine Ridge, Ky.
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CONFERENCE ROLL

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS

Reg	Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg	Rec'd	Ord'd
176	1858	1860	376	1895	1897
194	1861	1863	378	1896	1897
220	1866	1868	379	1896	1898
248	1871	1873	380	1896	1897
252	1872	1873	381	1896	1898
255	1872	1874	382	1896	1899
260	1873	1876	387	1897	1898
261	1873	1876	388	1897	1899
265	1874	1877	389	1899	1900
270	1875	1877	394	1899	1900
277	1876	1876	396	1899	1900
278	1876	1879	397	1899	1904
285	1879	1882	400	1900	1903
286	1879	1881	401	1900	1903
289	1880	1883	403	1900	1905
294	1881	1883	405	1901	1903
297	1882	1885	406	1901	1904
299	1883	1886	409	1903	1904
308	1885	1886	411	1903	1904
309	1885	1887	413	1903	1905
310	1885	1885	415	1903	1905
312	1886	1887	416	1904	1906
315	1886	1889	417	1904	1906
321	1888	1890	421	1904	1906
324	1888	1891	423	1905	1907
338	1891	1893	424	1905	1907
339	1891	1891	425	1905	1908
340	1891	1892	426	1905	1907
341	1891	Tr.	428	1906	1907
342	1892	1893	429	1906	1908
343	1892	1892	432	1906	1907
344	1892	1893	434	1906	Tr.
345	1892	1895	436	1907	1907
347	1892	1894	437	1907	1909
350	1892	1893	438	1907	1909
352	1892	1894	439	1907	Tr.
354	1892	1892	440	1907	Tr.
355	1893	1896	441	1907	Tr.
356	1893	1894	442	1908	Tr.
357	1893	1896	447	1909	1911
358	1893	1896	448	1909	1911
359	1893	1895	457	1911	1913
360	1893	1895	459	1911	1912
363	1893	1891	461	1911	1912
364	1894	1894	462	1912	1914
365	1894	1896	463	1912	1913
369	1895	1898	464	1912	1912
370	1895	1897	465	1912	1913
371	1895	1897	466	1912	1913
372	1895	1898	467	1912	1914
373	1895	1898	468	1913	Tr.

Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg		Rec'd	Ord'd
471	C. C. Day.....	1913	1914	522	W. H. Hodges.....	1921	Tr.
472	W. M. Snyder.....	1913	1914	523	F. G. Holloway.....	1921	1921
473	T. C. Jones.....	1914	Tr.	524	C. M. Kelser.....	1921	1921
474	J. N. Link.....	1914	1916	525	Paul F. Warner.....	1921	1921
478	I. S. Owens.....	1915	1917	526	Robert Browne.....	1922	1924
480	E. T. Kirkley.....	1915	1916	528	M. E. Dearholt.....	1922	1922
481	J. P. Adams.....	1916	1917	529	Thomas Turkington. ..	1922	1922
483	J. P. George.....	1916	1918	530	J. L. Marker.....	1922	1922
491	J. H. Lynch.....	1917	1919	531	T. G. Betschler.....	1922	1922
493	C. H. Dobson.....	1917	1919	532	T. C. Mulligan.....	1922	1922
494	H. L. Murphy.....	1917	1919	533	A. W. Simms.....	1922	1922
495	L. E. Haddaway.....	1917	1919	534	O. G. Brewer.....	1922	1922
496	A. F. T. Raum.....	1917	1919	536	G. W. Ports.....	1922	1922
497	P. M. R. Schauer.....	1917	1918	537	P. M. Cassen.....	1923	1923
498	Gilbert S. Ross.....	1918	1918	538	L. C. Randall.....	1923	1923
500	L. W. Gordon.....	1918	Tr.	539	J. G. Trader.....	1923	1923
501	G. E. McDorman.....	1919	1919	540	H. A. Kester.....	1923	Tr.
502	J. W. Townsend.....	1919	1919	541	Wm. Schmeiser.....	1923	1926
503	R. W. White.....	1919	1919	542	F. B. Bailey.....	1923	1924
504	K. H. Wareheim.....	1919	1919	543	W. B. Sanders.....	1924	Tr.
506	J. R. McKeawn.....	1919	1919	544	C. B. Robey.....	1925	1925
507	G. E. Leister.....	1919	1919	545	R. W. Sapp.....	1925	1925
508	J. Leas Green.....	1919	1919	546	C. L. Dawson.....	1925	1926
509	J. W. Baxley.....	1919	1919	547	J. G. Eaton.....	1926	1926
511	F. K. McCorkle.....	1919	1920	548	E. E. Coleman.....	1926	1926
513	E. C. Graham.....	1920	Tr.	549	W. A. Donaway.....	1926	1926
515	G. E. Turner.....	1920	1920	550	Edwin Keehner.....	1926	1926
516	F. M. Volk.....	1920	1920	551	D. F. Galloway.....	1926	
519	C. P. Butler.....	1920	Tr.	552	C. F. Cummins.....	1926	1926
518	C. M. Jenkins.....	1920	.....			
520	J. Earl Cummings.....	1921	1921				
521	J. Tracey Fenby.....	1921	1921				

CHARGES AND LAYMEN

Charge	Laymen	Charge	Laymen
Accomac.....	D. F. Matthews	Melvin Chapel...	C. S. Kuhns
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Crisfield.....	R. K. Woodland	Milford.....	R. E. Pettyjohn
Lawsonia.....		Milton.....	C. H. Sharp
Mariners.....	H. B. Ward	Mt. Nebo.....	F. B. Harmon
Crumpton.....	H. C. Hendrix	Nassawango.....	A. R. Mariner
Cumberland:		New Church.....	L. Y. Thornton
Cumberland.....	D. H. Golden	New Market.....	H. M. Cooper
Mapleside and		Nichols Memorial..	Mrs. Dora Downs
Fairview.....	J. F. Zimmerman	Northumberland..	W. P. Eskridge

CHARGES AND LAYMEN

Charge	Laymen	Charge	Laymen
*Oak Grove		Texas.....	Mrs. Blair D. Price
Pr. George ...	C. M. Cox	Trinity, Marion.....	Edw. W. Tull
Oxford.....	C. A. Cox	Tyreanna, Va.....	
Parkasley.....	T. F. Russell	Union.....	A. L. Mills
Patapsco.....		Union Church.....	C. L. Bussells
Philadelphia:		Union Bridge.....	Mrs. Howard Gra
Emmanuel.....	R. D. Farlow	Wallace Mem.....	G. W. Lewis
St. Luke's.....	Geo. Shuster	Washington:	
Taylor Mem.....	Daniel Murdock	Alexandria.....	M. W. Gaines
Tioga Hghts.....	F. M. Schultz	Calvary.....	Otto Blankenhorn
Pipe Creek.....	E. E. Roop	Cherrydale.....	Dr. W. G. Monroe
Pittsville.....	W. S. Davis	Congress Street..	T. S. Duvall
Pocomoke City.....	M. L. Veasey	First Church....	
Powellville.....	S. E. Shockley		Mrs. Mattie A. Brewer
Quantico.....	H. D. Owens	Mt. Olivet.....	Fr. L. Ball
Queen Anne.....	P. J. Shallcross	Mt. Tabor.....	H. R. Morgan
Quinton Church....	J. L. Cowger	N. Carolina Ave..	D. J. Burger
Reliance.....	A. H. Smith	R. I. Avenue.....	Henry Gilligan
Ridgeville.....	Windsor Moxley	Walker Chapel..	W. C. Shipman
*Rowlandville.....	Hammond Nickle	Warwick Circuit..	
Salem.....	W. W. Fontaine		Mrs. Bessie G. Johns
Salisbury.....	W. E. Sheppard	Wesley Chapel of	
Seaford.....	G. H. Collins	Kent.....	S. E. Burgess
Sharptown.....	J. P. Cooper	Westminster.....	Callroll Albaugh
Smyrna.....	J. T. Baggs	Whaleyville.....	W. P. Whaley
Snow Hill.....	W. O. Shockley	Wilmington:	
Snow Hill Circuit..	S. M. Pusey	First Church.....	Jas. B. McManus
Stewartstown.....	G. W. Devilbiss	Peninsula.....	J. F. Phillips
St. James.....	R. G. Nicholson	W...Wilmington..	
St. Michaels.....	A. M. Thomas		Mrs. Lillian McGinley
Susquehanna.....	S. A. Hughes	Wye.....	J. H. Carter

Names marked * did not respond.

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Charges	Ministers	Preachers
Accomac.....		Webster R. Lewis
Alexandria.....		Norman Roberts
Alnutt Memorial.....		J. H. Roberts
		Jos. H. Espey
Calvary.....		E. L. Keyser
		H. Carroll Burkins.
Chesaco Park.....		Scott N. Duvall
Christ Church.....		A. F. Snyder
	Chas. A. Rotan.....	T. S. Elmore
		H. S. Rannels
East Baltimore.....		E. E. Coleman
		H. E. Hudgins
		Virginia Lockett
Eutaw.....		D. C. Koller
		R. C. Wilson

Charges	Ministers	Preachers
Hampden.....		Isaac Ford Archie C. Ford Harry Hager Stephen Galley Grace G. Jones
Keen Memorial.....		E. H. Hayman
Lauraville.....		Leonard Fleishman
Lowe Memorial.....		John T. Dise
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Starr.....	W. S. Simms.....	Norman Nickolas
Violetville.....		Oliver C. Betton
West Baltimore.....		Frederick Heany
Wilton Heights.....		Hary L. Kogelschatz
Cecil.....		Walter Collins
Clayton.....		W. T. Archer H. L. Adams
First Ch., Cumberland.....		C. E. Shaw
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Dagsboro.....		R. W. Banks
Denton.....		Lewis Davis
Felton.....		H. F. Butler
Finksburg.....		Wilbur F. Yingling
Georgetown.....		Virgil C. Littleton
Glenburnie.....		F. P. Nickerson
Harpers Ferry.....		Ira Dinkle
Hurlock.....		Clark S. Marshall
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Lewistown.....		Frederick N. Bowers
Marley.....		George T. Phelps
Milford.....		Henry J. Mason
Milton.....		H. D. Potter
Oxford.....		Howard M. Dobson
Emmanuel, Phila.....		William M. Tees William White Edwin Gardner
St. Luke's.....		J. A. Richardson E. J. Holland
Pocomoke.....		Newton C. Conant
Powellsville.....		James T. Young T. A. Richards
Salisbury.....		A. Persey White William Shockley
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Conference Program, 1927: President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, F. T. Benson.

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Conference Arrangements: The President of Conference and the Standing District Committee.

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Conference Program: President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, F. T. Benson.

SPECIAL DAYS

Sunday preceding the Young People's Institute; a special day to present Deaconess Work.

Second Sunday in December; "Men for the Ministry Sunday."

First two weeks in March, Campaign for the "Methodist Protestant."

Second Sunday in October, "Rally Day."

CONFERENCE EXAMINERS AND EXAMINATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

PREPARATORY COURSE

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

(b) Christian graces and gifts for the ministry, which will be an

examination of the applicant's experience. The applicant will also be expected to present and read to this examiner an original sermon, a selection from our Psalter and a hymn.

(c) Tillett'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.

C. M. Elderdice (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.

A. W. Ewell (b) Lewis' Divine Credentials.

C. C. Day (c) Lewis' "The Minister and His Own Soul" and Elderdice's "The Preachers' Problems."

R. Y. Nicholson (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—J. T. Dise, D. F. Galloway, C. F. Cummins.

Second Year.

N. O. Gibson (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 180-344.

W. B. Judefind (b) Fisher's "History of the Christian Church."

1-286.

W. H. Hodges (c) Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."

J. F. Bryan (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.

Student—Miss Grace G. Jones.

Third Year

E. T. Read (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 347 to end of book.

book.

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

W. J. Balderston (c) Calkin's "Historical Geography of the Bible."

P. W. Crosby (d) Squire's "Parish Program of Religious Education."

(e) An examination before the four examiners in the English Bible—The Prophetical 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—Leon A. Smith, J. G. Lynn.

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.

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY

Wilmington, Delaware, April 7, 1926.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church opened its 98th session in Peninsula Methodist Protestant Church, Wilmington, Del., on the above date at 9.00 A. M. G. I. Humphreys, President, called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional services. Hymn No. 11, "Ye Servants of God" was sung; John 1:1-16 was read by the President and prayer was offered by J. M. Sheridan. The congregation then sang No. 5, "Come Thou Fount" and prayer was offered by D. W. Anstine. Hymn No. 346, "Saviour More Than Life To Me" was also sung.

The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary and on motion the name of J. M. Holmes was transferred to the Memorial Roll.

Report of Committee on Credentials was made and adopted.

Hymn No. 10, "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang" was sung, and The Memorial Roll was called by T. O. Crouse. The obituary of J. M. Holmes was read by G. A. Morris, Chairman of the Obituary Committee. B. F. Ruley, C. P. Nowlin, A. H. Green, J. F. Wooden, George Hines, Henry Gilligan and L. B. Smith spoke tenderly of Dr. Holmes.

Following the Memorial Service, the President announced Hymn No. 343, "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth." Prayer was offered by J. Leas Green, and John 2:1-11 and 15:1-16 was read by E. C. Graham. C. R. Strausburg then preached the Conference Sermon on the theme, "Major Emphasis in Christianity." Hymn No. 159, "O Master It Is Good To Be" was then sung, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by J. W. Balderston, J. L. Nichols, G. R. Donaldson, W. M. Snyder, N. O. Gibson, J. A. Wright, W. H. Hodges and Clayborne Phillips.

Benediction by J. W. Gray.

AFTERNOON

The President called Conference to order at 2.00 P. M.

On motion the bar of the conference was placed at the first six pews.

On motion the program as submitted by the Secretary was adopted.

F. T. Little was called to the chair and the President read his annual report (Report A). At the conclusion of its reading his character was passed.

President read list of Standing Committees.

Report of the Secretary was read (Report B) and report was accepted with the exception of the financial department, which was referred to Committee on Audit.

Order of day having come, the President appointed as tellers on election of President, J. A. Dudley, W. F. Wright, W. C. Shockley, M. W. Gaines. The ballots were distributed and conference proceeded to vote. The result of the ballot was,—number of ballots cast, 232; necessary to a choice, 117; E. C. Makosky, 127; R. L. Shipley, 87; L. B. Smith, 10; J. H. Straughn, 3; J. F. Bryan, 3; N. O. Gibson, 1; W. H. Litsinger, 1. E. C. Makosky was declared elected. The newly elected President was escorted to the chair by R. L. Shipley and L. B. Smith. The retiring President in a gracious manner turned over the gavel to the new President, who in a few well chosen words accepted the office.

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

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

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for C. P. Nowlin as Conference Treasurer for 1927. The Treasurer appointed C. F. Cummins as his assistant.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for R. W. White as Steward of Conference for 1927. The Steward appointed Guy Leister and William Schmeiser as his assistants.

The President appointed the following tellers for Standing District Committee: G. E. Brown, J. L. Nichols, R. Y. Nicholson, Thales Disney. The vote was taken and the tellers permitted to retire and count the ballots.

The President appointed the following tellers for Committee on Appeals: G. H. Stocksdale, Carroll Maddox, Henry Gilligan and William A. Wheatley. The vote was taken and the tellers permitted to retire and count the ballots.

Secretary called the roll for the depositing of Pastor's Reports.

The roll of charges for communications was called.

On motion of J. H. Straughn, G. I. Humphreys was made Chairman of Committee on Survey and Extension during session of Conference.

The President of the Conference, who was chairman of that Committee automatically becomes chairman of that committee.

L. F. Warner was excused from the session on Thursday on account of a funeral.

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

EVENING

Devotional Service was in charge of J. H. Straughn.

Addresses were made by Hon. Robert P. Robinson, Governor of Delaware; Hon. George W. K. Forrest, Mayor of Wilmington, and Hon. Daniel O. Hastings, Judge of Municipal Court.

Several hymns were sung and the benediction was pronounced by G. W. Haddaway.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY

Conference opened at 9.30 A. M. with the President presiding. The minutes were read and adopted. The roll of those who had not previously answered to their names was called.

Letter from F. H. Mullineaux was read regretting his inability to attend Conference. Secretary was instructed to reply. Letter from T. R. Woodford was read and referred to Committee on Official Relations. Letter from W. P. Roberts and W. L. Hoffman was read. Referred to Committee on Official Relations. Letter from Paul M. Cassen was read and referred to Committee on Official Relations. Letter from J. R. Wright was read and referred to the Committee on Official Relations. A letter from Cecil County Ministers' Association was read and referred to Committee on Moral Reform and Social Service. Letter from W. M. Strayer was read and Secretary was instructed to reply. Resolution (1) by A. N. Ward, that President appoint a committee of two men to call upon W. M. Strayer and express to him the love of the Conference. Motion adopted.

Letter from R. W. Sutcliffe referred to Committee on Official Relations.

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

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

The Report of The Maryland Educational Endowment Society (Report R) was read showing that the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. T. W. Mather was now filled by his son, Mr. George K. Mather.

The income of the Henrietta Gibson Fund was used as usual in the education of young men for our ministry. Also, that \$200.00 placed at the disposal of the trustees of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate was used at the Seminary for young ministers. Report was adopted.

The report of the Maryland Conference Trustees was read (Report D). The names of those whose terms expire at this session were read. The income from the legacy of Mrs. A. S. Eversoll has been used for Conference Church Extension Work. The receipts and expenditures were also read. Report adopted.

J. H. Straughn, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, F. Murray Benson, were elected to fill the vacancies in the Maryland Conference Board of Trustees.

Letter from Mrs. Rena W. Lewis read and referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Resolution (2) that C. R. Strausburg submit his sermon for publication in the Minutes. Resolution was adopted.

Motion that Treasurer of Conference send notices to all pastors insisting that their charges pay their part of the President's salary by July first, according to the rule.

Letter from the Board of Home Missions was read asking for the loan of W. M. Snyder as pastor of University Church, Kansas City. It was referred to Committee on Official Relations.

The report of the Committee on Conference Arrangements (Report Z) was read and report adopted.

The order of the day having come, E. A. Sexsmith led the conference in the devotional service. Theme: "Our Church at Home."

F. T. Little was called to the chair.

Dr. T. H. Lewis, president of the General Conference, addressed the Conference relative to the work of our denomination in the south and also regarding the money subscribed for a man to give special service to those conferences.

A motion of J. M. Gill, that we as a Conference wish to ratify the subscriptions given Dr. T. H. Lewis for this special work and also the plan of Dr. Lewis that it might be well to make some modification of the plan, in so far as not requiring the man to live in the area of those Conferences and do the work by visitation and correspondence. We also pledge our moral and financial support for the balance of the quadrennial.

A. N. Ward, President of Western Maryland College, spoke to the motion and agreed to assume the cost of the education at Western Maryland College of five young men from the South, with the understanding that the young men so educated must return to the conferences from which they came and give active service there in the pastorate. Motion was adopted.

Dr. S. W. Rosenberger, member Executive Committee of the General Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Wm. Hardesty, of the Wilmington M. E. Conference was also introduced to the Conference.

The order of the day of Friday at 9:45 is to hear the report of Group Life Insurance.

Rev. Francis Stephenson, Secretary of Board of Education, was introduced to the Conference.

Confrence then adjourned.

AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2:00 P. M. G. W. Haddaway presided.

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

Louis Randall, Examiner, reports that Wm. Schmeiser has received 100 on Parish's "Program of Religious Education."

F. T. Little, Examiner, reports that Wm. Schmeiser has received 100 in Calkin's "Historical Geography of the Bible."

J. W. Balderston, Examiner, reports that J. Gilbert Lynn has received 100 in Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons" and also on the "English Bible."

Rev. J. A. Japhet, an evangelist who has been doing much work among our churches, was introduced to the Conference and made a brief address.

Rev. Dr. Alfred Smith, of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, was introduced to the Conference and made a short address.

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

T. O. Crouse, Examiner, reports that Wm. Schmeiser has received 100 in Curtis' "Christian Faith."

Partial report of the Board of Survey and Extension (Report G) was read and motion made that the office of Church Extension superintendent be continued and that the sum of \$3000.00 additional be assessed on the district for Church Extension. Adopted.

Motion also that the salary of Church Extension Superintendent be \$3000.00. Report was adopted.

Report of the Headquarters Committee (Report V) was read showing that all outstanding obligations against the property have been consolidated in a bond issue of \$20,000.00 secured by a second mortgage over the signature of the Board of Trustees of the Conference, There is now a first mortgage of \$122,500.00 and a second mortgage of \$20,000.00 due in five years. There are no other debts and there is in cash and bills receivable \$5,102.72. The Committee feels it has no further reason for continuance and therefore recommends:

1. That the Committee be discharged and that the Conference turn over the building for control and management to the Board of Conference Trustees or to a small Board of Management as the Conference may deem wise, believing that a direct Superintendency of said building ought to be in the hands of some one person for supervision.

2. That out of the current income receipts from the building an amount not to exceed \$50.00 per month be available for such remuneration as the judgement of the new management may direct.

A supplemental report of the treasurer is also embodied in this report. On motion of G. I. Humphreys, the report of the Committee was adopted and the President asked to appoint a Committee of three to make recommendations as to the future management of the building and the personnel of the Committee in charge.

Partial report of Committee on Official Relations (Report M) was read endorsing the loan of W. M. Snyder to University Church, at Kansas City. It was accepted.

Conference gave way for the meeting of the Mutual Relief Association. Conference again resumed and then adjourned to meet at the program hour. Rev. G. Q. Bacchus pronounced the benediction.

EVENING

Denominational Session in charge of F. C. Klein.

Addresses were made by representatives of the Woman's Missionary organizations—Mrs. L. F. Warner, Mrs. E. A. Craig and Mrs. Julian Dodge. An address was made by Rev. Dr. S. W. Rosenberger, Columbus, Ohio. Benediction was given by J. M. Sheridan.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M. with the President in the chair. The minutes were read and adopted.

The President called W. H. Litsinger to the chair.

Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Tithing (Report X) was read showing that 1500 tithers are enrolled in our conference district, 400 of whom are on file. The committee recommends that a new committee be appointed, which shall work in conjunction with the Church Extension Superintendent in an effort toward a larger emphasis on this vital phase of Christian life.

An amendment to the recommendation was made to strike out that section which reads "shall work in conjunction with the Church Extension Superintendent." Amendment was adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

The President of the Conference appointed the following committees: To visit W. N. Sherwood—F. T. Little, E. H. Jones; to visit W. M. Strayer—E. T. Read, J. A. Wright; Headquarters Management—J. H. Straughn, J. M. Gill, W. O. Atwood.

The hour of the day having come the Conference heard Mr. Arthur Benson and Mr. Boyd speak to the Conference on Group Life Insurance. A motion was made by J. M. Sheridan that a committee of three be appointed to hear these men concerning this insurance proposition. Motion adopted. The chair appointed J. M. Sheridan, E. A. Sexsmith and W. E. Cain.

Dr. W. W. Davis, Rev. Bookmyer, Dr. Goff, Rev. Ostermeyer, Dr. Abner Brown were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. W. W. Davis of the Lord's Day Alliance gave us a brief address on his work.

Mrs. L. F. Warner, President of the Maryland Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Goff was given the privilege of making a brief address.

Devotional service was led by J. M. Sheridan. Theme: "Our Church in America."

Miss Grace G. Jones, Evangelist, and well known to our Conference, was introduced to this Conference.

F. C. Klein, General Conference Messenger and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions was introduced and made an address.

Rev. Edwin H. Bookmyer, representative of Business Men's Council of the Pocket Testament League, addressed the Conference.

Report of the Committee on Missions (Report N) was read showing the splendid work done by the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration in both Home and Foreign fields. The Committee urges the pastors to emphasize the observance of Children's Day and the securing of as large an offering as possible. The Committee affirmed that in its opinion the time was inopportune for bringing to a successful conclusion the Girl's Home in Baltimore. The Committee recommends:

1. That every dollar raised at the Children's Day offering be devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions with the provision that all over and above

the 25 per cent. designated by the General Conference be considered a free-will offering to this cause. On motion this recommendation was stricken out.

2. Demanding that the money so raised for this fund be remitted within thirty days after the observance of the day. Report was adopted.

Edgar T. Read, Examiner, reports that J. G. Lynn has passed in Curtis' "Christian Faith."

P. W. Crosby, Examiner, reports that Leon A. Smith and J. G. Lynn have passed in Gladden's "Christian Pastor."

W. B. Judefind, Examiner, reports that Miss Grace G. Jones has received 100 in Lewis' "Divine Credentials."

J. L. Ward, Examiner, reports that Leon A. Smith and J. G. Lynn have passed in Fisher's "History of the Christian Church."

J. W. Balderston, Examiner, reports that Leon A. Smith has passed in Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons" and in English Bible.

The delegate of Salem Charge was excused from attendance until Monday.

Resolution (3) than any ministerial member of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, who shall have served in active relation for forty years in bounds of said Conference and who shall have reached the age of 65 years, shall have the privilege of Superannuation without the vote of said Conference should he so desire. It was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was made, and said report was adopted.

Benediction by J. F. Farring.

AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2:00 P. M. with F. T. Little in the chair.

Report of the Summer Conference of Ministers (Report S) was read telling us of the fine fellowship and also the splendid addresses given. The Committee asks for a continuance of the appropriation of \$200.00 to this important enterprise. This recommendation was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Young People's Work (Report J) was read and the following items considered.

1. That we express our confidence in Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, General Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, and recommend that all C. E. Societies adopt his efficiency service chart.

2. That we cooperate with L. B. Smith, President of the Union of Young People's Work, in helping to train Christian workers.

3. That an entrance examination in the form of a questionnaire be required of those seeking admission.

4. Noting the success of the Winter Institutes throughout the Peninsula.

5. Endorsing the school of Methods as conducted at Grace Church in Baltimore.

6. That of supporting Rev. Paul M. Cassen, our missionary in India, be approved.

7. Endorsing Carroll M. Wright as Field Secretary of Maryland and Delaware C. E. Unions.

8. Urging all Sunday School and C. E. Societies to help finance this work.

Report was adopted.

Partial Report of the Committee on Official Relations, (Report M) was read requesting the loan of J. H. Straughn for service as Group Leader. Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee to study the Deaconess Work (Report L) was read indicating that the same conditions exist now as did one year ago. Order of day having come this report was deferred.

Report of the Committee on Literature and Education (Report I) was read and considered. The facts concerning our church paper indicate our responsibility and opportunity. There are 1600 more homes in the Maryland District that do not get the church paper than there are subscribers to the paper in all the denomination. We are grateful for the splendid service of F. T. Benson, the editor. The committee recommends that the month of March be set aside as a time for special emphasis in securing new subscribers and renewals. Pastors are urged to keep the value of the paper before their people. The Committee also notes with pleasure the improved quality of the Sunday School literature and heartily endorses the Editor, Dr. C. S. Johnson.

It is gratifying to note the steady increase of the volume of business in the Printing Department and the Book Store.

F. T. Benson spoke.

The new home of the President of the Seminary has been completed and is now occupied by Dr. H. L. Elderdice. The total cost of the building was \$25,000.00, all of which has been paid except \$500.00. The committee endorses the recommendation:

1. Of H. L. Elderdice as President for another year.

2. Instructing the laymen as to the needs of the various funds of the Seminary.

3. Urging young men to consider the claims of the ministry. Dr. H. L. Elderdice, president of the Seminary, made an address in behalf of the Seminary work, and Rev. F. W. Stephenson, Secretary of the Board of Education also made an address.

The Board of Education recommends:

1. That pastors put the Secretary of the Board in touch with any young men thinking of the ministry.

2. That the second Sunday in December be observed as "Men for the Ministry Sunday."

3. That all churches observe the second Sunday in October, or the nearest Sunday thereto as Rally Day.

The Committee has read with care and pleasure the report of the President of Western Maryland College. The enrollment now totals five hundred (500) for this college year. We express our appreciation of Dr. A. N. Ward for his vision and energy and consecration to his task.

Dr. A. N. Ward, President of the College, spoke about the endowment and general work of the college.

To Dr. T. H. Lewis we acknowledge our debt for his splendid book "The Minister and His Own Soul."

The report was adopted as a whole.

J. Franklin Bryan, Examiner, reports that Miss Grace G. Jones has received 100 in Curtis' "Christian Faith."

The order of the day having come, G. I. Humphreys reported concerning the changing of conference date. A resolution (4) was offered changing the date from April 1 to June 1. W. H. Litsinger offered an amendment that the resolution lay over for one year. Amendment was lost. The original motion was then carried by a vote of 78 yeas and 75 nays. L. B. Smith then moved that we reconsider the vote. Motion was adopted. L. B. Smith moved that the question of change be referred to the Quarterly Conferences of the Charges and their action brought to the Conference of 1927. Motion adopted.

Conference then adjourned.

EVENING

Services in the interest of Young People with L. B. Smith, President of the Union of Young People's Work, presiding.

Addresses were made by R. W. White, Secretary of the Union of Young People's Work; T. C. Mulligan, Treasurer of the Union of Young People's Work, and E. L. Bunce.

Benediction was given by J. W. Townsend.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M. with the President in the chair.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The President called J. H. Straughn to the chair.

Conference gave way to a meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society.

Conference again resumed.

N. O. Gibson, Examiner, reports that Miss Grace G. Jones has passed in Drinkhouse's "History of Methodist Reform."

W. A. Donaway, collector for the sexton, reports an offering of \$30.00.

M. W. Gaines, delegate from Alexandria, asked to be excused.

E. A. Sexsmith asked to be excused.

Delegate from Harmony, W. Va., was excused from further attendance.

A letter from F. W. Lineberry was read regretting his inability to be present and address the Conference.

A letter from Second Church, Wilmington, Delaware, was read relative to the condition of the building and work. It was referred to the Board of Survey and Extension.

George Hines was excused from further attendance.

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

Devotional service was conducted by F. C. Klein. Theme: "Our Church Abroad."

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

1. That Jesse G. Eaton be received into the Conference
 - a. That Edward E. Coleman be received into the Conference.
 - b. That Walter A. Donaway be received into the Conference.
 - c. That Edwin Keehner be received into the Conference.
 - d. That these men be ordained.
2. That C. L. Dawson be ordained.
3. That William Schmeiser be ordained.
4. That D. F. Galloway be received on trial.
5. That C. F. Cummins be received into the Conference.

G. I. Humphreys offered an amendment:

That item (5) be amended so as to read "and he be ordained provided he pledge himself to pursue the Conference course of study."

Amendment was adopted.

Report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion these men—Jesse G. Eaton, Edward E. Coleman, Walter A. Donaway, Edwin Keehner, D. F. Galloway and C. F. Cummins were received into the Conference by the President of the Conference.

Partial report (Report K) of the Committee on Moral Reform was read stating "that the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church urges in a letter to Hon. Rice W. Means, Chairman of Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee 'that the Volstead Law be not liberalized, but that your committee may report to the Senate, as a result of its hearings, methods for the proper enforcement of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Law.'" It was adopted.

A representative of Prudential Insurance Company addressed the Conference on Group Life Insurance.

Reports of Committee on Superannuate (Report H) was read and according to the rule was laid on the table for twenty-four hours. The item referring to the \$7000.00 on the district was adopted as was also the item authorizing the treasurer to borrow a sufficient amount to meet the deficiency of 1926 and 1927.

E. T. Read, Examiner, reports that Leon A. Smith has passed in Curtis' "Christian Faith."

The delegate from Laurel was excused from further attendance.

K. H. Wareheim was excused from further attendance.

Invitation was received to meet at next session of the Annual Conference at St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The benediction was pronounced by H. L. Elderdice.

EVENING

The Conference church choir rendered a very beautiful cantata.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY

The service opened at 10.30 A. M.

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

Hymn No. 463, "Let Zion's Watchmen All Awake" was sung.

Prayer was offered by J. M. Sheridan, and G. Q. Bacchus led in the Responsive Reading. The Scripture Lesson, Selection from Phillipians third chapter, was read by F. T. Little.

Hymn No. 316, "O Jesus I Have Promised" was then sung.

The Ordination Sermon—"Things Preachers Should Know and Do." was preached by J. W. Trout.

Following the sermon, Walter Avery Donaway, Charles Francis Cummins, Clarence Leslie Dawson, Jesse Glaison Eaton, William Schmeiser, Edwin Keehner and Edward Ellis Coleman were ordained Elders in the Church of Christ. The President was assisted in this service by G. I. Humphreys, B. F. Ruley, L. F. Warner and R. L. Shipley, Secretary.

The service closed with benediction by President Makosky.

EVENING

Service opened in the Conference Church at 7.30 P. M. Sermon was preached by C. M. Elderdice, whose theme was "The Still Small Voice."

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY

Conference convened a 9.30 A. M. with the President in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The President called J. M. Gill to the chair.

A. J. Williar, delegate from Christ Church, was excused from further attendance.

T. O. Crouse and F. D. Reynolds asked for a Superannuated Relation. Their requests were referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

F. T. Little and E. H. Jones, who were appointed to visit W. N. Sherwood, reported through F. T. Little that they had done so. We were told of the severe affliction through which this brother was passing. Brother Sherwood is receiving treatment at Farnhurst State Sanatorium. Our prayers and sympathy go out to him. E. D. Stone offered special prayer in Brother Sherwood's behalf.

Report of the Board of Finance (Report E) was read showing the various budgets apportioned to the charges. Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Evangelism (Report V) was read showing the tent meetings had resulted in 157 conversions, 4 reclamations and 100 had joined the church as a result of these meetings. The Committee recommended:

1. That the Conference give due consideration to this highly important matter and authorize the committee to conduct a personal evangelism campaign throughout the Conference area.

2. That the month of February be the month for this campaign.

3. That the Conference set aside a Sunday during their evangelistic services to be known as Decision Day. Report was adopted as a whole.

J. M. Gill gave way to J. H. Straughn as presiding officer.

Report of Special Committee on Group Life Insurance (Report W) was read. The order of the day having come the report of Committee on Insurance was deferred.

R. Y. Nicholson conducted the devotional service. His theme was "A Greater Church."

Report of Special Committee on Group Life Insurance was again resumed. After careful consideration the committee found the most satisfactory policy and rates to be in The Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. On motion the report was taken up by items:

1. That The Maryland Annual Conference accept the proposition of that Prudential Insurance Company provided the required number of members can be secured.

2. That premium be paid as follows: Ten dollars (\$10.00) by each person insured within thirty days, the balance of eleven dollars and thirty-four cents (\$11.34) be paid by The Maryland Conference. On the basis of One hundred and forty-eight men participating the total amount would be Thirteen hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-five cents (1333.25).

3. That an additional amount of \$1500.00 be added to the assessment for Superannuates. The same to be used for the payment of that portion of the premiums assumed by The Maryland Annual Conference.

On motion it was decided to consider item 2 first. This item was relative to the manner of payment. An amendment was offered to this item that it be referred back to the charges for action. Delegate from North Carolina Avenue Church and William Wheatley, delegate from Chestertown, spoke. Amendment was lost.

A substitute was offered to the Amendment that the premiums be paid by those participating. J. L. Nichols, G. W. Lewis, delegate from Wallace Memorial, and W. G. Monroe, delegate from Cherrydale, spoke. Substitute was lost.

An amendment was offered to the substitute that the charges pay the full amount of the insurance. M. L. Veasey, delegate from Pocomoke City, Henry Gilligan, delegate from Rhode Island Avenue, F. W. Whitaker, delegate from Lynchburg, Va., and W. O. Atwood, delegate from St. John's, spoke. Amendment was lost.

The original item was then considered. J. M. Sheridan, G. W. Hadaway and Fred Evans, delegate from Lauraville, spoke. The original item was then adopted.

Item 1 as per Prudential Insurance Company was then adopted.

Item 3, that \$1500.00 be added to the assessment for Superannuates. An amendment was offered to make it \$3,000.00 The amendment was lost and the original item was adopted.

An amendment was offered to read "that the Conference require those who come into the Conference beginning with session 1926 participate in this insurance. It was adopted.

Motion that the President of the Conference be authorized to conclude this matter, or find some means to have it done. An amendment was offered that the whole matter be referred to the President of the Conference and Mr. T. A. Murray to conclude this insurance. Amendment was adopted.

Motion was made that all active men be required to take this insurance. An amendment to the motion was made so as to read "urged" instead of "required." Amendment was adopted.

E. A. Sexsmith and W. E. Cain were appointed a committee to canvass the Conference in the interest of this insurance.

The Board of Finance was granted the privilege to withdraw its report for a correction. It was adopted.

Conference then adjourned.

AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2.00 P. M. with G. I. Humphreys presiding.

Report of Committee to Study Deaconess Work (Report L) was read stating that the Committee re-affirmed its convictions of last year. In order to know the condition of the work of last year the Secretary read the report of the committee of 1925 (See Conference Minutes 1925—page 95).

Motion was made by W. A. Melvin that we reconsider item of last year relative to training of Deaconesses. Adopted. Motion that any Deaconess, if so desirous, may take training in either of these schools as mentioned in last year's report. J. L. Nichols and G. W. Haddaway spoke. It was moved that the report be re-committed to the Committee for further and more definite action. It was lost.

A substitute was offered that the report be sent back to the Board of Managers with instructions. J. F. Bryan, J. M. Sheridan and J. L. Nichols spoke.

An amendment was offered for the substitute that it be referred to the Board of Managers with instructions that the work go on and that they be trained in either one of the schools mentioned. It was lost.

J. W. Kirk moved to strike out the two schools and insert Westminster Theological Seminary. W. H. Hodges, J. M. Gill and C. C. Day spoke. The question was called and on motion was lost.

It was moved that it be referred to the Board of Managers with instructions that these women be trained in any one of these institutions: Westminster Theological Seminary, Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, or the Lutheran Mother Home. Adopted.

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies to be incorporated in their report. Accepted.

J. H. Straughn was called to the chair.

Report of Committee on Moral and Social Service (Report K) was read calling the attention of our people to be careful in the observance of all law and to be as zealous for the preservation of good laws. It is our conviction that a vigorous campaign of education in the principles underlying these laws should be undertaken. The Committee recommends:

1. That all our ministers prepare themselves with these facts and in the most effective way possible give them to their people.

2. That a message be sent to the United States Senate Committee, which is now investigating the prohibition situation, urging that the Volstead law be not liberalized, but that methods for its proper enforcement be reported to the Senate.

The committee calls attention to the beauty and sanctity of marriage, and records its disapproval of hasty marriages and the commercialization of the sacred ordinance, and urges the passage of such laws as will prevent these evils.

The blessing of the Christian Sabbath is realized as the day is kept, one of rest and communion with the Highest. The church is called upon to reveal its blessings, and commend the Lord's Day Alliance for its efforts looking to this end. J. W. Kirk, J. L. Nichols, G. Q. Bacchus, L. B. Smith, Robert Browne, T. O. Crouse and Henry Gilligan spoke.

Amendment by Henry Gilligan that we urge that the Volstead Law be amended so as to make illegal the home manufacture of wines or cider containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume. Amendment was adopted.

Amendment by G. W. Haddaway that this Conference emphasize the importance of Legislation to enforce the Volstead Act and urge upon our ministers and laymen to do their best to have such a law passed at the next state legislature. Adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Partial Report of the Conference Treasurer (See Tables) was read and adopted.

The Special Committee to consider the Headquarters Management (Report V) reports:

1. We recommend that the management be placed in the hands of a special Board of Management.

2. That this Board be composed of the President of the Conference, T. W. Donoho and J. H. Baker.

3. That this Board be empowered to employ an agent of their own selection or to follow any other method for the Management of the Building as their judgment may direct.

4. Confidence of the Committee in securing a satisfactory working understanding. An amendment was offered and adopted "that in the event of a vacancy in the Board of Management, the Board of Trustees of the Conference be asked to fill the place." Adopted. Report of Special Committee was then adopted.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies (Report L) was read but action deferred.

Conference then adjourned.

EVENING

Conference convened at 8.00 P. M. with F. T. Little presiding.

Report of Board of Finance was again taken up and on motion \$1500.00 added to the assessment to take care of the Group Life Insurance. Report was adopted.

Final Report of Committee on Superannuate was made (Report H) showing the list of claimants and the amounts allotted. An amendment to item 5, relative to pro-rata share of each Superannuate, was made, to strike out \$12.00 for each year's service and insert \$15.00 for each year's service instead of \$10.00 as formerly; also strike out \$6.00 and insert \$7.50 instead of \$5.00 relative to ministers' wives. Amendment adopted. Report was then adopted.

Report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies (Report L) was read commending the Board of Managers of Deaconess Work for their wise and economical management. The Committee recommends:

1. That the Sunday preceding the sessions of the Young People's Institute be set apart as a special day when the interest of the work shall be presented.

2. That a place be given on the program of the Young People's Institute for the presentation of this work.

3. That the appropriation of \$2500.00 be continued for another year.

The terms of G. W. Haddaway, G. E. Brown, J. H. Roberts, E. J. Paige and Mrs. E. B. Fenby expire at this session. On motion they were re-elected.

The Committee calls attention to the excellent work of The Maryland Tract and Maryland Bible Society. It also expresses its grateful appreciation of the St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society. The Near East Work was also endorsed. The report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Home for the Aged (Report O) was read, showing a very noticeable increase along all lines. The Home Visitation Day has surpassed all previous occasions. The Committee regrets that the Board of Managers had to close the year with a slight deficit. The invested fund now amounts to \$36,382.00. The Committee recommends that the assessment for the Home for the ensuing year be \$6000.00. All Methodist Protestants are urged to visit the Home. The terms of L. F. Warner, E. B. Fenby, J. H. Straughn and O. H. Herr expire at this session. On motion they were re-elected. Report was adopted.

Report of the Agent of President's Parsonage was read. H. K. Muller was re-elected the Agent. The Report was adopted. The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to write Brother Muller expressing the sympathy of this Conference in his illness and also notifying him of his re-election.

Report of the Board of Survey and Extension (Report G) was read by the Chairman. Mr. Fred P. Adkins and Mr. Milton Veasey each made a brief address about the work of Peninsula Church.

J. H. Straughn was asked to take a subscription toward the floating indebtedness of Peninsula Church. The amount raised was \$1890.00.

On motion item 4, relating to sale of Greensboro Parsonage, was taken up separately and adopted.

Report was then adopted as a whole.

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

Report of the Treasurer of the Conference (See Table) was submitted showing that amount paid on General Conference Budget was \$71,168.00

Report of Conference Steward (See Statistics) was read and adopted. The Report shows total raised for General Interests was \$146,154.00—an increase of \$14,703.00; total paid for Local Interests was \$691,379.00—an increase of \$50,878.00; total paid for all purposes was \$837,533.00.

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

1. That W. S. Simms be placed in the hands of the President.
2. That G. E. Wunder, W. D. Wilson, Leon Smith, H. E. Hudgins, H. C. Burkins, A. W. Betts, J. G. Lynn, C. O. Quillan, D. K. Sturgis, Stephen Galley, H. L. Adams, Edwin Gardner, C. M. Jenkins and C. S. Marshall be placed in the hands of the President and be given license to administer the ordinance provided they be employed by the President.
3. That D. F. Galloway and C. M. Jenkins be given license to administer the ordinances.
4. That "Parish Program of Religious Education" by Squires be substituted for Athearn's "The Church School."
5. That T. H. Lewis' "The Minister and His Own Soul" be substituted for Greenfield's "Jesus, The Preacher."

The Report was adopted.

Report of Special \$100,000 Superannuate Committee (Report T) was read, and shows that approximately \$64,000 has been paid to date. The Committee places the matter squarely before the Conference. J. H. Straughn moved that the report be adopted and two laymen, with the President as Chairman, and that the President be charged as one of his chief duties the collection of these funds. Adopted.

G. W. Haddaway moved that at the end of this Conference year any minister or charge who has not paid his subscription shall answer before this Conference. Lost.

The original motion prevailed and was adopted.

W. H. Hodges, Examiner, reports that Miss Grace G. Jones has passed a satisfactory examination in Greenfield's "Jesus, The Preacher" and Elderdice's "The Preacher's Problems."

W. B. Judefind, Examiner, reports that Miss Grace G. Jones, has received 100 in English Bible.

Telegram was received from C. C. Day saying it would not be possible to entertain Conference next year.

The Committee on Audit (Report P) reports that it has audited the accounts of the Treasurer of Mutual Relief Association, the Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference, and the Treasurer of the President's Parsonage, and has found them correct. The Committee has also examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Maryland Conference and found them correct. Report adopted.

The Report of the Conference Librarian (Report Y) was read and adopted.

Resolution (5) that the Secretary be instructed to compile a list of Special Days and Seasons provided for in the Conference Program. Adopted.

Report of the Committee on Official Relations (Report M) was read and adopted. The report shows that forty-four (44) charges and seven (7) churches are on the Honor Roll having paid 100% or more on the entire budget.

Report of Chairman Special Committee on Group Life Insurance reports that one hundred and eleven (111) men have signed the cards.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders asks that O. F. Betton be licensed to administer the ordinances. It was granted.

Report of the Committee on President's Report (Report A) was read and the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of G. I. Humphreys, the Committee on Full-time Treasurer asked to be continued for another year. Motion was adopted.

Minutes were read and approved at 12.30 A. M., after which the President made a few remarks and then read the Plan of Appointments.

Conference adjourned with benediction by President Makosky.

E. C. MAKOSKY, President.

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

G. J. HOOKER, Journal Sect'y.

REPORTS

REPORT A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 21)

THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Dear Brethren:

"Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord." Our ninety-eight annual session is upon us. Together we have come for the yearly accounting of our stewardship—a time of reckoning for both Pastors and Churches.

Our meeting place for this Conference lends a unique setting to our assembly. For the first time in our history as a Conference we meet in the chief city of Delaware, a state that has within its borders 40 Churches and 4500 members in affiliation with the Maryland Conference. And we meet in this fine edifice, that in a very large sense is a Conference Church. Perhaps no church building in our whole conference district has as many people interested in it. It is because they have some measure of financial investment here. Perhaps not one of our nearly three hundred churches is so distinctly a symbol of Conference vision and a venture of faith and consecration on the part of our laymen as the Peninsula Church. Our united prayer, to-day, is that this church may long symbolize Conference possibilities, and likewise render, here in the city of Wilmington, an incomparable service to the glory of God and the safe pilgrimage of life that senses and seeks the home of the soul.

And now we humbly and sincerely ask of God His wisdom and blessing, as we open the active business of our present assembly.

"THE SHADOW MEMORIES"

The Rev. John Mather Holmes, D. D., was transferred to the Church triumphant, July 2, 1925. For sixty years as a member of this body, he was honored as a man of God, a soldier of the faith, a fearless preacher of the "glad tidings" of the better way. Fifty-two years he was in active relation; 50 years as a Pastor, and for 2 years as the Superintendent of Church Extension.

Coming out of the Union Army in which he had enlisted as a boy, sixteen years of age, he enlisted as a soldier of Christ in the

ranks of our ministry. What better tribute can we pay him to-day than to say of Dr. Holmes—"he fought a good fight."

None other of our Conference members died this year, but shadows have fallen elsewhere.

Mrs. George Q. Bacchus, the wife of our Brother Bacchus, went away suddenly, on Sunday, November 22, 1925. She had walked with our Brother for 47 years as he rendered her service in the pastorates throughout the district. How closely akin we know ourselves to be, as we commune under these shadows. And when the comradeship of many years, like this, is broken, how strange it must seem.

Mrs. E. O. Ewing, widow of the late Rev. E. O. Ewing, passed on, on December 24th, 1925. Thirty years, this sister had shared the lift of an Itinerant Methodist Preacher; then had seen him cease his labors and go away. She was left alone, save for her memories. And so life's ties are broken—so we are reminded that this is not our home, but that we look for a city whose builder and maker is God.

Obituary Committees were duly named for the above persons.

I here mention other deaths: Brother Henry J. Mason, a licensed preacher of the Milford Church, and who has been doing active work in the Conference since 1920, died suddenly on February 7th, 1926. Converted in the great revival at Milford under Rev. L. A. Bennett, he felt the urge to preach, and humbly and earnestly sought thus to serve his Saviour.

Mrs. Emma J. Wilson, wife of Rev. W. D. Wilson, the pastor supplying Lewes, Delaware died Friday, October 30th, 1925. Another parsonage is in the shadow for one who went away.

Mr. N. T. Meginnis, a layman honored and esteemed; ordained by this Conference, though never in active membership, died March 7, 1926. This Brother was prominent in the councils of the whole church for many years. He was a warm friend of the Seminary, at Westminster, and made remembrance of that institution in his will.

Mr. Oscar T. Morris, a lay member of our Church at Salisbury, died suddenly, September 29, 1925. His devotion to his church was attested in a legacy totaling \$40,000; as follows:—\$10,000 to Western Maryland College Endowment Campaign; \$20,000 to the church at Salisbury; \$5,000 to endow the Sunday School Library of that church; still another \$5,000 was left the Church. This, however, they have decided to use as a memorial to Mr. Morris and wife. This memorial will be in the form of a mural for the panel in the rear of the pulpit. Mr. Edwin Howland Blashfield, President of the National Academy of Design,—and the most famous mural painter in America; will paint the picture of "The Good Shepherd." Thus, in this great contribution to the religious art of America, the Salisbury Church will ever memorialize Mr. Morris' devotion to his church, and by the very painting that will make the church notable among lovers of art, will also notably tell the story of one who loved his church.

Other good men and women of our various churches have gone on before, since last we met, and here we pay tribute to their memories.

"AD INTERIM ACTS"

Unsupplied charges. Just three charge were left unsupplied at last conference adjournment.

Fairfax Circuit, Va.: Not until July, could I find a supply for the work. At that time, Rev. J. A. Ledbetter, of the North Carolina Conference, took charge. He gave only four months service. Since then, at their request, the charge has been without a pastor.

Patapsco: A small church near Westminster, has been cared for by Mr. Slayton, a Seminary student, for most of the year. He has given efficient service.

Quantico: I had no supply to offer this charge, and I agreed that if they could supply their services with some local man, it would be satisfactory to me.

Transfers. My work in this line has not been easy. Much time and thought have been given in and through the changes that have occurred as follows: **Eutaw Church;** Rev. W. P. Roberts, the pastor, accepted work at Seattle, Washington, under the Board of Home Missions. He was released, as of September 1st. **Alexandria;** Rev. J. A. Dudley, was transferred to Eutaw, as of September 15th. **First Church, Cumberland;** Rev. H. L. Schlincke, pastor, was transferred to Alexandria, taking charge as of November 1st. **Milford;** Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor, was appointed pastor at First Church, Cumberland, and began work there the 15th of November. Since that date, Milford has been without a Pastor, simply because neither the church nor I could find a satisfactory adjustment. I have cared for the Sunday services since November 15th, by the grace of ministerial kindness and courtesy. **Miss Grace Jones, Evangelist**—at my earnest solicitation—conducted special services there for three weeks, ending March 14, resulting in about 90 confessions; about 40 have united with the church. The work there is in splendid condition, spiritually and financially, and the salary has been increased \$200.00 for next year. **Smyrna:** The Seminary student appointed last Conference gave up the work just after Conference. I have appointed Mr. O. F. Betton, another Seminarian from this Conference. He has given faithful and earnest work there during the year. **Mt. Tabor:** Rev. C. M. Compber, pastor, at his own request was released by the church and by the President, March 1st. And at his request I gave him his transfer to the North Carolina Conference. Since March 1st, I have furnished supply for the Sunday services.

In October K. K. Haddaway, left without appointment at his own request, asked for a Certificate of Standing from his Conference. He requested this, that he might enter the membership of another Denomination. I issued such a certification. He has affiliated with the Congregational Church.

All releases and transfers were made in due order under disciplinary requirements. I wish here to thank the Brethren who have so kindly responded to my calls as I have cared for the churches without pastors during the periods of adjustment and time of vacancies.

"THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

It is not easy to make the President's Report a short one. Yet brevity is most desirable, and I shall try to condense as far as possible.

(a) *Evangelism*, I put this at the beginning of the activities. First things first. Whether it is or not, either in our thinking or our activities, our first business is to sound the evangel. The Conference is trying to foster such a program, not alone through the individual efforts of Pastors, but through a Conference plan whereby it is incumbent on Pastors to give at least two weeks of their time to helping their brethren in evangelistic labors. Sometimes it is through tent meetings, sometimes in the churches. But whether it be through protracted meetings, simultaneous campaigns of personal evangelism, or the individual touch—this is the work of the churches and the preachers.

The Committee on Evangelism will Duly Report

The number of conversions reported to me total about 2500.

Nine charges indicate more than 50 each. Charges indicating 50 or more each, are as follows: Taylor Memorial, Snow Hill, Laurel Circuit, Grace, St. Michaels, Amelia, Hampden, and St. Johns, and Starr.

Fifteen charges indicate between 25 and 50 each. Charges indicating between 25 and 50 are as follows: Franklin City, North Carolina Avenue, St. Pauls, Crisfield, Mt. Nebo, Nichols Memorial, First Church, Newark; Lowe Memorial, Easton, Susquehanna, South Baltimore, Peninsula, Christ Church, Trinity Baltimore; and Salisbury.

An ingathering into the church is the natural result to be expected from all efforts of evangelism. Not all who make confession are always gotten into the church. But thus our efforts should be directed.

The total number of accessions reported on the district is above 2400. The following churches report new members to the number of 50 or more: Taylor Memorial, Edmondson Avenue, Starr, Grace, North Baltimore, St. John's, Trinity, Baltimore; Snow Hill, Rhode Island Ave., Salisbury.

Sixteen churches indicate between 25 and 50 new members. The charges showing between 25 and 50 each are as follows; North Carolina Avenue, St. Paul's, Marley, Laurel Circuit, First Church, Newark; Lowe Memorial, St. Michaels, Hampden, Westminster, Amelia, Linthicum Heights, Easton, Susquehanna, Peninsula, Christ Church, Allnut Memorial, Eutaw, Dorchester, Evergreen, West Baltimore.

(b) *Stewardship and Tithing*. I believe in the constructive development of Christian life and in the progressive advance of the Church, that the next business of Pastors and Churches, after the evangel is sounded and life has responded and become a part in and of the church, we are to teach the Stewardship of Life and Resources. We are working as a Conference, along these lines. I believe the Committee on Stewardship and Tithing has laid good foundations for future results. It is not a work that can fully mature in a year or several years. We

must ever keep at the process of information and education. It is one of the most important things we are trying to do in this Conference. It is indissolubly linked with the fruits of the christian life. The committee will report on its plans and results.

Last year, 90 charges reported 927 tithers secured; (100 charges reporting an enrollment of over 1300).

This year, 30 charges report securing 154 new tithers. Our Tither's Roll should show about 1500.

(c) **Survey and Extension:** This continuing special committee, is one of the most important committees in the Conference. While its powers are largely advisory, its cumulative experience is proving and will continue to prove most helpful in the work relative to building new churches, parsonages, relocations, etc. Its work of advising the Conference as to regrouping, must necessarily be more limited each year, but none the less beneficial. This year, the Board has passed on the following: Location and Plans for a new parsonage at Arundel Cove, Marley Charge. Location and plans for a new Mt. Carmel Church, on Howard Charge. Plans for the following churches: Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore; Trinity, Baltimore, Maryland; Trinity, Marion, Maryland; and Glenburnie, Maryland. The question of plans for a new church at Maryland Line, New Market Circuit, is engaging the attention of the Board at this time. One new charge, and six adjustments are in effect this year from the Board's recommendation last Conference, and through the careful work of this Board and the attention of the President, the question of supplemental salaries is becoming less a matter of concern.

It is not amiss to suggest to the Conference that once again we all read the regulation in the Conference Manual, that calls attention to the place and part this Board is created to fill. "See Regulation 1. Section 12, under "Duties of Pastors."

(d) **The Headquarters Committee:** The final report of the committee will be before the Conference, and the committee will ask to be discharged. The financing of the enterprise has been completed in such a way that, with the building fully rented, there will be no pressure on the Trustees in assuming control of and managing the same. It is the Maryland Conference Building, of which we all are proud,—and there is in its realization as an achievement, "glory enough for all." A five story building located at the corner of Charles and Hamilton Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, with a conservative value of \$225,000.00

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS

(a) **The Church Extension Society.** This Society, through its Board of Managers, is doing business in a bigger way than ever before: It is utilizing its total of assets and the intangible asset of the Conference, that moral strength that lies in the unity and loyalty of the whole Conference to the program of its leadership, to give encouragement and impulse and financial backing to our new enterprises. This is the right sort of a program for the Extension Society. It will make possible

the building of churches that otherwise can never be built. May I just note here that it is this sort of program that helped make possible Hampden Church, has made possible this year Edmondson Avenue Church, and the Sunday School Unit of Trinity, Baltimore. And still—other enterprises might be mentioned.

May I say that I know the significance of my above statements, when I recall that I was able, personally, to secure for the Board, two loans for \$5,000.00 each, simply on my presentation of what the Society was and what was back of it. Loans with no endorsement, only the notes of the Society. Indeed, the intangible asset of the Conference is as great as its tangible assets. Let us thank God and take courage.

(b) **The Superannuated Fund Society.** This is simply a holding body. And all of us know its purpose and its working without further comment. To its Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray, an honored layman of the church, its work is a sacred task. We owe much to his painstaking fidelity to this Fund through the years.

But the thing that is of special concern this day, in connection with this Society, is the **Unpaid Balance** from the Campaign Pledges of three years ago. By this day, all these pledges were supposed to have been paid. Out of the total subscribed, there has been paid to date \$62,000.00. I called special attention to the situation as it existed a year ago, Conference took special action relative thereto;—following that action, the special committee and the President worked together; special literature was prepared and sent to the pastors; I called special attention to the fact that May was the month designated by the Conference for a clean-up campaign on these unpaid pledges, did this both by personal letters to the pastors and articles in the Church Paper. No Pastor of this Conference can say that this office did not keep the matter before him. I sent a **Special Questionnaire** on the matter in July, some have not yet been returned. Lamentable as it may seem, out of the **Annual Report** I asked for in March, many pastors replied on my questions about the Superannuated Fund Pledges "I do not know anything about it." Others made no reply; while the approximated non-collectable amounts totaled about \$8,000.00.

It was unfortunate that Conference, last session, set aside the month of May for two special campaigns—to close up this Superannuated Fund subscription, and also to open the churches to the College Endowment Campaign. In some places, the latter interfered with the former. In other places, it became the excuse to let the former drag along. This present Conference ought to do one of two things,—either close up the Campaign and acknowledge a shrinkage of twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars; an almost unthinkable thing. Or else pass such legislation as will make this a job no Pastor or Church can further neglect without being in disrepute in this Conference.

(c) **The Home for the Aged:** It was my privilege to attend the meeting of the Board in March. The report of the Managers and Lady Superintendents was most encouraging. The Home is in better situation, financially, to-day, than ever in its history. This is possible because of

the \$10,000.00 added to the Invested Fund by the Conference Campaign last year. The total invested fund is now \$36,382. There is a small current indebted of about \$2,500.00. The Board adopted a plan whereby this indebtedness, and accumulation of several years, will soon be cancelled, while the invested fund will be held intact in accordance with Conference understanding when it made the Campaign for \$10,000.00. The Home is filled to capacity, and there is a waiting list. The resident members of the Board of Managers and Superintendents deserve our appreciation. Mr. J. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer, is specially to be commended for his careful attention to the Home Finances.

(d) **The Deaconess Home:** I will not anticipate the report of the Board of Managers. I understand that all current expenses have been met this year, and that the \$500.00 indebtedness of the Home will be paid. I do not know what the recommendations of the Board will be, nor yet of the Special Committee raised and continued to study the question. My own conviction is that the same problems that faced the work as reported by the Special Committee last year, and indeed have faced it for the years, still face it,—only further intensified by the experience of another year. We ought to be ready to face the situation and deal justly by it—justly with those who are in the service, and in justice to the Conference as a whole. Let us approach the situation carefully and think it through slowly and dispose of it fairly.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Is called once more to the **Summer Conference** and the **Young Peoples' Institute**. These have become institutions within themselves. This Conference contributes to both in Talent, Leadership, Service, and indirectly in a financial way. I believe that for us as Ministers, the Summer Conference meets a great need, spiritually, mentally and in fellowship. The Executive Committee and the Presidents of the College and Seminary are making it even less expensive this year than ever before to attend. Our Ministers ought to attend. Every man who does attend will go home a better workman than when he came.

So far as the **Young Peoples' Institute** is concerned, our Pastors should keep it before their people and whole-heartedly support it. My own feeling is that a weeding-out process is needed in the Institute attendance. There is needed more than the great attendance that is always there, more of a certain kind of attendance—an attendance of young people. I believe that the Officers, through the Pastors, should concentrate along this line. Better 200 young people that we need to reach for training, than 400 people of all ages. I say this not in a critical spirit, but to be true to the idea, it seems to me, of such an Institute.

SOCIETIES CO-RELATED TO THE CHURCH

The **Bible and Tract Society**, the **Lord's Day Alliance**, and the **Anti-Saloon League** continue to claim our attention and ask for our support. The Conference has long stood for support of these organizations, but

the form of adherence and support is largely a matter for the thinking and action of the individual pastors together with the churches we serve. I took occasion, last year in my report, to say this: "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.

However, I do feel to say this with relation to the **Anti-Saloon League**. We think of this organization as "the Church in action against the Saloon." The saloon is an outlaw by constitutional amendment. The church is no longer in action against the saloon. The business of the Church is along these lines, to uphold the dignity of the Law, to create a respect for law, to inculcate obedience to the law. I wish the Anti-Saloon League more and more would give itself to a program of information and education, that would give an undisputed place of leadership to itself as an agency of moral upbuilding. Not the old place of negations, of ward politics, of invective, but a new sphere of positives that would beget a fresh atmosphere for itself and engender a moral tonic that would be a stimulus for a modern crusade in the appreciation of and contribution to **LAW ENFORCEMENT**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS ON LOCAL WORK

(a) **Raised and Paid on Building and Improvements:** The total amount made known to me on the Questionnaire approximates: \$119,000.00. The outstanding results are: Trinity, Maryland, on new Church, \$18,000. Trinity, Baltimore, on new Sunday School Unit, \$8,000.; Edmondson Avenue, on new Church, (by local congregation) \$6,000.; Newark, \$5,121.; Taylor Memorial, on new Pipe Organ, being installed, \$4,000.; Mariners, on remodeling Church, \$4,368; Brooklyn, for new Pipe Organ, \$4,500.; the following churches on **General Improvements and Building**; Harpers Ferry \$2,775.; Seaford, \$1,000.; Marley, on new Parsonage, \$2,075.; Chestertown, \$1100.; Mardela, \$1000.; Union, \$1032.; East Baltimore, \$1000.; Alnutt Memorial, \$1,300.; North Baltimore, \$1000.; Finksburg, \$1,500.; Lowe Memorial, \$2000.; Cambridge, on new Pipe Organ, \$2100.; St. James \$1000.; Sharptown, \$1450.; Bedford, on new Parsonage, \$2,000.; Tioga Heights, \$1275.; Payson Street \$1000.; Hurlock, \$1032.; Fawn Grove, \$1250.; Dagsboro, \$2300.; Glenburnie \$3000. These 28 charges total \$82,181.00.

The Edmondson Avenue Church, Baltimore, was opened Sunday, January 17, 1926. The total cost of ground and building is \$55,000.00. A substantial and attractive building of Falls Road Granite. Two stories. Complete in its furnishings, with a seating capacity in Auditorium of 350.

While begun and fostered by the Extension Society, the local congregation has responded splendidly. The promise of a large membership and constituency in the near future is most helpful. 75 new members have been added this year. The Sunday School enrollment is 250.

The officials have made their Budget, every member canvass, with fine results. This year the church will take an increase of \$800 in salary, which was otherwise provided last year.

Trinity Church, Marion, Maryland, was destroyed by fire a year and a half ago. The new Trinity church was dedicated by the President, on Sunday, March 28, 1926. This is a two story church of Tapestry Brick, Colonial architecture, complete in its furnishings, with a seating capacity of 250. Simplicity and Dignity are combined in both the interior and the exterior appearance. The total cost approximates \$24,000. \$18,000 was pledged and most of it paid at the opening. On the day of the dedication I was able to secure subscriptions totalling \$5,500.00.

Pastors, J. Leas Green, and J. W. Baxley, respectively of the above churches deserve special commendation.

(b) Total amount paid on debt \$83,000.00, Salisbury leads with \$32,500.; Hampden, \$12,140.; Emanuel, \$5,500.; Starr, \$3000.; Peninsula, \$2750.; St. Lukes, \$2000.; Violetville, \$2000.; St. John's, \$1350.; Greenbush and Tasley, \$2000.; Grace, \$1145.; South Baltimore, \$1133.; Bethesda, \$1260.; Eutaw, \$1000.; Rhode Island Ave., \$1500.; Finksburg, \$1050. These are all having paid above \$1000. These fifteen charges total \$70,328.00.

SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES

I reported to you, at last Conference that there were still 30 Charges, with parsonages, below the minimum salary. On my recommendation, two were grouped to be served by one Pastor,—thus eliminating any supplement there.

The re-adjustment of Lisbon and Kemptown charges and the forming of the new Ridgeville Circuit therefrom, made necessary that both Lisbon and Kemptown, as they now consist, should receive supplements. The new Circuit, Ridgeville, on my solicitation at their first Quarterly Conference placed the salary at \$1200.

In making the plan of appointments during the past three years, I have tried so far as possible to keep in mind the question of Supplemental Salaries; in addition, I have tried wherever possible to bring these below-minimum salaries up. Some success has been made. At the Conference three years ago, the total paid in Supplemental Salaries was \$6,830. This year, the total will be about \$4500. A reduction of \$2300 in three years. This policy continued will further decrease the matter of supplements.

I recommended last year, that the Board of Survey designate at that session the amount of Supplemental Salaries for the several charges, after a study of the situation. There was not time or data available to the Board for such report by them. Perhaps the Board can do something along this line this year—certainly there is a question of equitableness involved, beside the necessity of certain charges doing what they are able to do.

PASTOR'S SALARIES

My report last year showed that from the adjournment of Conference in 1923 to the opening of the session last year, the total salary increase had been \$19,855. During last session in making the plan of appointments, I secured a further increase of \$1625.00; just after Conference, a further increase of \$530 totalling \$2,155.00; making a **grand total of \$22,000.00**. And the increases for the coming year show the added amount of \$5,570. This shows an increase in salaries during my administration of \$36,570.00. I am glad for this. Indeed, except for the great increase during the war period, 1917-1920, under the spur of living conditions and the great impulse of the Milliom Dollar Awakening, the increase of these three years, far surpass any period in our history, and it is comparable even to the war-time increase. To have contributed something to this accomplishment has been a pleasure to me.

I wish to say here that this good work must go on. Certainly go on till at least our Churches equal in members and resources with the neighboring churches of other Methodisms, shall be paying salaries commensurate with these churches. It is interesting to note that we have only two churches paying more than \$3000. salary. Only four churches that pay \$3000. One with a salary of \$2700.00. There are two churches with a salary of \$2600.00. One with a salary of \$2500.00. Two with salaries of \$2400.00; and eleven churches paying between \$2100.00 and \$2300.00. This means that beyond the salary of \$2000 there are just twenty-three churches in our Conference thus doing, with only six of that number reaching \$3000. But we are moving forward along this line, and we ought to—and we will.

"THE CHURCH PAPER"

I have undertaken to lend my administration to a full and practical support of the "**Methodist Protestant**." I think it is the first administration that has undertaken to inaugurate and continue yearly a simultaneous **Conference-Wide Campaign** for new subscribers and renewals. The last two years in such effort, made possible the securing of 1100 subscribers; this year the reports indicate, though not complete, 260 new subscribers, with 1000 renewals. The result of the three years shows more than 1300 new subscriptions, with possibly a total average yearly renewals of more than 800.

I believe this policy of a **Conference-Wide Campaign** for the paper, should be continued. But also, I think the time has come for an added program to what has been done, and may continue to be done—this—someone to directly represent the paper, should go out on the district during the year, visit the churches—with the "**Methodist Protestant**" as his sole business, and in these visitations, to proclaim the gospel of a **Church Paper for Church People**, the "**Methodist Protestant**" for **Methodist Protestants**. Pastors have many interests to keep on their heart and in their mind and to bring before their people. Such a representative as I have suggested, would have the one thing on hand and the one thing to do. I suggest that the Directory consider this.

"Our Denominational Benevolences" AS REPRESENTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET

I think this Conference will bear witness that I have been both insistent on, and persistent for these benevolences. From the time I came into this office until this day, I have sought from the pulpits, at Quarterly Conferences, and in Membership and Group Meetings to set forth the meaning of and the imperious challenge of the Budget. Perhaps, some Pastors and some Churches have felt that I was putting undue emphasis here. Brethren, I have no apology to make for my constant attitude that the **Whole Budget** had the right of way.

It is a matter of regret, and indeed ought to be a matter of much concern, that not all pastors and Churches have yet taken to heart, this big business of the Denomination. In the report of last year, I said this: "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 for both Pastor and Church to the same." This time is here.

But it is likewise true, and this is heartening, that the results are expanding. Steadily, pastor and people are answering the challenge. We must fight it out along this line, no matter how long it takes. So long as the Methodist Protestant Church is, so long must we see to it that she justifies herself in relation to our responsibilities.

Not all reports are in,—but this is the information, and I give it for the three years:

Total number of charges above 50 per cent, 1924, 76; 1925, 86; 1926, 95.

Total number of charges above 75 per cent. 1924, 41; 1925, 53; 1926, 65.

Total number of charges reaching 100 per cent, 1924, 29 Charges and 2 Churches; 1925, 41 Charges and 9 Churches; 1926, 50 Charges and 12 Churches.

Charges on the "**Honor Roll**," last year, dropped out this year: Trinity, Baltimore; Texas, Caroline, West Wilmington, and Congress Street.

Charges on the "Honor Roll" this year for the first time: Salisbury; Sharptown; Snow Hill; Susquehanna; Hurlock; Laurel; Kent Island; Laurel Circuit; Grace; Lauraville; Dorchester; and Parksley and Alnutt Memorial back again after one year.

These Churches are on the "Honor Roll" for the first time. Union Church, served by the Salisbury Pastor; Quinton Church, served by Pastor of Pocomoke City; and Fawn Grove Church of the Fawn Grove Charge.

Most of the Charges and Churches made great gains in percentage in order to reach 100 per cent—Laurel Circuit increased 81 per cent; Snow Hill increased 62 per cent; Dorchester 44 per cent and Sharptown and Susquehanna each 42 per cent; Grace 57 per cent; and Hurlock 26 per cent.

What the total of monies raised for General Interests will be, I cannot tell. In 1924 it was \$60,196., a gain of \$6,033.; in 1925 it was \$64,995., a gain of \$4,799. I am hoping this year it will reach \$75,000.

I am very frank to say that I am proud of this record on the Budget in my three years as President. For I bid you remember that during his three years, there has been paid in \$62,000.00 on the Superannuated Pledges; \$10,250.00 to the Church Home Invested Fund; a total of \$72,250; in addition to the General Conference Budget. A Grand Total of \$270,000. An annual average for each of the three years of \$90,000.00.

This is worth keeping in mind: the total monies raised for the Annual and General Conference interests in the three years now ending, is above \$370,000.00. The only other comparison in the history of the Conference is the total raised when the Million Dollar Drive went through; the total for the Annual Conference and General interests at that time for the three years was \$285,615.00. Our present total is in excess by nearly \$100,00.00. What the years hath wrought. Let us be glad, but humble; thankful, and with hearts to praise.

And yet this is not all, for we must remember that this year marked the great drive of the Western Maryland College for the endowment. To be able to increase the number of charges on the "Honor Roll" each year, and increase the total of monies for these Denominational Interests as much as \$15,000.00 during the three years, in the face of the collections for the Superannuated Fund, Church Home, and the great pressure this year for the College Campaign, I think is no mean accomplishment.

"THE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN"

I am in no sense, proposing to report on this. The Campaign was put on by The College Committee. I am in no way related to it. But I have been interested, as President of the Conference, to satisfy my own mind as to how far the Church Membership and constituency of this Conference contributed to the success of the program. My information is not complete, but as far as it goes, it is illuminating. It is this: that Conference has pledged to this cause, at the least figure, the sum of \$160,000.00. I wish it were possible that, as a Conference, we might have for record, the exact figures, as the incomplete figures show that at least \$50,000 has been paid in this year. Add to that the \$25,000. which the Board of Education has pledged to the Campaign, and we have the fact, even though not complete, that the Church is putting nearly \$200,000.00 into the College Endowment.

I am especially glad to make known these figures, for it sometimes is said that the church does not do much for the college. I have also gathered this further information, that the Denomination, since the year 1919, to May 1925 has turned over to Western Maryland College, through the Board of Education, the sum of \$90,000.00.

Let it be said that all may hear and know—that what Western Maryland College is, the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Maryland

Conference in particular, made it. She is the child of the Church, and the Church is still mothering her. We are all glad for the success of the Campaign, and congratulate all who helped make it possible; and our only concern is,—that our college shall serve the young life of the Church.

“VISITATIONS”

The usual program of the office has been carried on during the year. Aside from the months vacation when I was out of the city, I have preached on an average of twice a Sunday. Held more than 25 Quarterly Conferences, and about one dozen Membership Meetings. There has been no effort to keep record of Committee Meetings, Special Addresses, and numerous Conferences.

On the resignation of Dr. J. M. Sheridan from the office of Church Extension Superintendent last October, to accept the Secretaryship of the Board of Home Missions, I deemed it wise not to make an appointment to that office for the remainder of the year. I requested Mr. T. A. Myers, and Dr. W. H. Litsinger, members of the Board of Managers of the Extension Society, to act with me as a Committee on Supervision for the work. I have given not a little time and thought, and I think some service, to this phase of work.

All in all, I can unhesitatingly, say, I have spared neither time nor money, nor myself, to give supervision to the district, and faithfully uphold the interests of both the Annual and the General Conferences on the charges.

SPECIAL GIFTS

I make mention of the fact that the Church at Harrington, Delaware, in March was damaged by fire to the extent of more than \$3,000.00.

When the officials met and were ready to make plans for repairing the damage done, Mrs. Elva Smith Sapp, widow of Ora C. Sapp, and daughter of Robert Henry Smith, made offer to furnish funds to build a new Sunday School to the present building, to cost approximately \$20,000.00. Needless to say the generous offer was accepted with gladness and rejoicing. The work will begin immediately after Conference.

Sure there are many and constantly increasing evidences of the spirit of generosity on the part of the men and women of our Churches over the Maryland Conference District.

May the Holy Spirit more and more brood over the hearts of our people begetting a wider vision and greater consecration of life and talents to the King.

I would not forget to mention the fact that a generous hearted layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church whose home was here in Wilmington and who died some months ago left a bequest of \$5,000.00 to the Peninsula Church. This Brother was the late Mr. Melville Gambrill.

Mr. N. T. Meginnis, whose death I mentioned earlier in my report, made provision in his will for the Seminary to the amount of \$2,000.

"COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I have just a few comments to make as the result of my observations. Made only because of my sincere interest in the continued progress of my Conference. Though, so to speak, I am not to the manor-born, yet I practically know no church but the Methodist Protestant; and I am not willing to take second place to anyone in my devotion to and interest in this church. I shall always keep as a great memory the honor given me when by your suffrage you expressed your confidence in me by electing me to this office. One of the charms about this democracy of ours is that not age, heredity, personal associations or labor, is to count in the final reckoning in our choices. It will always be a charm as long as it stays thus, and when it is not thus, ours will scarcely be a democracy.

Last year, I closed my report with some observations which I wish again to reiterate, and follow them with some recommendations that I believe you will not regard as startling, but rather as necessary. I feel sure they will commend themselves to your judgement.

(a) **Visitation and Correlation.** That the intensive idea I spoke of last year may best be realized, the President must have the definite co-operation of the pastors. No effective supervision can so scarcely be attained as through this correlation of the President's itinerary with the business of the churches. More and more we are going to see the purport of "Section 13, Regulation 2,"—"Duties of President"—carried out. No man who occupies this office can but feel that effectiveness in supervision is far from Sunday visitation to pulpits.

Recommendation 1. That pastors, in arranging for their regular Quarterly Conferences, shall give the President of the Conference, at least two weeks advance notice of date of such meeting, so that the President may be aided in so arranging his itinerary as to meet the most Quarterly Conference Sessions possible during the year.

This recommendation, if adopted, to be in the form of an amendment to the Manual, to be "Section 15, Regulation 1,—Duties of Pastors."

(b) I found it almost impossible this year to put into active working, in any conference-wide manner, my own suggestion made last session looking to Studies in Methods by Groups. Impossible for many reasons—the pressure of many things, not alone on me, but on Pastors and Churches also in the effort to carry out our many programs. But I am no less interested in the idea, no less committed to its need and possibilities. I have thought that we might save time, the use of those whom we feel needful to call upon to teach, and likewise the extra gathering of our men together, especially in the counties of the district. I therefore,

Recommendation 2. That the President of the Conference give further attention to this idea and plan for such Method Studies; and that he request the Young People's Union, in arranging for their Institutes over the district to join with him in a Program for,—Conferences of Pastors on Methods of Church Organization, Finance, Practical Plans, etc., same to be under the direction of the President.

(c) **Intensifying Conference Program.** Let us again face the fact that Conference Programs depend for success, not upon their author, nor the enthusiasm out of which they may be born, nor yet upon their worth alone, but largely upon the co-operation of Pastors and the manner which they can and will rally their people. The connectionalism in a Methodist Protestant Conference finds its strength right here and mostly here.

The very local entity and authority of the individual church, with the power residing in the people, both creates the opportunities for the Pastor to be a crusader for the ideals and aims of the denomination, and the necessity of his being just such a leader, if we shall really function as a Church.

This, perhaps, as in no other Methodism, confers on every Pastor a great privilege and likewise ties him to a great responsibility. I believe as Pastors, we ought to give greater attention to the obligations inherent in the Annual and General Conference Legislation. I therefore,

Recommend 3. That Pastors and Churches be requested to give due consideration to the very evident fact that the Annual and General Conference Programs as duly adopted by each, have precedence over all other interests, however attractive and worthy, that may challenge or claim our attention. And that Pastors are directed to keep this fact before their churches.

(d) **Conference Honor Roll.** Such a Roll we have had for many years, Such a Roll we ought to have. Before the greatly enlarged program and increased Budget came into existence at the General Conference of 1920, our "Honor Roll" had to do alone with the Annual Conference Interests. Since then it has borne equal relation to both the Annual and General Conference Budgets. It was right that we so decided at our Annual Session in 1921, and made the condition of any charge being 100 per cent charge that both Budgets be raised in full. In no other way, could we have been loyal to the **General Conference Action** and faithful to the wider vision that had been born in the Church.

But we must bear in mind, that for years we had been honoring charges that paid in full the Annual Conference Budget, thus fostering a respect for the significance of the "Honor Roll" and paying tribute where tribute was due. After 1821, many charges accustomed to being on the "Honor Roll" knew it no more for a while, year by year these Churches are coming back unto their own.

Now that the "Honor Roll" for both Budgets has had its emphasis, there is another thing we must carefully consider and take action, in fairness to the situation that exists.

It is this,—under the existing condition that permits a church to take credit on the Budget for all monies raised,—no matter how much goes to one interest, or how little goes to another, there is presented an inequity that does great injustice to some of the interests in the General Conference Budget.

How can we, as an Annual Conference, help to correct this? Only in one way, this: that we say that a church shall have credit on the General Conference Budget, namely; **only if every interest in the**

General Conference Budget shall receive the percentage that is due that interest. Now, that is exactly what we say about the Annual Conference Budget. For example,—A Church is assessed \$500.00 for the Maryland Conference Budget, that Church is not declared to be a 100 per cent Church unless that Budget is paid in full; thus, every interest embodied in that Budget gets the percentage due it, or, if the Budget is not paid in full by a church, every interest suffers equally in the shortage.

Ought not we say the same thing to our churches, as to their credits, for raising the General Conference Budget? In other words, the Annual Conference has a right, and I think an obligation, in fairness, not alone to the great interests embodied in that Budget, but to the 285 Churches in our Conference, to say that we shall give credit toward 100 per cent on the Budget just as we do towards a 100 per cent credit on our Annual Conference Budget—that is in proportion as a Church reaches toward paying the amount that each particular interest is due to receive. Therefore:

Recommendation 4. That the Board of Finance prepare and publish in the Conference Minutes, a Table showing the amount of money, for each Denominational Interest that is represented in the percentage in the General Conference Budget, as levied by the Annual Conference on the charges.

Recommendation 5. That the "Honor Roll" for the charges in this Conference, with relation to the Annual and General Conference Budgets be basically the same with reference to the interests involved in each and be thus.

(a) The raising in full of the Annual Conference Budget; likewise the General Conference Budget; but that the raising in full of this latter Budget now means;—that a charge shall have credit for the monies raised for the several interests therein, only to the amount that represents the per centum that each interest is entitled to have in the total of the Budget as levied on this Conference. (Namely \$110,000.00).

(b) That any charge raising the General Conference Budget on this basis of every interest receiving its due share, and shall in addition thereto raise monies for any interest above its due per centum, said charge shall be credited with such extra monies raised, and be placed on the "Honor Roll" as a "Gold Star Charge."

Recommendation 6. The "Honor Roll" shall be composed as follows:
Class A—The names of Charges and Pastors who raise 100 per cent of the Budget.

Class B—The names of Charges who shall raise 100 per cent of the Annual Conference Budget, and 80 per cent of the General Conference Budget.

Class C—The names of Charges who shall raise 100 per cent of the Annual Conference Budget and 60 per cent of the General Conference Budget.

I believe that just as we give credit and honorable mention to the Charges and Pastors with relation to this Budget which is the measure of our aims and purposes, as a Conference and Denomination, so

ought we call attention to the Charges and Pastors who are not doing these things. Therefore:

Recommendation 7. Roll of Delinquent Charges. Composed as follows:

- Class A—Charges and Pastors failing to raise the Annual Conference Budget in full, and 40 per cent of the General Conference Budget.
- Class B—Charges and Pastors failing to raise the Annual Conference Budget in full and 30 per cent of the General Conference Budget.
- Class C—Charges failing to raise the Annual Conference Budget in full and 20 per cent of the General Conference Budget.

And any Charge and Pastor being below "Class C" in the Roll of Delinquent Charges, said Pastor together with his delegate, shall appear before the President and the Committee on Official Relations, that a careful study of the causes for such delinquency may be made with a view to counsel and help for the Pastor and the Charge.

Recommendation 8. That the "Honor Roll" and "Delinquent Roll" shall be read in Open Conference, as a partial report of the Committee on Official Relations, at the opening of the afternoon session of Monday; said "Rolls" to be printed in the Conferences Minutes with a percentage rating in the Statistical Columns; and said Rolls to be published in the "Methodist Protestant" within twenty days (20) of Conference adjournment.

And any Charge raising the Annual Conference Budget in full, and increasing 25 per cent on the General Conference Budget over the previous year shall have Special Mention before the Conference, and be so noted in the published reports, with name of Pastor.

"THE CENTENARY CHURCH"

In my review of the situation in Washington City, last year, I made an appeal for the building of a Church in that city, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Denomination. That appeal found a response in the thinking of the Conference. Careful consideration of the project must commend itself more and more to the wisdom of all interested in the stability of our work in that city, and in the national aspect of our Denominational Life and History.

On my recommendation you wholeheartedly, committed this Conference to a definite program and delegated that program to the Board of Survey and the President, and upon their doing certain work. You further directed the Church Extension Board of Managers and the Church Extension Superintendent to carry it on.

I wish to make this report: The President, and the sub-committee of the Board of Survey, have thought much of the things to be done. We wish to see it done. Locations have been gone over several times. At least three great locations right now are ready for a Church. The problem is not location, or opportunity, or a desperate need from the view point of our work in Washington—the problem is money.

During this year, for several months, I had hopes that the problem of money and a nucleus of constituency to begin a church was about to

be solved. The Mother Church of that city, (Congress Street) voluntarily began considering the question of re-location. After several months, it was decided to continue on at the present site. I made no effort to put any pressure on them to re-locate, I said then, I unhesitatingly say now, "Congress Street ought to re-locate." Their problem as a local Church, our problem for a new Church, both could have been solved by such a move. To me, it seems such a great opportunity for this old Mother Church in Washington to perpetuate her splendid history in the Conference Centenary Church in the Capitol City. Maybe it yet may come to pass. But whether it does or not we must go on with the program.

But how can we? Well, how do we do all other things? Only in this way, by getting the money to do them. We got the money for the Peninsula Church; we are completing a \$100,000.00 drive for the Superannuated Fund. We opened our Churches to the College Endowment Appeal, and a great sum has been subscribed. We can find this money in the same way. There is an appeal that is strong, and not to be denied in memorializing a century of history both as a Denomination and a Conference. I believe that every Methodist Protestant in the Conference would be glad to put some investment in such a memorial. I believe there are Methodist Protestants throughout our whole area, as a church, that will be glad to help us mark our One Hundred Years of History.

I propose that we give our own constituency, and also our Brothers and Sisters in all the other Conferences, the chance to have a part in such a fitting commemoration of our Centenary. Therefore:

Recommendation 9. That the Conference re-affirm **Recommendation 1.** (a, b, c, d, e, f) in the President's Report of last year; and I further recommend the following:

Recommendation 10. That this Conference set itself the task of raising \$100,000.00 over a period of three (3) years:

- a.—That we ask each Charge to take as its task an amount equal to the amount assessed for the Maryland Conference Budget; this amount to be its minimum goal each year for three (3) years.
- b.—That Pastors be expected to faithfully present this Program in the Churches and to their people, and seek to reach the Goal for their Charge. That the President be authorized and requested to help the Program wherever he can be of service to the Pastors.
- c.—That the President of the Conference be asked to present the matter to the President of the General Conference and secure his advice and approval as to how to present the matter to the whole Denomination.
- d.—That a Conference-Wide Committee of One Hundred (100) Lay Members of the Church, carefully selected, with a view to the geographical situation of the district, be named by the President, to be known as the "Centenary Committee," which Committee shall be made familiar with the proposed Program, and under the direction of the President shall be asked to stimulate the raising of the \$100,000.00 "Centenary Fund."

e.—That the aim in the mind of the Conference shall be the Financing of this project, and the erection of this Building, so that the 100th Session of the Maryland Annual Conference might be held in the proposed new "Centenary Church."

Believing that we ought to continue as a Conference-Wide program, the presentation of the "Methodist Protestant" to our people, therefore:

Recommendation 11. That the first two weeks in March be the time to be used for such presentation of the Church Paper as may seem wise to the President of the Conference, and the Editor and Publisher. The Goals for such a Campaign, to be determined by them, and announced.

And now, Brethren; my report is with you. I can only say that I have herein tried to cite as accurately as possible the **State of the Church**, and to bring to you only such Recommendations as I conscientiously believe will work for the advancement of all our interests, both locally and denominationally. I trust these Recommendations will commend themselves to your wisdom, and enlist in earnest, your support.

Once again I express to you my appreciation of the honor given me when you called me to this office three years ago. At each session as the Stationing Committee, in making the plan of appointments, one thing I sought faithfully to do, and that was to go as far as was humanly possible, physically, and mentally, to give all consideration I could to the men who looked to me for their place. This satisfaction I will always have through the years.

And then, in my work of Supervision, to try and challenge the Churches for results. I am willing to leave to your judgement the "State of the Church."

With trepidation I answered your call; with sincerity I have tried to serve; with only the best wishes for my successor and my prayers for my Conference, I am,

Fraternally,

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

April 7, 1926.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 37)

Your committee has given careful and detailed attention to the comprehensive report of the retiring president. It is a most excellent summary of the activities of the year.

We rejoice with the president in the privilege of meeting in the Peninsula Church, a church which is peculiarly an ecclesiastical child of Church Extension. Surely these sessions of Conference in this stately edifice will stimulate charges and individual to a greater interest in and a greater loyalty to the work of Church Extension.

We join the president in paying tribute to the ministers, the ministers' wives and the noble laymen and laywomen who have entered the shadows this year.

We commend the wisdom and tact with which the ad interim changes were made. Many complicated and delicate problems arose and have been satisfactorily solved.

We commend the evangelistic emphasis that resulted in more than 2500 conversions and in accessions to membership that approximate the number of conversions.

We are glad to note a substantial increase in the number of tithers, but regret that the total number of tithers enrolled is still so lamentably small.

We note with interest the activities of the Church Extension Society and of the Board of Survey and Extension and endorse the suggestion that Regulation 1, Section 12, Duties of Pastors, Maryland Conference Manual, be emphasized.

The money pledged and paid to the \$100,000 Superannuated Fund gives cause for rejoicing, but this gladness is tinged with regret when we read that \$8,000 has been reported as "uncollectable." We trust that this Conference will make the collecting of this money a task no church nor pastor can further neglect without being disloyal to this great Conference interest.

We are delighted with the splendid condition of The Home for the Aged and commend the wise leadership of the Board of Managers, the Board of Superintendents and the Treasurer.

We heartily agree with the president that the Summer Conference and Young People's Institute at Westminster fill a vital place in our spiritual life and training and deserve the enthusiastic backing of our ministers and laymen.

We are gratified at the large amount of money spent for Building and Improvement during the year, the incomplete returns for this year exceeding last year's record by \$18,000.

The steady increase in Pastor's Salary during the past quadrennium is noteworthy and we feel that in many instances it has been due

to the tactful suggestion of the president. We trust that the increases shall continue.

The hearty support given by the retiring administration to "The Methodist Protestant" has contributed no small part to its increased circulation. We trust that some way will be found for an agent to go out to the district during the year to visit the churches with the sole business of securing subscriptions for "The Methodist Protestant."

The increase in the number of charges paying 100 per cent on the General Conference Budget is indeed most heartening. Every pastor and every charge should determine to raise the "Whole Budget" and never be satisfied until it is done.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Visitation and Correlation:

We concur in the recommendation that pastors, in arranging for their regular Quarterly Conferences, shall give the president at least two weeks advance notice of the date of such meetings to aid the president in preparing his itinerary so as to meet with the largest possible number of Quarterly Conferences and that this recommendation be made an amendment to the Manual.

2. Pastoral Methods Study Groups.

We concur in the recommendation that the president of the Conference co-operate with the Young Peoples' Union in utilizing the Institutes for "Conferences of Pastors on Methods of Church Organization, Finance, Practical Plans, etc."

3. Intensifying the Conference Program.

We concur in the recommendation that Pastor and Churches be requested to give consideration to the very evident fact that the Annual and General Conference Programs, as duly adopted by each, have precedence over all other interests and we suggest that Pastors keep this fact before their Churches.

4. Itemized General Conference Budget Tables.

We concur in the recommendation that the Board of Finance prepare and publish in the Conference Minutes statistical tables showing the amount of money for each Denominational Interest that is represented in the percentages in the General Conference Budget as levied by the Annual Conference on the charges. We believe that the printing of these tables will be a stimulus to the charges that have not yet raised the whole budget.

5. Definition of the Honor Roll.

We concur in the recommendation that the Honor Roll for the charges in this Conference shall be basically the same with reference to the interests involved in both the Annual and General Conference Budgets; that it shall consist in raising in full the Annual Conference Budget, likewise the General Conference Budget, but that the raising in full of this latter Budget now means: that a charge shall have

credit for the monies raised for the several interests therein only to the amount that represents the per centum that each interest is entitled to have in the total of the Budget as levied on this Conference.

We concur in the further recommendation that any charge raising the General Conference Budget on this basis of every interest receiving its due share, and shall in addition thereto raise monies for any interests above its due per centum, said charge shall be credited with such extra monies raised and be placed on the Honor Roll as a "Gold Star Charge."

We suggest that each Church appoint a local Budget Committee which will assign a definite interest to each member of the committee; the members of this Local Budget Committee will have special oversight of the interests assigned them, work during the year to raise in full the amount of the interests assigned them and make a report to each Quarterly Conference as to the progress made.

6. Classification of Honor Roll Charges.

We concur in the general plan of the classification of Honor Roll Charges recommended but suggest the following classification:

Class A. The Gold Star Honor Roll—the names of Charges and Pastors who raise 100 per cent of every interest, Annual Conference and General Conference Budgets, plus any excess on any interest.

Class B. The Honor Roll—the names of Charges and Pastors who raise 100 per cent of every interest of the Maryland and General Conference Budgets.

Class C. The Honorable Mention Roll—the names of Charges and Pastors who raise 100 per cent of the Maryland Conference Budget and 75 per cent of the General Conference Budget.

7. Roll of Delinquent Charges.

We concur in the recommendation that a Roll of Delinquent Charges be made with three classes, graded as to the amount of money raised as suggested in the president's report, and that the pastor and delegate of any Charge being below Class C, that is, failing to raise the Annual Conference Budget in full and 20 per cent of the General Conference Budget, shall appear before the president and the committee on Official Relations.

We desire to emphasize the fact that it is not the purpose of this recommendation to humiliate any pastor or charge; rather, to make a careful study of the causes of the delinquency with a view to counsel and help for the pastor and the Charge.

8. Publicity for the Honor and Delinquent Rolls.

We concur in the recommendation that the Honor Roll and the Delinquent Roll shall be read in open Conference, as a partial report of the committee on Official Relations, at the opening of the afternoon session of Monday; said Rolls to be printed in the Conference Minutes with a percentage rating in the Statistical columns and that the Honor Roll be published in the Methodist Protestant.

We concur in the further recommendation that any charge raising the Annual Conference Budget in full and increasing 25 per cent on

the General Conference Budget over the previous year shall have special mention before the Conference with the name of the pastor.

We do not concur in the recommendation that the Delinquent Roll be published in "The Methodist Protestant."

9, 10. The Centenary Church.

We concur in the reaffirmation of Recommendation 1 of the President's Report made last year.

We concur in the recommendation that this Conference set itself the task of raising \$100,000, over a period of three years, to be applied to the Centenary Church project, asking each Church to take as a minimum goal an amount equal to its assessment for the Maryland Conference Budget for each of three years; that the president of the General Conference be consulted as to the best way to present the matter to the whole denomination and that a Centenary Committee of 100 laymen be selected to stimulate the raising of the \$100,000 Centenary Fund.

We believe that there is such a powerful appeal in the project of a Methodist Protestant Centenary Church in our national Capitol that the money will be obtained without working hardship on any charge or interest.

11. The Methodist Protestant.

We concur in the recommendation that the first two weeks in March be the time for a campaign for New Subscribers and Renewals for "The Methodist Protestant" and urge the fullest co-operation of pastors and Charges.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. CROSBY,
J. A. DUDLEY,
J. N. LINK,
W. O. ATWOOD,
T. PLINY FISHER.

REPORT OF THE
AGENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S
PARSONAGE

(See Journal, page 35)

April 6th, 1925 to March 31st, 1926, inclusive

1925

Balance in Bank, April 6, 1925..... \$ 354.32

RECEIPTS

April	17—	Received from Baker Watts Co.		
		(note renewed)....	\$ 350.00	
August	17	“ “ Baker Watts Co.		
		(note renewed)....	350.00	
August	18—	“ “ Rev. C. P. Nowlin.....	250.00	
December	16—	“ “ Baker Watts Co.		
		(note renewed)....	350.00	
1926				
February	6—	“ “ Rev. C. P. Nowlin.....	1247.50	2,547.50
				2,901.82

DISBURSEMENTS

1925

April	7—	Paid Rev. G. I. Humphreys (loan).....	\$ 6.00	
“	13—	“ Baker Watts Co. (note).....	300.00	
“	17—	“ Baker Watts Co. Int on renewal..	7.17	
“	—	“ Minch and Eisenbrey.....	338.50	
August	17—	“ Baker Watts Co. (note).....	350.00	
“	—	“ Baker Watts Co. Int. on renewal	7.12	
“	—	“ Central Fire Ins. Co., 6 mos. int.	247.75	
October	1—	“ Chas. T. Krug & Co., plumbing..	6.36	
December	16—	“ Baker Watts Co. Int. on renewal	7.17	
“	—	“ Baker Watts Co. (Note)	350.00	
1926				
February	11—	“ Central Fire Ins. Co., Principal..	1,000.00	
“	—	“ Central Fire Ins. Co., Int.....	247.50	
March	13—	“ Water Rent for 1926.....	26.50	2,894.07

March 31, 1926, Balance.....	\$ 7.75
April 1, 1926, To Balance in Bank.....	\$ 7.75
April 3, 1926, Received from Central Fire Ins.	
Co. rebate on check of August 17, 1925.....	.25

Balance \$ 8.00

HARRY K. MULLER, Treas.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
<i>Sally</i> ✓ Accomac, Va.....	J. P. George	1	✓ Chestertown.....	N. O. Gibson	7
✓ Amelia.....	C. O. Quillan (Supply)	<i>1</i>	✓ Chincoteague....	Clark S. Marshall (Supply)	1
Baltimore:			✓ Clayton, Del.....	W. C. Mumford	2
✓ Alnutt Memorial..	E. T. Kirkley	2	✓ Concord.....	J. G. Lynn (Supply)	1
✓ Brooklyn.....	H. O. Keen	1	✓ Conquest.....	L. E. Haddaway	1
✓ Bethesda.....	G. M. Clayton	3	✓ Crisfield:		
✓ Calvary.....	G. E. McDorman	1	✓ Crisfield.....	J. L. Nichols	1
<i>parish</i> ✓ Chesaco Park...Wm. Schmeiser		2	✓ Lawsonia.....	To be supplied	
✓ Christ.....	J. L. Ward	4	✓ Mariners.....	I. S. Owens	1
✓ East Baltimore.....	E. H. Jones	2	✓ Chumpton.....	Edwin Gardner (Supply)	1
✓ Edmondson Ave..	J. Leas Green	2	Cumberland:		
✓ Eutaw.....	J. A. Dudley	1	✓ First Church...C. R. Strausburg		1
✓ Evergreen.....	F. D. Reynolds	2	✓ Melvin Chapel..	D. W. Galloway	1
✓ Grace.....	J. N. Link	2	Mapleside and Fairview		
✓ Graceland Park...H. A. Kester		4		H. G. Hager	1
✓ Hampden.....	E. D. Stone	1		(Supply)	
✓ Keen Memorial....	A. S. Beane	19	✓ Dagsboro, Del.....	H. L. Adams	2
✓ Lauraville.....	J. A. Trader	1		(Supply)	
✓ Linthicum Hgts..	Louis Randall	2	✓ Deer Creek.....	W. S. Simms	3
✓ Lowe Memorial...W. A. Melvin		11		(Supply)	
<i>parish</i> ✓ N. Baltimore....	W. H. Litsingen	12	✓ Deer Park.....	G. W. Ports	1
✓ Payson Street....	T. C. Mulligan	5	✓ Delmar.....	J. T. Bailey	1
✓ South Baltimore.....	B. F. Ruley	2	✓ Delta.....	B. W. Kindley	3
✓ Starr.....	G. W. Haddaway	25	✓ Denton.....	G. J. Hooker	3
✓ St. John's.....	L. F. Warner	1	✓ Dorchester.....	C. F. Cummins	2
✓ St. Paul's.....	J. Earl Cummings	1	✓ Dover and Leipsic	C. M. Adams	2
✓ Trinity.....	R. W. White	1	✓ Easton.....	E. T. Read	7
✓ Violetville.....	W. B. Judefind	10	✓ Elizabeth	J. W. Balderston	7
✓ West Baltimore.....	J. M. Gill	11	✓ Fairfax, Va.....	D. K. Sturgis (Supply)	1
✓ Assistant.....	O. F. Betton	1	✓ Fawn Grove.....	Avery Donovan	2
✓ Wilton Heights...G. A. Ogg		1	✓ Federalsburg.....	C. H. Dobson	2
Baltimore Cir.....	S. F. Cassen	14	✓ Felton.....	Ralph R. Richards (Supply)	1
<i>parish</i> ✓ Bedford.....	A. W. Simms	2	✓ First Ch., Newark..	R. L. Shipley	1
✓ Belair.....	G. E. Turner	2	✓ Finksburg.....	C. K. McCaslin	6
✓ Bivalve.....	J. R. McKeawn	3	✓ Franklin City.....	Ziba Adams	3
<i>parish</i> ✓ Buckeystown.....	J. W. Kirk	8	✓ Frederick.....	G. R. Donaldson	4
✓ Cambridge.....	H. B. Jester	1	Georgetown, Del.		
✓ Cambridge Circuit..	D. W. Anstine	5		M. E. Hungerford	1
✓ Cannon, Del.....	G. S. Ross	2	✓ Glenburnie.....	C. E. Dryden	4
✓ Caroline.....	A. W. Betts (Supply)	1	✓ Greenbush and Tasley		
<i>parish</i> ✓ Carroll Cir.....	H. C. Burkins (Supply)	1		G. E. Leister	8
✓ Cecil.....	E. E. Coleman	1			
<i>parish</i> ✓ Centreville.....	W. H. Hodges	3			

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Greenwood.....	F. M. Clift	2	✓ Taylor Memorial		
Grove.....	C. M. Jenkins	2		Robert Browne	3
Harbeson.....	C. M. Cullum	4	Tioga Heights.....	Leon Smith	4
Harmony, W. Va.....	J. F. Wooden	3		(Supply)	
Harpers Ferry.....	F. S. Cain	2	Pipe Creek.....	K. H. Wareheim	2
Harrington.....	G. A. Morris	5	✓ Pittsville.....	E. W. Simms	2
Hawley Memorial			Pocomoke City.....	E. L. Bunce	7
	Edward Keehner	1	✓ Powellville.....	W. A. Donaway	1
✓ Howard.....	G. H. Stocksdale	3	Quantico.....	To be supplied	
✓ Hurlock.....	J. A. Wright	4	Reliance.....	G. Brewer	2
✓ Indian River.....	Dorsey Blake	6	✓ Ridgeville.....	Russell Sapp	2
✓ Kemptown.....	F. M. Volk	3	✓ Rowlandville.....	J. W. Parris	2
✓ Kennedyville.....	J. W. Trout	4	✓ Salem.....	W. S. Hanks	2
✓ Kent Island.....	T. J. Betschler	3	Salisbury.....	G. I. Humphreys	1
Laurel.....	A. W. Ewell	5	Seaford.....	N. C. Clough	3
Laurel Circuit.....	C. M. Kelsner	2	Sharptown.....	A. F. T. Raum	2
Leeds.....	C. P. Nowlin	2	Smyrna.....	To be supplied	
Lewes, Del.....	W. S. Lewis	1	✓ Snow Hill.....	G. E. Brown	2
	(Supply)		Snow Hill Circuit		
Lewiston.....	W. H. Hudgins	2		G. Ernest Wunder	1
	(Supply)			(Supply)	
Liberty.....	Stephen Galley	2	Stewartstown, Pa.....	B. A. Bryan	1
	(Supply)		St. James.....	L. C. Randall	2
Lisbon.....	P. M. R. Schauer	2	St. Michaels.....	H. L. Murphy	5
✓ Lynchburg.....	J. H. Lynch	4	Susquehanna.....	C. B. Robey	2
Mardela.....	M. E. Dearholt	1	Texas.....	A. G. Lynch	1
Marley.....	J. T. Fenby	4		(Supply)	
Middleway.....	M. Dinkle	1	Trinity, Marion.....	J. W. Baxley	2
	(Supply)		Tyreanna.....	Carey Barker	4
✓ Milford.....	J. F. Bryan	1		(Supply)	
✓ Milton.....	A. H. Green	1	Union.....	W. F. Bauscher	1
✓ Mt. Nebo.....	J. Peyton Adams	1	Union Bridge.....	W. R. Kuhn	2
✓ New Church.....	E. C. Graham	5		(Supply)	
✓ New Market.....	F. J. Phillips	2	Wallace Memorial.....	F. B. Bailey	1
Nichols Memorial			Warwick.....	L. W. Gordon	2
	Thomas C. Jones	5	Washington		
✓ Northumberland	Clayborne Phillips	4	Alexandria.....	H. L. Schlincke	1
			Calvary and Walkers Chapel		
✓ Oak Grove and Prince George	To be supplied			John W. Townsend	1
			Cherrydale.....	F. G. Holloway	1
✓ Oxford.....	H. W. D. Johnson	6	First Church.....	T. J. Turkington	1
✓ Parksley.....	F. A. Holland	2	Congress Street.....	George Hines	1
✓ Patapsco.....	Earl Slayton	1	Mt. Olivet.....	W. F. Wright	2
	(Supply)		✓ Mt. Tabor.....	J. G. Eaton	1
Philadelphia			North Carolina Avenue		
✓ Emmanuel.....	Carroll Maddox	1		P. W. Crosby	6
✓ St. Lukes.....	C. C. Day	4	✓ Rhode Island Ave.		
				R. Y. Nicholson	1

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
✓ Wesley Chapel of Kent	C. L. Dawson	2
✓ Westminster.....	C. M. Elderdice	1
Wilmington		
✓ First Church.....	V. A. Miller	1
✓ Peninsula.....	L. B. Smith	7
West Wilmington	To be supplied	
✓ Whaleyville.....	C. P. Butler	8
✓ Wye and Queen Anne	J. Lee Marker	5
Left without appointment at their own request....F. K. McCorkle.		

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

President of the General Conference	—T. H. Lewis.	
President Western Maryland College	—A. N. Ward.	
Professor Western Maryland College	—W. B. Sanders.	
President Westminster Theological Seminary	—H. L. Elderdice.	
Editor Methodist Protestant	—F. T. Benson.	
Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions	—F. C. Klein.	
Secretary of Church Extension	—E. A. Sexsmith.	

LOANED

Board of Foreign Missions	—Paul F. Casen and Paul M. Warner.
Women's Home Missionary Society	—T. R. Woodford.
Board of Home Missions	—W. L. Hoffman, W. P. Roberts and W. M. Snyder
Chaplain of United States Army	—J. R. Wright.
General Conference	—J. H. Straughn

SUPERANNUATES

W. M. Strayer.....	21
J. W. Gray.....	15
A. W. Mather.....	12
J. G. Sullivan.....	27
F. T. Little.....	2
T. O. Crouse.....	1
G. F. Farring.....	9
F. H. Mudlineaux.....	10
G. Q. Bacchus.....	6
J. L. Elderice.....	6
S. W. Coe.....	4
Dorsey Blake.....	1
L. A. Bennett.....	5
J. McLain Brown.....	2
G. J. Hill.....	6
W. N. Sherwood.....	8
P. L. Rice.....	6

S. J. Dawson

J. R. Taylor, Printing Stationery.....	7.30
" Envelopes	9.00
White and Leonard, Stationery.....	3.23
Jeffries Studio, Conference Negative.....	25.00
R. L. Shipley, Secretary, Incidentals.....	9.55
" Traveling Expenses, Board of Survey.....	10.00
W. H. Litsinger, Expenses, Board of Survey.....	8.80
E. C. Maskosky, Expenses Board of Survey.....	39.66
W. H. Hodges, Expenses, Deaconess Committee.....	3.00
R. L. Shipley, Secretary, Salary.....	50.00
R. W. White, Steward, Salary.....	50.00
	<u>\$2,069.91</u>
Receipts	\$2,142.93
Expenditures	2,069.91
	<u>73.02</u>
Balance	73.02

REPORT C

TREASURER'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 36)

REPORT ON BUDGET

RECEIPTS

April 8, 1926

President's Salary	\$	4,442.00	
Maryland Conference Budget.....		29,026.54	
Young People's Work, Md. Conf.....		817.50	
General Conference Budget:			
Children's Day	\$12,271.00		
Special Foreign Missions.....	3,286.00		
Y. P. Missionary.....	1,871.00		
Women's Foreign Mis. Soc.....	9,394.00		
Easter Offering	9,003.00		
Special Home Missions.....	1,489.00		
Women's Home Mis. Soc.....	6,148.00		
Rally Day	4,329.00		
Educational (Special).....	1,337.00		
Total Credits.....	49,128.00		
Paid on Budget less Cr.....	22,040.00	71,168.00	
Miscellaneous, General.....		41,835.00	

DISBURSEMENTS

April 12, 1926.

Checks to President.....		4,000.00
10% to Agent		444.20
Conference Expenses.....	\$ 2,379.74	
Superannuate	6,661.49	
Board of Survey	10,468.19	
Home For The Aged.....	5,709.29	
Deaconess	2,379.74	
President's Parsonage	1,423.70	29,022.15
Undistributed		2.19
Y. P. Missions		817.50
Checks to H. C. Staley, Treasurer.....		53,892.54
Vouchers accepted		17,275.46
Miscellaneous vouchers accepted		41,835.00

\$147,289.04 \$147,289.04

BOARD OF SURVEY AND CHURCH EXTENSION

RECEIPTS

1926

April 8, By District	\$ 10,468.19
By 1926 Deficit	6,982.08

1926 DISBURSEMENTS

April 12 To Superintendent's Salary \$996.00;	
Bethesda salary, \$300.00; Cannon, 2nd	
Inst, \$150.00; Deer Creek salary,	
\$150.00; Edmondson Ave. 2nd, \$500.00;	
Edmondson Ave. salary, \$500.00; Glen-	
burnie 2nd Inst., \$375.00; Violetville,	
4th Inst., \$500.00; Evergreen salary,	
\$350.00; Balto. Ch. Ex. Loan, \$400.00	4,221.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES

Bedford, \$100.00; Cambridge Ct., \$300.00; Cannon, \$200.00; Concord, \$300.00; Conquest, \$230.00; Greenbush and Tasley, \$100.00; Greenwood, \$100.00; Harbeson, \$100.00; Harmony, \$250.00; Kemptown, \$200.00; Kennedyville, \$300.00; Kent Island, \$300.00; Laurel Ct., \$300.00; Lisbon, \$200.00; Reliance, \$250.00; Rowlandville, \$233.00; Salem, \$300.00; Susquehanna, \$300.00; Warwick, \$300.00; W. Wilmington, 125.00; Carroll Ct., \$25.00; Crumpton, \$100.00; Chesaco

Park, \$300.00;.....	4,813.00
To Payment 1925 Deficit.....	7,958.75
To Interest on 1925 Deficit.....	457.52
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	\$17,450.27
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	\$17,450.27

SUPERANNUATE FUND SOCIETY

RECEIPTS

1925-1926.

By District	\$ 6,661.49
" Thomas A. Murray, Treas.....	9,536.56
" Deficit for Conference 1926.....	977.60

1925 DISBURSEMENTS

Aug. 5 To First Distribution	2,246.00
Oct. 14 " Second Distribution	2,246.00
1926	
Feb. 6 " Third Distribution	2,036.00
Apr. 12 " Fourth Distribution	9,855.00
" Payment of 1925 Deficit.....	747.79
" Interest on 1925 Deficit.....	44.86
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	\$17,175.65
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	\$17,175.65

REPORT D

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 23)

Respectfully submits their report for the year ending May 1st, 1926. The present membership of the Board is as follows, F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. G. Usilton until 1928; L. F. Warner, E. C. Makosky, J. P. Dodge and T. W. Donoho until 1927; J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, J. H. Straughn and F. Murray Benson whose terms expire May 1st, 1926 and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference.

At the annual meeting of the Board held May 19th, 1925, T. A. Murray, Esq., one of the three remaining charter members of the Board, the gentleman who wrote our charter and was our Treasurer and counsel from our organization, tendered his resignation as an officer and member of the Board. With very deep regret his resignation was finally accepted and Mr. F. Murray Benson, a member of the Baltimore bar, the oldest son of our own Dr. F. T. Benson, Editor of our church paper and nephew

of Mr. T. A. Murray, was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board and in the offices respectively of Treasurer and counsel.

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, Mr. F. Murray Benson, 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.

F. T. LITTLE, President

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR, APRIL 1925-1926

F. MURRAY BENSON, Treasurer.

In account With

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE GENERAL FUND

To Balance per last report.....		\$809.69
“ Commissions on Trust Income.....	\$ 92.70	
“ Interest on Deposits	30.58	123.28
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		\$932.97
By Expenses of Management.....	\$ 59.25	
“ Trav. Expenses Trustees.....	18.80	
“ Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5.00	
“ Bal. on Dep. to Credit Trustees.....	849.92	932.97
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DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

To Income from Investments.....		\$1,260.00
“ Interest on Deposits.....		6.15
By Amount paid to Baltimore Book Directory, appropriation of Income by Trustees for use of The Methodist Protestant.....	\$1,000.00	
“ Amount Paid Maryland Educational Endow- ment Society, appropriation of Income by Trustees for Education of Ministers.....	200.00	
“ Trustees Commissions credited above to General account	63.00	
Balance in bank to credit of Trustees.....	3.15	1,266.15
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Audited and found Correct, April 1, 1926

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

F. MURRAY BENSON, Treasurer.

In Account with

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DR.

In Re-Building No. 516 N. Charles Street.		
To Balance from acct. T. A. Murray, Treas.....	\$2,195.40	
“ Interest on Deposits—Baker, Watts & Co. (6-1-25)	41.26	
“ Cash from Chas. Reiner, Jr., Agent (Current Earnings Account).....	5,805.00	
Amount received from Westminster Savings Bank for Sale of 10 Second Mortgage Bonds	5,000.00	
“ Interest on Deposits—Baker, Watts & Co. (1-1-25)	28.54	\$13,070.20
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To Blumenthal, Kahn—Bal. acct. Electric Fix.	\$ 225.08	
“ Henry A. Kries & Sons, acct. Heating Plant	300.00	
“ Thos. Hicks & Sons Co., acct. Building.....	989.09	
“ Mutual Life Ins. Co., Int. and Prin. on Mort.	5,937.50	
“ Baker, Watts & Co.—Int. on \$12,000 Note..	244.00	
“ City Collector—State & City Taxes (1925)	4,292.34	
“ Thos. Hicks & Sons—Note and Interest.....	1,025.00	
“ Oscar T. Smith Printing Company.....	17.50	
Interim Certificates 2nd Mtg. Bonds.....		13,030.51
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Balance on Deposit to Credit this account.....		\$39.69
Audited and found correct, April 1, 1926.		

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF F. MURRAY BENSON, TREASURER.
TRUSTEES MD. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In Re-Building No. 516 N. Charles Street.

DR.

To Balance as of April 1, 1926.....	\$ 39.69	
“ Cash—Sale of 30 Second Mortgage Bonds....	15,000.00	
“ Cash—Accrued interest on 30 Second Mtg. Bonds Feb. 15-Apr. 15, 1926.....	112.50	\$15,152.92
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By Amt. Paid Baker, Watts & Co. (Note).....	\$12,000.00	
“ “ “ Henry A. Kries & Son.....	150.00	
“ “ “ J. H. Baker (Borrowed Money....	1,000.00	
“ “ “ Stephen C. Little, Clerk Recording Mortgage Deed of Trust)....	19.75	
“ “ “ F. Murray Benson expenses and		

attorney's fee in re-preparation of mortgage and bonds.....	50.00	\$13,419.75
Balance in hands of Treasurer		\$17,732.44

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BUILDING PROJECT
AS OF APRIL 3, 1926

ASSETS

Cash in hands of F. Murray Benson, Treas.....	\$1,732.44	
“ “ Chas. Reiner, Jr., Agt.....	2,514.79	
Account Receivable	780.49	
Personal property (fixtures).....	349.17	
Notes Receivable	75.00	
Real Estate—516 N. Charles St. (Land and Improvements—Appraised Value)	215,000.00	
Total Assets		\$220,451.89

LIABILITIES

First Mortgage, Mutual Life Ins. Co. of Balto.....	122,500.00	
Second Mortgage to G. I. Humphreys and Harry E. Gilbert, Trustees for bondholders.....	20,000.00	
Excess held against accruing liabilities.....	4,247.23	
Equity in Building	73,704.66	\$220,451.89

REPORT E

BOARD OF FINANCE

(See Journal, pages 31, 34)

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

The Budgets are:

General Conference	\$110,000.00
Maryland Conference	35,000.00
President's Salary and Expenses	4,500.00
Total	\$149,500.00

To be distributed thus:

General Conference	73.57 %
Maryland Conference	23.41 %

President's Salary and Expenses.....	3.02%
	<u>100.00%</u>

DISTRIBUTION

General Conference Budget	Per Cent	Amount
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
	<u>100</u>	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
Maryland Conference Interests	Per Cent	Amount
Incidental Expenses	7.46	\$ 2,500.00
Superannuates	20.9	8,500.00
Church Extension	41.8	14,000.00
Our Church Home	17.9	6,000.00
Deaconess Home	7.46	2,500.00
President's Parsonage	4.48	1,500.00
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
President's Salary and Expenses		
President	90	4,050.00
Agent of President's Parsonage.....	10	450.00
	<u>100</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total Financial Basis		521,699.00
Total Membership		34,052
Percentage for Allotments:		
\$110,000.00—Financial .....	.2108	taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita	3.25	taken at 40 per cent
35,000.00—Financial .....	.067	taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita	1.	taken at 40 per cent
4,500.00—Financial .....	.0087	taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita .....	.135	taken at 40 per cent

G. A. OGG
 G. M. CLAYTON
 W. F. WRIGHT
 E. E. WOODEN
 W. E. CAIN
 M. W. GAINES

REPORT F

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND
ORDERS

(See Journal, pages 30, 36)

(1) We recommend that Jessie G. Eaton, Edward E. Coleman, Walter A. Donoway and Edwin Keehner, graduates of the Seminary, be received into the Conference.

(2) That They be ordained.

(3) That C. L. Dawson be ordained.

(4) That William Schmeiser be ordained.

(5) That D. F. Galloway be received into the Conference on trial.

(6) That C. F. Cummings be received into the Conference, and that he be ordained provided he pledge in open Conference that he pursue the course of study.

(7) We recommend that W. S. Simms be placed in the hands of the President.

(8) That G. E. Wunder, W. D. Wilson, Leon Smith, H. E. Hudgins, A. W. Betts, J. G. Lynn, C. O. Quillen, D. K. Sturgis, Stephen Galley, H. L. Adams, Edwin Gardner, C. M. Jenkins, O. F. Betton and C. S. Marshall be placed in the hands of the President, and that they be given license to administer the ordinances provided that they be employed by the President.

(9) That D. F. Galloway, G. M. Jenkins be licensed to administer the ordinances.

(10) That "Parish Program of Religious Education" by Squires, be substituted in every place of Athearn's, "The Church School". That T. H. Lewis "The Minister and His Own Soul" be substituted for Greenfield's "Jesus the Preacher."

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

C. M. ELDERDICE,

R. Y. NICHOLSON,

C. C. DAY,

A. W. EWELL.

REPORT G

BOARD OF SURVEY AND EXTENSION

(See Journal, page 35)

We have reviewed with satisfaction the report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, and the Peninsula Church Extension Society. We submit the herewith and have incorporated in our report such items as were necessary. We regret that the funds of the Confer-

ence are such that no new appropriations for Church enterprises, building or debt could be made.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Board of Finance in making the Assessments give particular consideration to those Charges which are under the care and supervision of the Church Extension Society.

(2) That supplemental salaries are intended to apply only to the difference of salary pledged by the Charge, and the minimum salary guarantee, and does not apply to the deficit in the amount pledged by the Charge.

(3) That Mapleside and Fairview Charge be divided. That Mapleside be put under the supervision of the Melvin Chapel, and Fairview under the care of the First Church Quarterly Conference, Cumberland.

(4) That the parsonage at Greensboro be sold and the proceeds applied to the floating indebtedness of the Peninsula Church, Wilmington. Also that the Conference give a hearing to Messrs, F. P. Adkins and M. L. Veasey of the Peninsula Church Extension Society on behalf of the Peninsula Church.

(5) We have received a paper from the Second Church, Wilmington, concerning a new Church enterprise. We recommend that the First and Second Churches consider the advisability of uniting their properties and resources in a new location.

(6) We recommend that in order to avoid complications in the holding of property within the State of Pennsylvania, that the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society take out articles of incorporation within that State.

(7) That the request of Lewistown Charge for a consideration of the conditions of that Charge be referred to an ad interim meeting of the Board of Survey and Extension.

(8) We do not concur in the request of the Hallwood Church to be placed under the care of the pastoral supply at Parksley.

(9) That services at Fanny Lowe Memorial Church on St, Michaels Charge be discontinued with the exception of an annual meeting, with a view of ultimately merging the church with Claiborne, to be known as the Fanny Lowe Memorial.

(10) That Nassawanga Church on Snow Hill Circuit be detached and made a part of the Powellville Charge.

(11) We recommend that the Church Extension Assessment be \$14,000.

APPROPRIATIONS

1. To Northumberland Charge for Fairfield's Church, new building, and to be immediately available	\$ 200
2. To the Board of Managers for Calvary, Virginia for married man and enlargement of work.....	600
3. Crumpton, on salary	200

4. Deer Creek, on salary	150
5. Board of Managers Church Extension Society for reimbursements and interest charges	1,000
6. Superintendent of Church Extension.....	3,000
7. Bethesda, Baltimore, special on salary	300
8. Evergreen, if supplied with married man living in the community	150
9. Kennedyville, on salary.....	100
10. Cannon, 3d installment of 4 installments.....	500
11. Edmondson Ave., 3d of five annual installments.....	500
12. Glenburnie, 3d of 4 annual installments	375
13. Violetville, last of five annual installment.....	500
	\$7,225

For the Committee.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Chairman.
 JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Sec'y.
 G. W. HADDAWAY,
 W. H. LITSINGER,
 W. O. ATWOOD.

REPORT OF THE PENINSULA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The attached financial statement of the Treasurer will show that our Society has not collected sufficient money this year to pay the interest on the obligations we assumed on behalf of the Peninsula Church. At the time of the promotion of this important enterprise several members of the church in this section endorsed the note for the purchase of the parsonage with the understanding that when the financial strain was somewhat eased they would be released from this obligation. We hope that the Conference can see some way to liquidate this paper in the near future.

The method of collection of membership dues in the Peninsula Church Extension Society has not been as successful as we might have wished. We would be glad if the Board of Survey, or the Superintendent of Church Extension, might suggest a form of organization by which the activities of the society could be continued and increased.

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

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1926 PENINSULA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

RECEIPTS

1925

Mch. 28—Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$110.73
Apr. 10—Rev. E. W. Sims, Lynch Ch., St. James Ch'ge	10.00
Oct. 12—Rev. J. A. Wright, Hurlock charge.....	25.00
Nov. 21—Rev. J. L. Elderdice, Oxford.....	1.00
Rev. J. W. Baxley, Trinity.....	15.00

	Rev. L. B. Smith, Peninsula Church, Wilmington	23.00	
1926			
Mch. 31	—Rev. R. L. Shipley, Salisbury.....	20.00	
	Rev. Hungerford, Hebron.....	10.00	
Apr. 3	—Rev. A. W. Ewell, Laurel.....	28.75	
	Easton-Oxford-St. Michael's, \$5.00 each.....	15.00	
	Advanced by treasurer to meet overdraft.....	25.02	\$283.50

EXPENDITURES

1925			
Apr. 6	—Check No. 137, to pay discount, 4 mos. renewal note Pocomoke City Nat'l. Bank, \$700.....	14.10	
July 6	—Check No. 138, Int. on \$4,000 note, 3 mos Elkton Banking & Trust Company.....	60.00	
Aug. 7	—Check No. 139, to pay discount, 4 mos. renewal note Pocomoke City Nat'l. Bank, \$700.....	14.10	
Oct. 8	—Check No. 140, Int. on \$4,000 note, 3 mos Elkton Banking & Trust Company	60.00	
	12—Check no. 141, Rev. R. L. Shipley for stamps..	1.20	
Dec. 11	—Check No. 142, to pay discount, 4 mos. renewal note Pocomoke City Nat'l. Bank, \$700.....	14.10	
1926			
Jan. 7	—Check No. 143, Int. on \$4,000 note, 3 mos., Elkton Banking & Trust Company.....	60.00	
Apr. 3	—Check No. 144, Int. on \$4,000 note, 3 mos., Elkton Banking & Trust Company	60.00	\$283.50

MILTON S. VEASEY, Treasurer.

REPORT H

COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES

(See Journal, pages 30, 35)

After prayerful consideration of each individual case, your committee on Superannuate claimants has made the fairest distribution possible of available resources, and submits the following for Conference approval:

RECOMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the assessment on the district remain the same as last year, \$7,000.00.
2. We recommend that Dorsey Blake and T. O. Crouse be at their own request granted superannuated relation. (The request of F. D. Reynolds for superannuated relation has been withdrawn.)

3. We recommend that the Conference Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money, if necessary, to meet in full the appropriation for 1926 and 1927.

4. We approve the first paragraph of the Resolution referred in the paper to our Committee as it relates to Superannuates. (See Resolution 4, page 119).

5. We recommend that the last two paragraphs in said paper be stricken out, as they are a repetition of the plan under which the Conference is now operating. (See Resolution 4, page 119)

6. We recommend that the pro-rata share of each Superannuate upon retirement from active service be \$15.00 for each year's service instead of \$10.00 and the widows of our ministers be \$7.50 instead of \$5.00. The plan to go into effect next Conference.

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Total
G. Q. Bacchus.....	\$ 470.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 575.00
L. A. Bennett.....	320.00	255.00	575.00
Dorsey Blake	340.00	60.00	400.00
J. McLain Brown.....	320.00	230.00	550.00
S. W. Coe.....	320.00	255.00	575.00
T. O. Crouse.....	540.00	60.00	600.00
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
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. S. G. Ferguson.....	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	115.00	325.00
Mrs. G. R. Hodges.....	135.00	205.00	340.00
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	285.00	400.00
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

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Total
Mrs. C. B. Middleton.....	35.00	165.00	200.00
Mrs. W. J. Neepier.....	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	185.00	350.00
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	235.00	300.00
Mrs. J. M. Yingling.....	15.00	85.00	100.00

B. W. KINDLEY, Chairman

N. C. CLOUGH, Secretary

F. A. HOLLAND

E. B. FENBY

W. E. SHEPPARD

SETH H. LINTHICUM

REPORT I

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND EDUCATION

(See Journal, page 28)

I. THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

The following facts concerning our church paper indicate our responsibility and opportunity in promoting its circulation.

a. As a church paper, protesting against sin, championing high ideals and diffusing information concerning denominational principles and activities, it is equal to the best that the country affords.

b. At a time when the secular press is so largely devoted to the publishing of crime and scandal and the advocacy of lawlessness, at a time when most of our current literature—both books and magazines—have forsaken the paths of righteousness and purity, the need of such a paper as *The Methodist Protestant* in the homes of our people is imperative.

c. The fact that there are 1,600 more Methodist Protestant homes in the Maryland District that do not get the church paper than there are subscribers to the paper in all the denomination, and the further fact that while during the past year 1,310 new subscribers were secured 1,457 were discontinued, ought to cover us with shame and fill us with the determination that this condition shall not continue.

We recommend that the policy of the publisher to have all subscriptions expire with the Conference year be heartily supported by the pastors and subscribers. We also recommend that the pastors keep the value of the church paper before their people throughout the year and that the month of March be set aside as a time for special emphasis in securing new subscribers and renewals.

We are sincerely grateful that Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., Editor, after a protracted illness during the summer months has been able to continue his work with his usual vigor and ability. We pray that God may give him strength to serve his church with his splendid powers of heart and mind for years to come.

II. SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We note with pleasure the continued improved quality of the literature which the Editor, Dr. Johnson, and the publishers are furnishing to our Sunday Schools. We earnestly urge the use of this literature in all our schools.

Inasmuch as many of our schools are of necessity one room schools we recommend that in addition to the departmental opening exercises in the quarterlies there be published a uniform opening exercise.

III. PRINTING DEPARTMENT AND BOOK STORE

While it is gratifying to note that in each of these departments there has been a steady increase in the volume of business, we regret that the necessary increase of the overhead has made the profits less than last year. While this is peculiarly true of the book business, the printing business is making most gratifying progress. This state of affairs makes it most imperative that the entire church give more hearty support to these enterprises. And we should not forget that whatever profits are made are turned back into the treasury of the church. We suggest that the management take into consideration the advisability of giving to ministers some discount on their purchases and thus help them to become even more enthusiastic boosters for Methodist Protestant support of Methodist Protestant enterprises.

IV. THE SEMINARY

The new home of the President of the Seminary has been completed and is now occupied by Dr. H. L. Elderdice. The total cost of the home including furniture and landscaping was approximately \$25,000. This has all been met with the exception of about \$500.00.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the Board of Governors as set forth in their report:

1. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Presidency for another year.

2. That pastors instruct laymen as to the needs of the various funds of the Seminary: the Endowment, the Scholarship, the Library; and request them to make donations now or provide for them in their wills.

3. That our churches call upon their young men to consider the claims of the ministry, and urge their young women to investigate the needs of home and foreign fields, and the opportunities for leadership in local churches and to urge upon all such of both sexes to take advantage of the various courses of study provided by the Seminary.

We are glad for the great work of the Seminary and the splendid leadership of Dr. Elderdice. We pledge to him and the Seminary our best co-operation.

V. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

We recommend: 1. That pastors put the Secretary of the Board touch with any young men in their congregations who are thinking of entering the ministry.

2. That the second Sunday of December be observed as Men for the Ministry Sunday at which time the pastors shall present the claims of the Gospel Ministry upon the life of young men.

3. That all churches be urged to observe the second Sunday in October or the nearest Sunday thereto that is convenient as Rally Day.

We call attention to the fact that the Board has loaned to students of the Maryland Conference over \$18,000.00 of which amount only a little over \$2,500 has been paid. Some of these unpaid loans are of long standing and your Committee feels that something ought to be done looking to their adjustment.

We recommend that a committee be raised by this Conference to consider individually the cases of Maryland men and with them and the Secretary of the Board make a settlement or adjustment of the claims.

VI. WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

Your Committee has read with care and pleasure the report of the President of Western Maryland College. This child of our Conference still continues to grow in strength and influence. In fact, it seems now as if it were full-grown.

The enrollment which totalled 500 for the college year is the largest in its history and taxes to the limit the resources at its command.

Your Committee marvels at the glorious completion of the Endowment Campaign. This is an achievement which thrills us all.

We wish to express our appreciation of Dr. Ward for his vision energy and consecration to this task. We note that he personally assumed \$7,000.00 to insure the successful completion of the campaign. We hope that this condition will be changed in the near future.

We recommend that the churches which have made no response as yet to the appeal attempt to cover at least this amount.

VII. BOOKS

We gladly acknowledge our debt to Dr. T. H. Lewis for his latest contribution to the literature of the Kingdom. His book, "The Minister and His Own Soul" reveals his heart and mind at their best. We com-

mend it to the pastors and members of the church and offer the prayer that strength and length of days be granted to Dr. Lewis so that many other books may be born of his virile mind and consecrated heart.

W. H. HODGES,
J. LEAS GREEN,
CARROLL ALBAUGH,
FRED. G. HALLOWAY,
ROWLAND WATTS,
M. L. VEASEY.

Maryland Conference

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the Master's name! It is a pleasure to communicate to you the salient features of the year's activities of the Board of Education. We regret to inform you that matters have not gone as well with us this year as they did last. In spite of the fact that the orders for the Rally Day programs increased 10%, the returns to date are 10% less than last year. This is not due to a lack of diligence on the part of our pastors, but rather to inclement weather, especially during October. The returns from the Budget are over \$9,000 less than they were last year, which means that the Board has been compelled to greatly circumscribe its activities and service. We have endeavored to carry on the work to the limit of economy, but due to the decreased income we have been able to distribute less than 75% of the proposed appropriations to our colleges and seminary. We, of course, hope that the returns another year will be greater and enable us to do the work to which the church has set us apart.

OUR SCHOOLS

Three of our schools, including the seminary, are in a very flourishing condition, while three of them are the cause of no little anxiety. If the income from the Budget were \$30,000 instead of \$10,000 our schools would at least break even financially and the burden of our brave presidents would be much less. We congratulate Western Maryland on the successful completion of the campaign for \$375,000 for their endowment. We appreciate, together with President Ward and his co-laborers, the fine co-operation on the part of the brethren in the Maryland district. We are proud of this great school at Westminster and are glad of the splendid work it is doing. Among the 502 students registered this year, there are 133 Methodist Protestants of which are ministerial students. There is also one missionary student. This is close to the average representation in most denominational schools.

To say that the Seminary at Westminster is continuing its great service to our denomination under the splendid leadership of Dr. Elderdice is only repeating what we all know. Our Board has been able to make but little headway toward its pledge of \$15,000 to the new building, but we are keeping up the interest and hope to make payments sufficient to gradually reduce this obligation. There are 38 Methodist Protestant ministerial students in the seminary this year.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Reports recently received from our schools indicate that these are at least 84 Methodist Protestant young men studying for the ministry of our church. This is slightly under the number reported last year, but is about the average, I believe. The Board is assisting 38 of these young men through its regular Ministerial Loan Fund. That is three more than we helped last year.

In order to stimulate a greater interest in the question of men for the ministry, we undertook a plan last year which seems to have met with approval and a fair response. We set apart the second Sunday in December as a "Men for the Ministry" Sunday. A number of our Conferences approved this plan and urged their pastors to observe it in a suitable manner. We would appreciate a similar action on the part of this Conference, provided it meets with your judgment.

STUDENT LOAN

We are helping the same number of students this year as last. Three of the seventeen are in Western Maryland College. But even this number is more than the resources of the Board are able to provide for, and yet these seventeen young people are among the choicest of any in our colleges. Eight of the seventeen are from the homes of some of our pastors. We are hoping that before long some provision can be made that will place this enterprise on a more solid foundation.

RALLY DAY

The response to our Rally Day program last year on the part of the brethren of the Maryland Conference was most gratifying. The large number of orders received indicated a spirit of interest and co-operation that was pleasing indeed. We are sorry to report, however, a serious falling off in the returns. This is doubtless due to the campaign for Western Maryland's endowment. However, the decrease in the income of the Board has placed us in a very embarrassing position. We are hoping that the response to the program this year will be more generous than last.

MARYLAND BENEFICIARIES

You will find enclosed herewith a list of the Maryland Conference beneficiaries. Of the number submitted, sixteen are at present in college or seminary. Only eight of the others have made payments during the last year, although they have indicated their intention to forward something during this month. To meet our obligations the return payments should amount to at least \$3,500. So far this year they have come to less than \$1,500.

With best wishes for a helpful Conference session, I am

Sincerely yours,

FRANK W. STEPHENSON.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND
COLLEGEWestminster, Maryland,
April 1, 1926

To the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church:

I have the honor of submitting my sixth annual report to the Maryland Annual Conference.

The year just closing has been an eventful one in the history of the college. The student enrollment has exceeded the enrollment of any previous year, with a total enrollment of 502 in all departments. To take care of this large enrollment with our present equipment and endowment is a great tax upon the administration.

The outstanding thing in connection with the year was the Financial Campaign, which was brought to a successful conclusion. Subscriptions amounting to \$375,567.32 were secured, but \$7,000 of this amount was assumed by myself in order to meet the conditions of the campaign. I am hopeful that this amount may come in speedily. Because of the action of the Conference, giving the college authority to appeal to the churches on behalf of the campaign, I feel confident that the churches that have not responded will yet do so, and thus enable the college to meet fully the requirements of the situation. \$250,000 of the amount subscribed must be in hand by July 1, 1927, in order to secure the appropriation of \$125,000 from the State of Maryland. \$125,000 of the amount subscribed has already been paid in, leaving \$125,000 still to be paid in by July 1, 1927 to secure the \$125,000 appropriation from the State. We shall then have from July 1, 1927, on to the end of the year 1928 to secure the Rockefeller appropriation of \$125,000.

When the entire amount subscribed has been paid in, we shall then have added to our present resources the \$125,000 building provided by the State and additional endowment to the amount of \$500,000, making total increased resources to the amount of \$625,000. The total endowment of the college will then be over \$800.00.

It is very important that the entire amount subscribed to the campaign shall be paid in by the time specified by the pledges. There is no margin provided for shrinkage. In order to secure the Rockefeller, \$375,000 must be paid in to the Endowment Fund. I wish to call the attention of all friends of the college and of all subscribers to the importance of having all pledges paid in full.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the college and all our friends, I wish to express appreciation of fine loyalty of the churches of the Maryland Annual Conference in this campaign. A number of the churches far exceeded their apportionments, and in several churches where no attempt was made to meet an apportionment members of the churches subscribed in excess of the apportionment. The churches that have not subscribed will be asked to help in securing the \$7,000 assumed by the President of the College. I wish to urge all such churches to come to our assistance.

Following the campaign the next step was a revision of our curriculum to meet the modern demands in education. This has been done, and the results appear in the new catalogue just from the press. Through this revision and the strengthening of our faculty, we are planning to do our work in such a way as to meet the highest standards. The future of Western Maryland College seems very bright indeed.

I am including a report on the campaign as it relates to the apportionments to the charges of the Maryland Annual Conference.

A. N. WARD, President.

THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Westminster Theological Seminary, for the forty-fourth time, presents its Annual Report to the Maryland Annual Conference. Though this school of the Prophets is the common property of every Annual Conference in the Methodist Protestant Church, yet the Maryland Conference is the cradle of her birth, and she always has a peculiar delight in annually presenting herself to her Mother for inspection, approval, or rebuke. The report of such inspections has always been favorable and frequently enthusiastic; so that with considerable complacency the Seminary makes another salutation.

ENROLLMENT. During the year to end forty-eight students have pursued the regular or special courses. In addition to the undergraduates there have been in the graduate department twelve students. All of these are pastors in the active work. Eight of them are Methodist Protestant pastors, three of them are of the United Brethren fold, and the remaining one is a Reformed minister. This growing popularity of our graduate department is a two fold tribute to the Seminary: her alumni love her so well that they must, like Oliver Twist, call for "more;" and sister denominations are learning to trust her and are eager to sit at her feet.

THE GRADUATING CLASS. Next Commencement Day, May 4th., the diplomas and degrees of the Seminary will be presented to thirteen students. One of these is a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and two of these have just entered the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The remaining ten are Methodist Protestants. North Carolina, West Virginia, and Indiana Conference are each represented by one graduate; the Eastern Conference by three; and the Maryland Conference by four. They are Edward E. Coleman, of the East Baltimore Church; Walter Avery Donoway, of Whaleyville Circuit; Edwin Keehner, of the South Baltimore Church; and Jesse G. Eaton, of the New Market Circuit. These four are ready to enter our ranks at this session of the Conference. Indiana claims the honor of calling as her own the first woman graduate of The Westminster Theological Seminary—Miss Mabelle Shaffer, of Kendallville. A model student for three years, an inspiring example to her male companions, thoroughly equipped for her task, she goes forth to the Home Field, under the direction of the Woman's Board.

THE NEW HOME FOR THE PRESIDENT. The latest triumph in the field of erecting buildings is the New Home for the President of the Seminary. Four years ago, in the 1922 session of the Maryland Conference, a proposition was made to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Presidency of H. L. Elderdice by erecting a New Parsonage. A Jubilee Fund was started by calling upon the churches to take up a collection during the year and forward to the Seminary the amounts received. But the pastors were so busy with their multitudinous duties that only a few paid attention to the proposition. A year later it was seen that if the work were to be accomplished it must be done by the President of the Seminary. And so, with some assistance by the professors, he succeeded in rearing a building that was dedicated November 17, 1924. It is a beautiful, well equipped structure, following the architectural lines of the New Seminary Building, and its cost—including furniture, cement walks, and shrubbery—was about \$25,000. All of this cost has been met with the exception of about \$500 which has just been called for, and of course will be met. To the Maryland, the West Virginia, the Ohio, the Indiana, the Alabama Conferences belong the credit of this victory. Individuals in other Conferences contributed, and too much praise cannot be given to the poor preachers who out of their poverty delighted to help. Annual Conferences here and there have parsonages for their Presidents, and most churches and circuits have parsonages for their pastors, but this is the only Denominational Parsonage in our beloved Zion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Presidency for the ensuing year.
2. That pastors instruct laymen as to the needs of the various funds of the Seminary; the Endowment, the Scholarship and the Library; and request them to make donations now or provide for them in their wills.
3. That our Churches call upon their young men to consider the claims of the ministry, and urge their young women to investigate the needs of Home and Foreign fields, and the opportunities for leadership in local churches, and to urge upon all such of both sexes to take advantage of the various courses of study provided by the Seminary.

J. M. GILL,

President of the Board of Governors.

BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

Baltimore, Md., April 7, 1926.

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

Dear Brethren:

In presenting the annual report of the Baltimore Book Directory for the fiscal year ending February 27, 1926, we are now able to face our problem as revealed by a year of operations in our new location. While the volume of business done this year was larger than the previous

year, we will not show a profit. This is due to fact that our overhead has been too great for the volume of business done. We are now engaged in reducing our overhead to such an extent as to keep within the volume of business we are doing.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

During the year special campaigns have been put on in the various conferences in our territory. While in some cases the returns have not been encouraging, on the whole we added to our list 1310 new subscribers during the year. Our problem has been in holding our old subscribers. Working under our present plan to have all subscriptions come due at conference time will help in a large measure to overcome this difficulty. We were compelled to discontinue during the year 1457 subscribers because of deaths, removals and failure to renew. This leaves us with a subscription list at this time of 6400 subscribers. The lists from the Maryland Conference are not complete, but indications are that they will not be as large as last year. While the paper has never paid expenses in dollars and cents it has been beyond price as an organ of the church, giving information and assisting in the financial growth and cultivating a spirit of brotherhood in all the churches. It is therefore impossible to set forth in any report whether the church paper does or does not pay expenses. We can only make the paper a success by the thorough co-operation of the ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church. There is no other way to circulate it. We are very grateful for the co-operation we have received. However, when we come to know that there are eight thousand families in the Maryland Conference that do not take the paper it make one wonder if we really understand the great position that the paper occupies in the success of the church. So far as its cost is concerned it is negligent. People are spending very much more money on the luxuries and pleasures of life every week than this paper cost in a whole year. Our hope is in you, brethren, and we have had an experience that justifies our continued belief in this respect.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT

The printing plant made the best financial showing this year since it was started. We have built up a splendid volume of business which will increase as the years go on. Each year we are becoming better known, and with contracts for publications already secured we are confident this department, in the near future, will show increased profits. We have specialized in church printing and are building up a growing patronage among our own churches as well as those of other denominations. We want to impress upon our ministers and laymen the fact that this is your plant. It needs your support and encouragement. Patronize it whenever possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BOOK DEPARTMENTS

Our Sunday School publications are being constantly improved. During the two years of Dr. Johnston's administration as editor the general make up and treatment of the lessons has been revised. The

typographical arrangement has been changed and new cover designs added which makes our publications attractive, and in keeping with those of other denominations. To make such change is an expensive matter. It is the policy of our board to give to our schools the best literature that money can buy. With our improved periodicals covering every grade, there is no need for any of our schools to use other than our own denominational literature. Our periodicals are edited and published with a view to meet the needs and requirements of our own schools. The improved group graded and closely graded lesson help meet the requirements of any school. We want to stress in this report the weekly paper known as the New Guide. This is a splendid story paper for intermediates and adults.

Since the Sunday School Library has gone out of existence in most Sunday Schools a paper of this character will put in the hands of our young people good wholesome reading matter. Sample copies and full particulars will be supplied free to any of our schools interested.

It has been our constant aim to make our store attractive to the public. The trend of expansion is in the direction of our location and in four or five years time we should be able to build up a splendid patronage. With a large and varied stock we are in position to furnish anything in Church and Sunday School supplies or any book published. Every member of the Methodist Protestant Church is a stock-holder. Whatever profits accrue are turned over to the denomination to further expand the work. By supporting it, you are helping one of the important branches of our denominational work.

We attach for your information the financial reports covering the work of the past year, in the form of receipts and expenditures statements, also a statements of our assets and liabilities.

Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., Editor, after several months absence because of illness returned to his desk in the early fall very much improved in health and has taken care of his work since his return with his usual ability and efficiency.

Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., our industrious and efficient agent has never devoted himself more unreservedly to his duties than during the past year. He is always on the alert watching over the interests of the business.

Mr. C. Levine Price, the Superintendent of the Printing Department is demonstrating every year more and more his ability to take care of the responsible duties devolving upon him.

We hereby express our appreciation of the co-operation of all of our employees.

Thanking the ministry and laity for their co-operation in the past and craving their continued patronage,

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY,

President.

THE BOOK DEPOSITORY
OF THE
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year ended
February 28, 1926.

INCOME**Methodist Protestant:**

Sales	\$10,331.58	
Advertising	1,173.52	
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy.	1,197.00	
Commission and Discount.....	42.77	
Suspence Accts., collections over estimate	1.21	\$12,746.08
 Loss, Methodist Protestant.....	7,193.23	
Printing:		
Sales	45,876.98	
Commission and Discount.....	276.63	
Waste Paper.....	165.14	
Incompleted Orders, 2-28-26.....	125.90	46,444.65
 Profit, Printing Department.....	1,787.76	
Meth. Prot. and Printing Income..		\$59,190.73
Net Loss Meth. Prot and Printing Dept.....	5,405.47	
Sunday School Periodicals—Sales.....		37,270.78
Profit, Sunday School Periodicals	3,285.52	
Merchandise — Sales.....		79,752.02
Discounts on Purchases.....		510.46
Profit, Mdse. Dept.....	1,699.23	80,262.48
 Total Income.....		176,723.99
Net Loss, Year Ended February 28, 1926, transferred to Capital Account.....		5,940.37
Total Income and Loss.....		\$182,664.36

EXPENDITURES**Methodist Protestant**

Paper	\$ 3,445.55
Printing	9,241.83
Salaries (Proportion).....	5,046.25
Postage, Express and Freight....	641.65
Expence	1,001.39
General Expense (1-3 total).....	562.64
	\$19,939.31

Printing

Purchases, Net.....	12,770.19
Salaries	23,623.15
Rent	900.00
Expense	1,744.22
Light and Power.....	874.55

Interest	326.96	
Insurance	415.99	
Repairs, Machinery & Equipm't.....	600.85	
Depreciation, Mach. & Equipm't.. ..	3,112.03	
Depreciation, Fur. & Fix.....	42.82	
Inventory Incompleted Orders		
2-28-25.....	246.13	44,656.89
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Meth. Prot. & Printing Expenditures.....		\$ 64,596.20
Sunday School Periodicals		
Purchases, Net.....	26,613.14	
Salaries, (Proportion).....	4,500.00	
Postage, Express and Freight.....	1,104.01	
Expense	1,205.46	
General Expense (1-3 of total).....	562.65	33,985.26
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Merchandise		
Purchases, Net.....	57,260.14	
Salaries, (Proportion).....	10,467.08	
Expense	8,307.96	
Postage, Express and Freight outbound.....	1,413.59	
Postage, Express and Freight Inbound.....	551.83	
General Expense (1-3 of total).....	562.65	78,563.25
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Other Expenditures		
Rent, Store and Office.....	3,099.96	
Interest	759.13	
Insurance	223.08	
Loss due to Adjustment Fixtures Account... ..	7.50	
Reserve for Bad Debts.....	397.41	
Add: Excess Bad Debts over		
Reserve 2-28-25.....	145.04	542.45
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Reserve. Depre., Office & Store Fur. & Fix.....	887.53	5,519.65
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Total Expenditures.....		\$182,664.36

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516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Balance Sheet, February 28, 1926

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 1,360.81
Baltimore Post Office Deposit.....	27.00

Account Receivable			
Customers' Accounts.....	\$19,870.53		
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts....	397.41	\$19,473.12	
Delinquent Accounts, Methodist Protestant		482.00	
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant.....		115.64	20,070.76
Bills Receivable.....			640.50
Inventories, Merchandise Stocks on Hand			
Merchandise	21,856.24		
Sunday School Periodicals.....	1,093.62		
Materials, Printing.....	1,289.51		
Work in Process, Printing.....	125.90		24,365.27
Total Current Assets.....			46,464.34
Capital Assets			
Printing, Machinery & Equipment	31,120.34		
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	11,742.91	19,377.43	
Printing, Furniture & Fixtures....	428.15		
Less: Reserve for Depreciation..	144.37	283.78	
Office & Store Fur. & Fix.....	8,875.29		
Less: Reserve for Depreciation..	2,463.63	6,411.66	
Total Capital Assets.....			26,072.87
Deferred Charges			
Insurance Premium Paid in Advance.....	227.72		
Office Stationery and Supplies.....	485.00		
Easter Catalog (1926).....	726.54		
Total Deferred Charges.....			1,439.26
Total Assets.....			\$ 73,976.47
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Bills Payable.....			\$ 12,905.00
Accounts Payable			
Creditors' Accounts.....	\$22,383.26		
Subscribers, Meth. Prot. Cr.....	\$ 3,607.50		
Subscribers, Meth. Prot. Dr.....	2,184.00	1,423.50	
Subscribers Sunday School Periodicals.....	812.56		24,619.32
Donations for Methodist Protestant Subscribers.....			62.63
Accrued Taxes.....			45.89
Total Current Liabilities.....			37,632.84

Capital		
Balance, March 1, 1925.....	42,284.00	
Deduct		
Net loss, Year Ended February 28, 1926 per		
Profit and Loss Statement.....	5,940.37	
Net Worth.....		\$ 36,343.63
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Total Liabilities and Capital.....		\$ 73,976.47

REPORT J

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLES
WORK

(See Journal, page 27)

The Committee on Young People's Work has carefully considered matters relative to this branch of the Conference work and herewith submit recommendations as follows;

1. That we follow with greater faithfulness than ever our competent leader Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, General Secretary of the Board of Young Peoples Work, and we especially recommend that all Christian Endeavor Societies adopt his efficiency chart which not only equals but surpasses The United Society Chart.

2. That we enthusiastically co-operate with Rev. L. B. Smith, our President of the Union of Young Peoples Work, as he endeavors to carry out a program that is most beneficial in training Christian workers.

3. That an entrance examination in the form of a questionnaire be required of those wishing to attend the Summer Institute, in order that this Institute may continue to be a real training school and not merely a place of recreation.

4. Noting with pleasure the successes the Winter Institutes have made throughout the Peninsula, in that, although a new experience, 507 workers were registered this year, we recommend that the Pastors give their hearty co-operation to them.

5. That the School of Methods conducted at Grace Church, Baltimore, under the direction of the Pastor of that Church be approved and that such a school be conducted by as many churches as find it possible.

6. That the work of the Conference Union, in supporting Rev. Paul M. Cassen, our missionary to India, be approved, and that every Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society give their financial support to the same.

7. That Bro. Carroll M. Wright, Field Secretary of the Maryland and Delaware C. E. Union, and one of our own denomination, be given our confidence as a leader of our young people and our loyal support in the work he is doing.

8. 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 School and Christian Endeavor Societies pay two cents per member with a minimum rate of two dollars and that Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies pay one dollar per year.

THOS. C. MULLIGAN,
F. B. BAILEY,
E. W. SIMMS,
R. DAY HUMPHREYS,
HENRY GILLIGAN,
J. F. PHILLIPS.

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 no longer needs to be defined or explained. The present leaders of our Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor societies, and other working organizations in our churches are being recognized more than ever as the products of the training schools of this Union.

Our annual institutes at Western Maryland College are becoming larger each year in the enrollment of students, and more of our churches throughout the Conference are being represented in the personnel of those attending. Scores of young people are offering themselves for full time life work, and many more for special service in the churches to which they belong.

The four-year standard course of instruction prepared by our efficient secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D. D., is now in full operation. We feel now that the time has come to limit our enrollment to those who agree to take the course of instruction, rather than merely take advantage of our institutes as a summer outing. Our plan this year is to issue a set of rules governing both study and conduct, to which every person desiring to attend must agree before being accepted. In this way we hope to eliminate those who have no purpose whatever in attending other than to enjoy a vacation.

Our union continues to support Rev. Paul Cassen as "our own" missionary in India, and we stand ready to co-operate further with the work in China, whenever additional missionaries are sent.

Recently a series of district institutes were conducted on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, with most gratifying results. Over five hundred were enrolled, and one hundred and eighty-four received credits toward a Christian Worker's Certificate. Eight institutes were held at the following places: Parksley, Va., Pocomoke City, Salisbury, Hurlock, and Chestertown, Maryland; and Seaford, Dover, and Georgetown, Delaware,

covering a period of about sixteen days. We believe that they were well worth the effort and hope to see them continued and expanded to other sections of the Conference.

We appeal to the pastors and leaders in our churches to see that the small amount of money requested from our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor societies is sent in to our treasurer, Rev. T. C. Mulligan, 26 S. Payson St., Baltimore, Md. We cannot maintain the high standard of our institute course of instruction, or continue to enlarge the scope of our work as needed to train our young people as leaders of our churches in the future without the full financial co-operation of our churches.

LEONARD B. SMITH, President

REPORT K

MORAL REFORM AND SOCIAL SERVICE

(See Journal, page 33)

We express our gratitude for laws the aim and effect of which are the improvement of morals. We call upon our people to be careful in the observance of all law, and to be as zealous for the preservation of good laws as they were of their enactment. We commend all officers of the government who are making an earnest effort to render effective these laws and declare to them our support therein.

It is our conviction that a vigorous campaign of education in the principles underlying these laws should be undertaken, and that it should apply especially to the prohibition laws. Before the passage of the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution there were years of instruction of both young and old in the facts of the nature and effects of alcohol. This form of education should be revived. We, therefore recommend that all our ministers prepare themselves with these facts and in the most effective way possible give them to their people. We have heard with pleasure the announcement by the Anti-Saloon League that it is engaging in such an educational enterprise. This, in our judgement is the place of emphasis.

We recommend that a message be sent to the United States Senate Committee which is just now investigating the prohibition situation, urging that the Volstead law be not liberalized but that as a result of its hearing methods for its proper enforcements may be reported to the Senate.

We call attention to the beauty and the sanctity of marriage. It is "not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God." We, therefore, record our disapproval of hasty marriage, and the commercialization of this sacred ordinance, and urge the passage of such law or laws by the State of Maryland as will prevent these evils.

The blessing of the Christian Sabbath is realized as the day is kept one of rest and communion with the Highest. Tendencies to secularize it and to make it a day of dissipation are prevalent but they may not be yielded to without serious results. We call upon the Church, its best friend, to reveal its blessings and to commend the Lord's Day Alliance for its efforts looking to this end.

That this Conference emphasize the importance of legislation to enforce the Volstead Act, and urge upon our ministers and laymen to do their best to have such a law passed at the next State Legislature.

We urge that the Volstead Law be amended so as to make illegal the home manufacture of wines or cider containing more than one half of one per cent of alcohol by volume.

WM. H. LITSINGER,
GEO. HINES,
E. T. READ,
WM. A. WHEATLEY,
W. O. SHOCKLEY,
R. P. SMITH.

REPORT L

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

(See Journal, pages 34, 35)

Your Committee reports that the papers referred to it are the Report of the Deaconess Board and the Report of the Special Committee on Deaconess Work.

In reference to the report of the Board of Managers we commend them for their wise and economical management and rejoice in the fact that the Home is now free from debt.

In conformity with recommendations 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 interest 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, and that the said effort to recruit the Deaconess ranks be headed by the President of this Conference, with power to appoint such help as he may deem wise.

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.

We report that the terms of Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D. D., G. E. Brown, Messrs. J. H. Roberts, E. J. Paige and Mrs. E. B. Fenby, expire with this Conference, and their successors are to be elected.

Concerning the report of the Special Committee on Deaconess Work we feel that their report has been sufficiently considered and acted upon by this Conference, that we as a Committee deem it unnecessary to make any comment upon it.

Your Committee would again call attention to the excellent work of the Maryland Tract 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.

CLAYBORNE PHILLIPS,
G. H. STOCKSDALE,
J. EARL CUMMINGS,
DANIEL MURDOCK
F. G. REINICKER,
C. F. ARGALBRIGHT.

REPORT OF THE DEACONESS BOARD

To the Members of The Maryland Conference.

Your Board of Deaconess Work wishes to make the following report. The board has held its meetings monthly and regularly, and with one exception has not failed to have more than a quorum present for the transaction of business.

We feel happy in being able to report to you this year that the board is out of debt, i. e., when the treasurer of the conference shall have turned over to the treasurer of the board the full amount of this year's assessment we will be able to pay off the last \$500.00 of the mortgaged indebtedness against the home and all current expenses are paid up to date. This gives us a splendidly equipped home for our deaconesses which is easily worth \$9,000.00. And no small amount of credit for this situation is due to our very efficient, painstaking and sacrificing treasurer, Rev. W. A. Melvin, and to Miss Lillian Demoss for her economical management of the home.

It is true that we cannot report to you any increase in the number of deaconesses over last year, but we are happy to report that for the first time in many years we do not have to report any decrease. There have been no deaths, resignations or other inroads made upon the rank and file of our very splendid corps of deaconesses. We have four, the same number as reported last year. One of these has not been well during the year, but the other three have been constantly employed and the board could have well used more if we had only had them. With

your board there is absolutely no question of the need of the deaconess work as there is no question in this conference of the need of the ministry. The only question is how can we in this materialistic age get the womanhood of the church to heed the call of the Spirit of this great work? When there is a shortage of ministers in this conference and pulpits are going unsupplied, we have become concerned about the situation, we have made it a matter of prayer and God has sent reapers for the harvest. The fact that we have suffered no reverses nor decreases during the year seems to us to be significant; significant of the fact that we have reached rock bottom. Shall we not begin from here with splendidly equipped home free of all encumbrance, to go here with such a splendid corps of deaconesses as a nucleus and such a splendidly equipped home free of all encumbrance, to go on to the realization and achievement of the ideals in deaconess work as held by that pioneer in the work, Dr. F. T. Tagg, and others who were associated with him.

The terms of Revs. G. W. Haddaway, D. D., G. E. Brown, Messrs. J. H. Roberts, E. J. Paige, and Mrs. E. B. Fenby, expire with this Conference, and their successors are to be elected.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It seems to us that we can do no better than repeat the first recommendation of last year's report, viz., 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 Work with strong hands.

2. We recommend that the present assessment of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) be continued for another year. The treasurer's report is herewith attached.

G. W. HADDAWAY, President.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DEACONESS BOARD

RECEIPTS

Balance in April, 1925.....	\$ 146.07
Received from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer of Conference.....	937.95
Deaconess Service during year.....	125.00
From donations, loans, etc.....	1,656.19
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	\$2,864.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Board.....	\$ 872.00
Paid for Salaries.....	720.00

Coal, Gas, Electricity, Telephone, etc.....	986.60
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	\$2,578.60
In Treasury	\$ 285.61
	W. A. MELVIN, Treasurer.
Notes with interest outstanding C. P. N.....	\$ 250.00
Baker, Watts & Co.....	500.00
Mortgage	500.00
Brother Roberts	250.00
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	\$1,500.00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DEACONESS WORK

(See Journal, pages 28, 33)

Your committee to study the Deaconess work approached its duties with the aim in view of suggesting a means by which it might succeed. We have persistently maintained this objective. Being asked to report again after another twelve months' consideration we are under the necessity of reaffirming our report of a year ago. We are able to see no future for this work except possibly along the lines recommended in that report. We cannot guarantee that qualified young women in the required number will come into the work under the conditions suggested but it is manifest they will not under the present conditions.

We are not to be understood as criticizing those in charge of the work now or those who have directed it previously, but on the contrary. They have given a great deal of time and effort to the fulfillment of their duties which were new to us as a church, and they had to feel their way. We believe the time has come now for some radical steps one way or the other.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. H. LITSINGER,
JAS. H. STRAUGHN,
W. H. HODGES,
GEORGE W. DEXTER, JR.,
WALTER G. MONROE.

REPORT M COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

(See Journal, pages 25, 28, 37)

The personal report of each minister has been examined and passed. According to these reports we find that eleven pastors have given a negative reply to the following question: "Is your Board of Trustees incorporated?" We also find that thirty-four (34) charges did not elect a lady visitor to our Home for the Aged.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend the loan of Rev. T. R. Woodford, D. D., 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 Rev. W. P. Roberts be loaned to the Board of Home Missions.
7. We recommend that Rev. W. M. Snyder be loaned to the Board Home Missions.
8. We recommend that Rev. J. H. Straughn, D. D. be loaned to the President of the General Conference to serve as Group Leader, an appointment provided for by the General Conference at its session in 1924.
9. We recommend that the name of Rev. R. W. Sutcliffe be dropped from the Conference Roll.

Through us the Conference hereby expresses 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 during the session of this Conference.

Also its thanks to the Baltimore Press, the Philadelphia Press, and the Wilmington Press for granting us such liberal space in their columns, in reporting the activities of the Conference.

Also its thanks to the Victor Adding Machine for the loan of machines, the Wilmington Furniture Company for the use of tables, and to Mr. Julian Phillips, Vice-President of Goldey College for the use of typewriters.

We report that 44 charges and 7 churches are on the Honor Roll having paid 100 per cent or more of the entire budget. They are as follows: Alnutt Memorial, Bethesda, Brooklyn, East Baltimore, Edmondson Avenue, Eutaw, Grace, Lauraville, Linthicum Heights, Marley, North Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, Violetville, West Baltimore, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Chestertown, Deer Park, Denton, Dorchester, First Church of Newark, Greensbush and Tasley, Harmony, W. Va.; Hurlock, Kent Island, Laurel, Del.; Lynchburg, Va.; New Church, Va.; Taylor Memorial, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Salisbury, Sharptown, Snow Hill, St. James, Susquehanna, Union Bridge, North Carolina Avenue, Mt. Olivet, Rhode Island Avenue, Westminster, Peninsula Church; and Churches—Fairview Church, Cumberland, Quinton Church, Union Church, Stewartstown Church on Stewartstown Charge, Brookeville Church on Howard Charge, Providence and Hebron Churches on Union Charge, Fawn Grove Church on Fawn Grove Charge.

The attention of the Conference is called to the fact that the following charges have not paid in full the Maryland Conference Assess-

ments, and that the last two named have not paid anything on said assessments: They are—Concord, Pa.; Marinere, Mapleside and Fairview, Melvin Chapel, Dagsboro, Federalsburg, Franklin City, Harmony. Md.; Lewistown, Lisbon, Middleway, W. Va.; Northumberland, Va.; Oak Grove, Va.; Patapsco, Tioga Heights, Prince George, Va.; Quantico, Rowlandsville, Smyrna, Snow Hill Circuit, Stewartstown, Pa.; Warwick, Wesley Chapel of Kent, Whaleyville, Weigands Chapel, Bedford, Pa.; First Church, Washington.

It is very evident to the Committee that somebody is at fault. The Maryland Conference cannot do its work unless these assessments are paid. The assessments will not be paid unless someone in charge of appointments attends to them, which is primarily the duty of the minister, but is after all an obligation and responsibility resting on the entire membership of the charges, of whom the minister is the head.

J. M. GILL,
G. E. BROWN,
J. W. BAXLEY,
F. W. WHITAKER,
VALLEY HAWKINS.

REPORT N

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

(See Journal, page 26)

Your Committee on Missions having carefully considered the reports of the various Boards and Organizations submitted to it—the reports of the Secretary of the Board, Rev. F. C. Klein, D. D., the W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S.,—takes great pleasure in calling attention to the splendid work being done by the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration in both the Foreign and Home fields.

The Church may well congratulate itself on the work being done in the various mission fields by our faithful, self-sacrificing missionaries, who are giving the best of their lives that the banner of King Emmanuel may be unfurled in those far away lands of wonderful possibilities.

We have read with keen interest the report of "The Progress of the Work," as given in the splendid, carefully prepared "Children's Day" program for 1926, which record we wish to embody here as a part of our report to this Conference.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK

JAPAN. The Union Board has 13 missionaries, 30 Japanese ministers and preachers, several Bible women, 5 theological students, and a good corps of teachers in Japan, and excellent results are being secured.

There are 2,215 church members, 250 probationers, and 245 enquirers, and 3,310 Sunday School scholars enrolled.

The Tokyo Blind School has 31 enrolled, 8 being enquirers.

The Yokohama Primary School building was completed last year,

and has 120 girls enrolled. The Girls' High School has 306 enrolled—7 were baptized last quarter. The six kindergarten schools are flourishing.

The Nagoya College has 1,149 enrolled—16 students baptized last quarter.

CHINA. Four missionaries, two of whom delayed their furlough last year, 1 Chinese minister and 23 unordained workers, and 1 Bible woman form the working force in China.

54 men, 19 women, and 23 children were baptized. Six Sunday Schools have 259 enrolled.

The Kalgan Girls' School, and one or two out-station schools, and the Kalgan Boys' School, and 7 others, including a night school, are being conducted, despite the unsettled and menacing conditions caused by civil war, etc. A Y. M. C. A. connected with the Kalgan Boy's School contributed \$100 for a library and reading room.

Dr. R. Fleagle has conducted her medical work continuously and successfully. The wife of Marshall Feng, the Christian general, was her patient, and enhanced her prestige.

A trained male Chinese doctor, a qualified nurse and 3 helpers have worked in three dispensaries.

INDIA. There are 8 missionaries, 2 Indian ministers, 8 preachers, 7 Bible women and 9 theological students in our India Mission.

The Girls' School has 74 on roll, and 3 in training college, 2 in High School, and 1 kindergarten training school.

The Boy's School has government recognition, and has 79 enrolled, besides several in higher grade schools being trained for the ministry, teachers, etc.

The medical work has been effectively handled by Miss Perley, registered nurse. There were 60 cases of grippe, besides other ailments. A lady doctor is the crying need, as hospital is finished and largely furnished.

The evangelistic tour of our district was made from November 4 to December 12, and 103 villages were reached, and 7,537 heard the Gospel.

Travel was by ox cart at 2¼ miles an hour. 100 hours of time for preaching to the heathen would have been saved by a cart and two ponies, and much more time if the Mission had a Ford car.

The crops at the farm, or settlement, where a number of our Indian people are being trained to self-support, were fair, and about 200 fruit trees were planted, and doing well.

This exhibition can but hearten the church to renewed effort for the furtherance of the Master's cause in those lands which today present to the church that opportunity that can but emphasize the church's obligation and responsibility in hastening the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is the opinion of your committee that the Conference, as such, should emphasize in no uncertain tones the pastor's responsibility in fostering and encouraging their charges to put forth every effort in the

observance of the Children's Day program and to secure as large an offering as possible for the cause of Foreign Missions.

The reports that have come to the Committee on the work being done by the various Home Missionary agencies are of an intensely interesting and encouraging nature.

It is with great appreciation and pleasure that we look upon the larger call that has come to our beloved Dr. Sheridan, and the self-sacrificing manner in which he has addressed himself to the greater work of Home Missions, as Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

While congratulating the ladies of the Home Missionary Society in their efforts to establish a Girl's Home in Baltimore, Md., we can but reiterate the conviction of your Committee of a year ago, namely "Believing that the time is inopportune of bringing this most praiseworthy enterprise of a Girl's Home in Baltimore to a successful conclusion, your Committee with regret is compelled to withhold its endorsement of the proposed Home."

We feel that we cannot speak too strongly against the practice growing in some quarters of holding back the Children's Day funds until a "convenient season," and we recommend that this Conference demand that these funds be remitted to the Conference Treasurer within thirty days after the observance of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman,
S. F. CASSEN,
M. E. HUNGERFORD,
T. W. DONOHO,
W. D. LEVERTON.

MARYLAND BRANCH
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

April 5th, 1926.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:

We give God the praise for His continued care and protection to our workers on the Foreign Field. Their lives have been precious in His sight, particularly in China amid the unrest and danger due to war His protection has been round about them continually.

JAPAN. Our own Maryland Branch Missionary Paul Warner has made commendable progress in the language. In June he will have finished 2 years course in 1½ years. In addition to his language work he is teaching 2 classes in English Bible at Y. M. C. A., one composed of Japanese and one of Chinese Students, besides preaching whenever invited to do so.

CHINA. Miss Maude Lawson, of our Newark Church, was married to Rev. Carl Soderbom in September. Both are workers in our Kalgan Mission.

INDIA. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cassen are well and happy in their work at Dhulia, India. They are now at the Language School in the

Hills. Let us not forget these "our very own" at the Throne of Grace.

Maryland Branch has had another successful year. Progress along all lines. Increased interest in Educational Methods has brought large results. Our Educational Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, is willing to help in any way by visiting any church on request.

Our official organ The Missionary Record is worthy of a larger subscription list. Only 386 taken in Maryland, when we ought to have 1,000.

Tithing and Intercessory prayer is being stressed at all our meetings, with the hope that in the near future it will be an established fact.

STATISTICS

Japan—4 Scholarships	\$75	\$300	
1 Scholarship, Union College...		125	
5 Native Workers.....	120	600	
1 Native Worker.....	132	132	
1 Native Worker.....		180	
1 Scholarship High School Teacher		240	
1 Scholarship High School Teacher		300	\$1,877.00
China—8 Scholarships.....	50	400	
1 Native Worker.....	150	150	550.00
India—25 Scholarships	35	875	
1 Training School		100	
1 Native Worker.....		75	1,050.00
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Total			\$3,477.00

We have 62 Auxiliaries and 2,518 members.

Young People's Work—17 Precious Jewel Societies. 5 Sunshine Circles.

1 Mission Band. 4 Young Women's Societies. Money raised \$297.30.

Total receipts for the year, \$10,028.05.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. F. WARNER, Pres.

MRS. H. M. Leas, Cor. Sec.

MARYLAND BRANCH WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Maryland Branch Woman's Home Missionary Society sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, in session in Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Delaware, and submits its annual report.

The ever increasing foreign population in our country—the thousands, who, for generations have been living in our mountains without the knowledge of Jesus Christ—those who are so widely separated in rural sections that churches are almost unknown—the over-crowded conditions in our cities—the great number who so openly and boastfully break our laws—as well as the astounding number of merely heedless and indifferent people living in our land today, should place more heavily on the heart of every God-loving man and woman the great need of Missions at home.

The women of the Maryland Branch have responded nobly to the call to service. To every phase of the work they have given their best,

and God has blessed their efforts. Six new auxiliaries have been organized. Old ones have been reorganized and stimulated to better service. A missionary church is a successful church. It is the earnest prayer of this body that every church in Maryland be awakened to an effort to help save America for Christ.

Miss Mabelle Shaffer, the board organizer, while a student at the Theological Seminary at Westminster, has done most efficient work in Maryland. The organization of the new auxiliaries has been due to her efforts.

There are in the Maryland Branch 62 adult auxiliaries and 18 young people's societies. The increase in members this year is 200, making an approximate total of 2,000. The receipts were \$6,376.07.

The National Board W. H. M. S. has become, during the year, affiliated with the Council of Women for Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JESSE A. LINTHICUM,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT O

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED

(See Journal, page 35)

Your committee found real pleasure in considering the contents of the papers referred to it this year.

There has been a very noticeable increase along all lines. The number of visitors, the number and value of gifts, the number of people and churches sending gifts, and the group visitations by C. E. Societies, Sunday School Classes and other organizations has been greater than ever before. We take pleasure in again calling attention to the fact that the number of visitors and donors includes friends who are not Methodist Protestants and that their number seems to increase.

The Home Visitation Day during Summer Conference surpassed any before reported in every way and resulted in a general increase in value and number of gifts and givers, and many who were not able to be present sent gifts. This indicates an interest that lasts.

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

We regret that the Board of Managers was again compelled to close the year with a slight deficit. It is only by the most efficient management that this deficit is not greater and call attention to the statement made by the Board of Managers that it has evolved a plan by which the debt now standing may be gradually paid. If the whole assessment could be gotten each year, it, with the income from the invested fund, would make it possible to close the books each year without a deficit.

We are glad to call attention to the fact that the invested fund now amounts to \$36,382.00.

Your committee feels that some expression of appreciation should go from this conference to the Board of Managers and the Board of Lady Superintendents, for the splendid service they are giving to this work.

We recommend that the assessment for the Home for the ensuing year be \$6,000.00.

We urge all Methodist Protestants visiting near enough to reach the Home make it a point to visit there and that churches near enough plan visitations to it at least once a year if possible.

(Signed)

J. L. NICHOLS,
G. E. McDORMAN,
C. K. McCASLIN,
W. G. MONROE,
W. H. C. STOCKSDALE,

March 26, 1926.

To the Maryland Annual Conference
Methodist Protestant Church.

In submitting our report for the Home for the Aged for the year ending March 15, 1926, we respectfully call your attention to the expiration of the terms of the following members of the Board of Managers with this conference of 1926, namely Dr. L. F. Warner, Dr. J. H. Straughn, Dr. E. B. Fenby and Mr. O. S. Herr.

We request that the annual appropriation of \$6,000 be continued.

We call attention to the fact that our receipts this year were again insufficient to meet our expenditures, and appeal to the generosity of our constituency to help us in clearing up this deficit.

The financial situation is fully set forth in the report of the treasurer and the details of administration in the report of the secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MATHER,
President Board of Managers.

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, 1926.

The Board wishes to report that all available rooms in the Home are occupied at the present time. We have under our care twenty ladies and three men, which is the capacity of the present building.

Miss Kate Murray, our faithful and remarkable matron, is untiring in her efforts to serve wholesome meals and make the guests comfortable in every way. She has not been very well lately, and we have been not a little disturbed about her condition. She has a splendid cook and assistant, and the ladies who are able, help her with the work whenever it is possible.

Our nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth Stahl, resigned last October and there being no one available at that time to take her place, the Board decided to ask three of the ladies, who are able physically, to share the task of nursing the sick. This they consented to do, and we are pleased to say that these ladies, Mrs. Lockard, Miss Marley and Miss Vial, have been taking care of the sick willingly and to the entire satisfaction of the guests and the Board. They take turns, each one nursing a week at a time, and the salary formerly paid Mrs. Stahl is divided equally among the three.

In a family of this size, especially of elderly people, it is to be expected that there should be sickness; but there has been no unusual amount of illness during the past year. Mrs. Potter continues to be a great sufferer, but is unusually bright and uncomplaining. Mrs. McDowell is confined to her room on account of heart trouble; also Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Chaney at times. Mr. Wright suffered a slight stroke last week, but is able to be up and around the house again. Several others have had slight illness this winter, but all are in fairly good health, with the exception of colds.

The Home physician, Dr. L. K. Woodward, is kind and attentive to all, and we feel that their good health is due to his ever watchful care. We wish to express our appreciation of his generosity in donating one half of his bill for services rendered.

November 13, 1925, Mrs. Mary L. Duhurst passed away, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. She was a member of the Home family for twenty-one years; and until a few years ago, had been in wonderful health. However, the past two years had been ones of great suffering for her, and death came as a blessed relief.

There applicants have been admitted: Mr. Elias Ogg, of Deer Park Church; Mrs. Mary Sherwood, of Chestertown; and Mrs. M. Anna Dale, of Pocomoke City.

The annual Donation and Visitor's day was held July 29, during the Summer Conference at Western Maryland College. A luncheon and reception were held at the Home; and the occasion was a great success in every way, especially in attendance. Many people visited the Home who had never seen nor heard of it before; and from the wonderful donations received this year, we feel sure that the visitors went home and told their Church people and friends all about this splendid work our Church is doing for its old people. There were more lady visitors present than on any other Visitor's Day. They brought gifts of every kind, and also their friends. Many who could not attend sent cheering letters, inclosing checks from five to twenty-five dollars. My! How I wish we had a real, live Lady Visitor in every church in the Conference. If you have been following up the lists of donations in The Protestant, you know which Churches have the right Lady Visitor.

Interest in our Old Folks has been increasing all the time. Sunshine Circles, Clubs, Sunday School Classes, College girls, and many individuals visited the Home almost weekly and scattered "sunshine" in the way of songs, plays, music, recitations, illustrated lectures,

etc. The Seminarrians held services weekly, which all enjoyed and appreciated, especially those who were unable to attend Church. Our new piano, purchased with the generous gifts of friends of the Home, adds greatly to the success of these entertainments.

Christmas was a happy time for all, including the Ladies Board, who planned the treat and trimmed the tree. So many things were donated, including the tree and the huge turkey, that we no longer doubt that there is a Santa Claus—the spirit of Christmas.

As to repairs and improvements: We have had to have some painting and papering done, new floor coverings, a new mattress, etc; but there remains great room for improvement along this line. The living-room has been renovated; and at housecleaning time this Spring, we plan to make the same improvement in the sitting-room. We will soon make an appeal for funds for this purpose, and feel confident our friends will respond as they always do, when the need is explained.

The donations were numerous and suitable to the needs of the Home. Fifty-five Churches, many organizations, and individuals sent donations. Many Churches sent three and four times during the year: that is, the Sunday School, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Ladies Aid, and other organizations of the Church sent separate donations, which are credited to the Church. The following Churches sent donations:—Hawley Memorial, Milton, Newark, Christ, Baltimore, Mt. Zion, Mt. Gilead, Harmony Grove, Brandenburg, Zion, Harrington, Mt. Hermon, Sharptown; Lisbon, Providence, Dover, Liberty, Delta, Lynch, Finksburg, Bayview of Cecil, Stewartstown, Christ, Chestertown; Grace, Baltimore; Harper's Ferry, Phoenix, Marion Station, New Church, Va.; Uniontown, Linthicum Heights, Deer Park, Laurel, St. James, Worton; St. John's, Wattsville, Norrisville, Union, Starr, Mt. Vernon, Pocomoke, Denton, Mt. Lebanon, West Baltimore, Seaford, Eutaw, Harmony, W. Va.; Greenwood, North Carolina Avenue, Salem, Md.; Luray, Mo.; Cumberland, Central, West Baltimore; Peninsula, Brookville, Lauraville, Fidelity Bible Class of Westminster Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday School of Western Maryland College, Maryland Branch Women's Home Missionary Society.

We endeavored to acknowledge all donations promptly, but at times the barrels and boxes came piling in on us so fast that there was some delay in sending our "thank you" notes. We urge all our friends to address their donations as follows: "To the Home for the Aged of the Methodist Protestant Church, Westminster, Md." Write plainly in upper left hand corner name of shipper; from what Church or organization and on what Charge.

Following is a brief report of all moneys received by the Board of Lady Superintendents and expenditures of same:

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, March 1, 1925.....	\$273.48
Cash donations.....	\$371.00
Net receipts on Visitor's Day.....	193.28

Refund on freight.....	8.57	
Contribution Box.....	8.34	
Miscellaneous	8.83	590.02
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Total		\$863.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Chickens	\$ 19.21	
Flowers	9.50	
Christmas treat.....	21.45	
Freight and hauling.....	17.22	
Radio	25.30	
Memorial and markers.....	200.00	
Papering and shades.....	22.65	
Printing Cards for Visitr's Day.....	12.50	
To Men's Board for supplies.....	32.28	
Piano	350.00	
Curtains	14.00	
Miscellaneous	11.38	735.49
Balance in bank March 1, 1926.....		\$128.01

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, President,
 MRS. CLARA S. BILLINGSLEA, Vice President,
 MRS. W. R. McDANIEL, Cor. Secretary,
 MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH, Rec. Sec'ty, and Treas.,
 MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER,
 MRS. J. PEARRE WANTZ.

Maryland Annual Conference,
 of Methodist Protestant Church,
 Wilmington, Del.

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, 1926, as follows.

Balance on hand at close of business March 15, 1925.....	\$ 30.15
Amount received from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer.....	5,119.92
Amount received from Lady Board of Managers.....	46.15
Amount received from Friends and Churches in District.....	316.10
Amount accrued interest from invested fund.....	1,839.39
Amount borrowed to take care of bills to date on account of shortage paid to us on appropriation. Amount appropriated \$6000.00. Amount paid \$5119.92. Shortage \$880.09	755.66
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	\$8,107.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Amount paid for supplies for table use.....	\$3,650.79
Amount paid for help and labor.....	1,808.97
Amount paid for general running expenses.....	1,798.35
Amount paid for upkeep, supplies, repairs and interest on loans	937.26
	\$8,107.37

I also beg to report that we have an invested fund in hand amounting to \$36,382.72, appraised value, which amount represents bequests from the Estates of friends of the Home, and other gifts as an endowment fund to be held for that purpose, and these securities have been appraised by an auditing committee appointed by the President and a copy of their report is herewith 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 at Westminster, Maryland, beg to report that we have performed that duty to the best of our ability and find his accounts correct in every particular and supported by the proper vouchers. We also counted and appraised the securities belonging to the Home which are in his hands and found them correct and intact as reported.

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

REPORT P COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

(See Journal, page 36)

The Committee on Audit met at New Church, Virginia, 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 \$1,855.58, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$881.32 making a balance of \$974.26.

Committee on Audit:

E. C. GRAHAM,
MORNAY G. DAVIS,
GUY E. LEISTER.

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Society, the Secretary of the Maryland

Annual Conference, and the Treasurer of the President's Parsonage, and find their accounts correct in every detail.

E. C. GRAHAM,
G. E. LEISTER.

REPORT Q
THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 21)

The Program Committee met in the Book Room, January 14. The Committee outlined its work leaving the details to G. I. Humphreys, who completed the work and saw the program through the press. The change in form has been made in the interest of economy and to provide a size that will conveniently slip in a copy of the Conference Minutes for preservation.

It has been very difficult to allot the limited time of the Conference session to the various interests, all of an importance that would justify discussion in length, but your Committee has done the best it could in the light of all the work of the church and has tried to act with fairness toward all interests.

We recommend the adoption of the program.

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

REPORT R
THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL AND
ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

(See Journal, page 23)

The managers of the society respectfully submit their report for the Conference year ending April 1st, 1926. There have been no changes in the personal of the management during the year, except that the vacancy occasioned by the death of our lamented Treasurer, Mr. T. W. Mather was filled by the election of his son Mr. George K. Mather, of Westminster, Md., as a manager and Treasurer of the Board.

The income of the Henrietta Gibson Fund has been used in the education of young men for our ministry in the Theological Seminary at Westminster, Md., in accordance with the terms and requirements of the Fund.

Two hundred dollars placed at our disposal by the Trustees of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate were used in the same way at the same Seminary.

F. T. LITTLE, President.
J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

REPORT S THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 27)

The fourteenth annual session of the Summer Conference was held the latter part of July and the first of August. The fellowship was fine and the program inspiring. A series of addresses by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., so impressed those who heard them that a committee was appointed to have them printed. The result is a book published by the George H. Doran Company, "The Minister and His Own Soul." Members of this Conference and the North Carolina Conference and our Book Concern are making it possible to finance the enterprise by subscribing for copies of the book. It is a definite contribution not only to the literature of our Church but to the literature of the Kingdom.

We have the promise of a very strong program next summer. It has been arranged to cover somewhat as a unit, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Monday evening and Saturday and Sunday included but affording time for more leisure. Beside our own men who will participate we are to have two leading Bible students and teachers each to give a series of addresses, and an exponent of a sane, effective, lay visitation evangelism will be present and address the Conference. Also our own Dr. Woodford will come with his story of Pine Ridge.

We respectfully ask a continuance of the appropriation of \$200 to this important enterprise, and express the wish that all our brethren might be present next summer.

WM H. LITSINGER, President,
J. LEAS GREEN, Secretary.

REPORT T

(See Journal, page 36)

Dear Brethren:

The Special Committee of the \$100,000 Superannuate Fund reports that the figures of the Treasurer of the Conference shows that approximately \$64,000 has been paid to date.

This leaves a balance of \$36,000 pledged. Pastors' preliminary reports show that about \$8,000 is deemed uncollectible. Even granting this to be a correct estimate of the shrinkage there is left about \$28,000 yet to be secured out of collectible pledges.

The committee has kept this matter before pastors. It is now time for the conference to say with a definiteness what shall be done about this balance.

The committee places the matter squarely before the conference for action and requests that you give your instructions in the premises.

Submitted, G. I. HUMPHREYS,

President of the Conference.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,
G. W. HADDAWAY,

C. P. NOWLIN,
J. P. DODGE,
T. A. MURRAY.

REPORT U COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

(See Journal, page 31)

Your Committee has endeavored to care for its work during the past year, as outlined by the Conference. We beg, therefore, to make the following report of the work done. With our assistance tent meetings were conducted at the following places,—New Church, Franklin City, Carroll Circuit, Susquehanna, Trinity (Baltimore), Girdletree, Lisbon. The following revivals have been held with the co-operation of the Committee,—Moore's Chapel on Leeds Charge, Leeds, two at Wesley Chapel, Wilton Heights, Harper's Ferry, Northumberland, Harbeson, Vienna and Cambridge Circuit. In all twenty-four men responded to the call of the committee to go forth as evangelists. There has been a fine spirit of co-operation, and the committee endeavored to show all consideration to those who, when called to go forth, found it impossible to do so. These meetings resulted in 157 conversions, 4 reclamations, while 100 joined church as a direct result of the meeting.

The small number of conversions noticed in our report is to be regretted. In reply to a questionnaire sent out by the committee three replied that their meetings were not such as to be characterized as a success. This also has given the committee deep concern. We are, however, in no way discouraged as to the work of the gospel. We beg to call to the attention of the Conference the Personal Evangelistic Campaign conducted in February of this year by the Federation of Churches in Baltimore. The results of that effort were astounding. We commend it as in keeping with the method of Jesus. While certain methods of evangelism may fail, the gospel can never fail. We recommend therefore that the Conference give due consideration to this highly important matter, and that, if it sees fit, to authorize the committee on evangelism to conduct a personal evangelism campaign throughout the conference area. We recommend the month of February for this campaign except where local conditions make another date more advisable.

Your committee likewise feels that a great opportunity is being missed in failing to win the children of the Sunday School to become children of the Church. Much harm can be done in a wholesale gathering of the children into the church, while, on the other hand, we must not overlook our responsibility in bringing the children into the church. In order to create impetus throughout the district, we recommend that the conference urge every charge to set aside a Sunday during their evangelistic services to be known as Decision Day, and that the committee be empowered to prepare and distribute helps toward the effectual consummation of such a day.

We believe that the charge hitherto set for the committee on evangelism should be replaced by the following: A charge of twenty-five dollars for two weeks shall be made for use of tent; a charge

of five dollars shall be made to all churches conducting revivals under direction of the committee.

We wish to thank all those who have co-operated with the committee. This committee is but the evangelistic voice of the Conference, and wishes to testify that all its efforts have been the result of an impartial interest.

J. L. WARD, Chairman,
FRED G. HOLLOWAY, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Evangelism Campaign Committee of
Maryland Conference of M. P. Church

RECEIPTS

1925			
April	1—Balance on hand.....	\$	31.85
June	16—C. P. Nowlin-Maryland Annual Conference		288.41
"	30—E. C. Graham.....		15.00
Aug.	1—F. G. Holloway, Carroll Circuit.....		15.00
Sept.	—J. L. Ward, Franklin City.....		15.00
"	—E. L. Bunce, Pocomoke City.....		15.00
Nov.	8—F. G. Holloway, Susquehanna.....		40.00
Mar.	29—F. G. Holloway, Carroll Circuit.....		10.00
"	30—J. L. Ward, P. M. R. Schauer.....		15.00
1926			
April	1—C. F. Cummins, Vienna.....		15.00
"	7—C. B. Robey, Sale of tent.....		80.00
			<u>\$540.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

1925			
June	19—C. P. Nowlin.....	\$	200.00
"	19—Leane Brothers.....		96.88
"	30—Stockton Press Co.....		4.50
Sept.	11—Central Fire Insurance Co.....		12.00
Nov.	18—Leane Brothers.....		71.05
Mar.	29—F. G. Holloway, Expenses.....		2.00
"	29—W. F. Wright.....		2.00
"	31—Leane Brothers.....		50.00
	Balance		440.43
			<u>\$ 99.83</u>

REPORT V

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 25)

To the Maryland Annual Conference,
Dear Brethren:

Your committee comes to you with a completed task. Acting on the instructions and authority vested in this committee by the

conference, the old headquarters building at 316 N. Charles St. has been disposed of, a large piece of ground at 516 N. Charles St., corner Hamilton, has been purchased and a five story brick and limestone building erected thereon. All of these facts have been amply reported to the 1924 and 1925 annual conference and duly recorded in the conference minutes. During the past year all the unfinished details of construction and of finance have been concluded. All outstanding obligations against the property have been consolidated in a bond issue of \$20,000 secured by a second mortgage, over the signature of the Board of Trustees of the Conference. The present financial condition is set forth in the report of F. Murray Benson, Treasurer, attached.

We now have a first mortgage of \$122,500, formerly reported, (\$2500 having been paid of the original amount) and a second mortgage of \$20,000, due in five years. There are no other obligations. We have cash in hand and bills receivable of \$5,102.72.

The problem now remaining is one of proper management of the building. Our present rentals will more than meet all overhead expenses on the building and with the occupancy of the present unrented space we have enough with which to meet our payments on principal as they mature.

Your committee feels it has no further reason for continuance and that the time has come for the conference to take full control of the management of the building. To this end we recommend:

1. That the committee be discharged and that the conference turn over the building for management and control to the Board of Trustees of the Conference or to a small board of management, as the conference may deem wise,

2. Believing that a direct superintendency of said building ought to be in the hands of some one person, we further recommend that out of the current income receipts from the building, an amount not to exceed \$50. per month be available for such remuneration, as the judgment of the new management may direct.

Faithfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Chairman,
G. I. HUMPHREYS,
F. T. BENSON,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
L. F. WARNER,
F. MURRAY BENSON, Sec-Treas.,
H. E. GILBERT,
T. W. DONOHO,
W. O. ATWOOD,
J. H. BAKER.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Methodist Protestant Building, March 31, 1926.

RECEIPTS

April 1, 1925, Balance.....	\$ 2,275.49
Rent	16,395.43

Discounts	3.71	
		<u>3.71</u>
Total Receipts.....		\$18,674.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Commissions, on rentals.....	77.40	
Hauling Ashes.....	69.50	
Coal	742.35	
Expenses	529.44	
Janitor Service.....	3,086.04	
Light	709.02	
Insurance	818.23	
Water Rent.....	121.60	
Advertising	67.10	
Interest	7,547.00	
Bills Payable.....	325.00	
Mortgage	862.50	
		<u>14,955.18</u>
Total Disbursements.....		14,955.18
Balance		\$ 3,719.45

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 2,514.79	
Accounts Receivable.....	780.49	
Property (Fixtures).....	349.17	
John Lindsay.....	75.00	
Total Assets.....		\$ 3,719.45

Note: Of the above amount of disbursements \$1,187.50 was turned over to Mr. F. Murray Benson, Treasurer on principal and notes payable. The actual operating expenses including taxes for the year amount to \$18,060.02.

CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent

SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 34)

Your special committee to consider the future management of the Headquarters Building, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, reports:

1. We recommend that the management be placed in the hands of a special Board of Management.
2. That this Board be composed of the President of the Conference, T. W. Donoho and J. H. Baker.
3. That this Board be empowered to employ an agent of their own selection, suggesting the amount of \$50. per month as stated in the report of the Headquarters Committee, or to follow any other method for the management of the Building as their judgment may direct.

Your special committee has considered the various contacts which this Board of Management may have with the holding body, the Board

of Trustees, but believes it will not be difficult to secure a most satisfactory working understanding.

Signed,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,
J. M. GILL,
W. O. ATWOOD.

REPORT W

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

(See Journal, page 32)

We have not solved the way to finance this insurance, but we have recently had a very interesting proposition from a life insurance Company, and we recommend that if the Conference is still interested in this matter we give a representative of the Company making the proposition an opportunity to explain same to this Conference, and that an order of the day be made at this session to give him fifteen or twenty minutes to speak.

W. B. JUDEFIND,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
WM. H. LITSINGER.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

(See Journal, pages 24, 26, 30, 32, 37)

Your committee has carefully considered the propositions concerning "Group Insurance" presented by several Companies and begs to report that in our judgment The Prudential Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J. offers the most satisfactory policy and rates obtainable, the conditions and rates of which are as follows:

1. It will require seventy-five per cent of the active members of this conference to participate in the plan.

2. The Company to issue a master policy to the Maryland Annual Conference covering all persons insured and to each individual a certificate covering the amount of his insurance and stating its conditions and options.

3. The amount of Insurance will be One Thousand Dollars per members payable upon death, or upon evidence of permanent disability prior to the age of sixty as follows:

A. In lump sum six month after evidence of permanent disability has been given, or

B. In monthly installments of Seventeen Dollars and Ninety-five cents (\$17.95).

4. The premium rate based upon the average premium according to the ages of the active members of this conference (148 participating) will be Eighteen Dollars and Thirty-four cents (\$18.34).

An additional premium of Three Dollars (\$3.00) on each policy said sum to be placed in trust subject to the order of The Maryland Annual Conference and to bear compound interest annually. This amount together with accrued dividends to be used if necessary to offset the possible increase of premium occasioned by an increase of the average age.

This additional premium of \$3.00 added to the \$18.34 above will make a total premium rate per thousand of Twenty-one Dollars and Thirty-four cents (\$21.34).

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Maryland Annual Conference accept the proposition of The Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. as outlined above, provided the required number of members can be secured.

2. That the premium be paid as follows:

Ten dollars (\$10.00) by each person insured within thirty days, the balance of Eleven Dollars and Thirty-four cents (\$11.34) be paid by The Maryland Annual Conference.

On the basis of One Hundred and Forty-eight men participating the total amount would be Thirteen Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Twenty-five cents (\$1,333.25).

An amendment was offered to read "that the conference require those who come into the conference beginning with session 1926 participate in this insurance." And further that the whole matter be referred to the President of the Conference and Mr. T. A. Murray to conclude this insurance.

3. We recommend that an additional amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be added to the assessment for Superannuates. The same to be used for the payment of that portion of the premiums assumed by the Maryland Annual Conference.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman,
E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary,
WM. E. CAIN.

REPORT X

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

(See Journal, page 26)

The Committee on Stewardship and Tithing has undertaken throughout the year to keep before the conference the subject of Stewardship. Nothing of a startling nature has been accomplished but we believe that seed has been sown which will ultimately yield a bountiful harvest.

Your committee has tried by personal communications to the pastors,

articles in the "Methodist Protestant" and special emphasis in the churches to stimulate thought and arouse interest in and enthusiasm for recognition of God's claim upon us and all our resources. We believe that a measure of success has been attained. The pastors and churches which are giving the most to this phase of christian life are gaining the largest results for the kingdom at large.

Not all of our pastors have co-operated with your committee. Some have consistently ignored all communications and apparently have taken no interest in the program as outlined. In spite of that we have some gratifying results. There are enrolled in the conference district about 1500 tithers 400 of whose names and addresses we have on file. This list has been secured for use by the committee and is not to be published or to be revealed to any one except by consent of the persons involved.

Your committee has done its best. We believe that only a beginning has been made and that the best days are ahead. A committee should continue this work and if possible greater and more definite emphasis should be given to the subject.

Your committee recommends that a new committee be appointed which shall work in an effort toward a larger emphasis on this vital phase of Christian life.

J. M. GILL, Chairman,

J. LEAS GREEN, Sec.-Treas.

J. A. DUDLEY.

REPORT Y

CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN

(See Journal, page 36)

It is not too much to say that the Conference Library is in better shape than it has ever been due to the splendid and efficient work of the former librarian, Rev. G. A. Ogg. For a detailed report of the number of volumes in the library and the arrangement of the same you are referred to the report of last year found on page 122 of the Conference Minutes.

Certainly this conference library is worthy of the hearty support of the ministers and laymen. There are surely a number of volumes of historical value to the Methodist Protestant Church that are not now in the library but ought to be. The librarian will be pleased to receive books or documents that have historical value to the conference and to the denomination.

J. EARL CUMMINGS.

REPORT Z

(See Journal, page 24)

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE
ARRANGEMENTS

At the Call of the President of the Conference, the Committee on Conference Arrangements met at the Book Rooms in Baltimore. In the matter of Entertainment, the Conference Regulation of one per-cent of Pastor's Salary was made to apply to six days, not including noon-day meal. (Sunday excepted.) For the sake of convenience, it was suggested that the Conference Treasurer pay the whole amount to the local committee of the Peninsula Church, reserving the right of any individual member of Conference who makes his own arrangement to present his claim through said Committee.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, President.

L. F. WARNER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

SYMPATHIZING WITH A. S. BEANE AND ZIBA ADAMS

RESOLVED: That this Conference expresses its sincere sympathy for our brothers A. S. Beane and Ziba Adams, and ardently hopes and prays that God in His infinite love and wisdom may grant them a speedy recovery. And be it further resolved that the Secretary of the Conference is hereby requested to communicate with them.

J. McLAIN BROWN,
W. A. MELVIN.

No. 1—GREETINGS TO W. M. STRAYER

(See Journal, page 23)

RESOLVED: That a committee of two be appointed by the President of the Conference to bear the greetings of the Conference in person to Rev. W. M. Strayer, so long an honored member of this body and who is held in affectionate esteem by all Methodist Protestants everywhere.

A. N. WARD.

No. 2—PRINTING CONFERENCE SERMON

(See Journal, page 23)

RESOLVED: That C. R. Strausburg submit his sermon to the Secretary of the Conference to be published in the Minutes.

G. A. MORRIS,
G. E. BROWN.

No. 3—ON SUPERANNUATION

(See Journal, page 27)

RESOLVED: That after any ministerial member of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall have served in active relation for forty years in the bounds of the said Conference, or shall have reached the age of sixty-five years, he shall have the privilege of Superannuation without a vote of the said Conference should he so desire; and receive his pro-rata share of the income from the invested fund, as his equity or pension for services.

Should a member of the said Conference seek more than his equity, then the Conference shall vote on this specific case, both as to retirement and assistance from the Conference Assessments or collections received from the churches for the support of needy Ministers of the Gospel.

All cases for Superannuation and financial help shall be decided

by the vote of the Conference except those who have reached the age or service limit, as indicated in the first part of this resolution.

Signed:

L. B. SMITH,
GEO. E. BROWN,
J. A. DUDLEY,
R. Y. NICHOLSON.

(This resolution was offered to the Committee on Superannuates and is incorporated in their report. It is printed here for reference.)

No. 5—LISTING SPECIAL DAYS

(See Journal, page 37)

RESOLVED: That the Secretary be instructed to compile a chronological list of the Special Days and Seasons provided for in the Conference Program and that this list be published in a prominent place in the Conference minutes.

J. N. Link.
J. A. DUDLEY.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Church Extension Society convened on Monday, April 12th, with F. T. Little, presiding.

Report of the Board of Managers read and adopted, the Board of Survey having already considered its contents.

Report of the Peninsula Church Extension Society together with financial statement having been before the Board of Survey, was adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President—J. F. Wooden.

First Vice-President—G. E. Brown.

Second Vice-President—J. L. Nichols.

Secretary—C. R. Strausburg.

Treasurer—T. Raymond Matthews.

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.
April 12, 1926.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society submits the following brief summary of its principal activities during the Conference year:

BETHESDA CHURCH.—The progress of this charge has been so satisfactory that at its request, the property has been deeded by this Society to the local church which has assumed all indebtedness. Everything points to the success of the enterprise and the establishing of a strong church.

DELMONT.—The note reported to the last Conference as having been endorsed for this charge, has been reduced to \$600.00 and further curtailments are promised at each maturity.

MARLEY AND ARUNDEL COVE.—The need of a parsonage was so acute that these two churches combined their resources and with the help of the Society's endorsement, a comfortable home for the pastor has been built at a cost of about \$5,000.00. They are reducing the amount of indebtedness at each maturity of the obligation, but it will be necessary for the Society to continue its financial backing for the present.

GRACELAND PARK.—The indebtedness on this church has been

re-financed by a building association loan and it is being paid off in weekly payments.

TRINITY.—The gratifying progress reported last year has continued and a new Sunday School building has been erected at a cost of approximately \$31,000. This was financed by the local church with the help of this Society, which guaranteed the payment of the first \$5,000.00 of the mortgage loan, the Board to be relieved of this obligation when the building is completed. The Bonding Committee is now ready to do this.

CALVARY, Washington.—We hold title to this property, but our relations are supervisory only. They have started to accumulate a building fund, now amounting to about \$800.00, and when the amount in hand will justify it, they will proceed with the erection of a church building.

TIOGA HEIGHTS.—The note reported to the Conference of 1925 as \$2,800.00 had been reduced by the Church to \$2,200.00 by January, but the curtailment was unsatisfactory to the lending bank and payment was demanded. The church raised \$100.00 and this Society by advancing an additional \$400.00 secured the agreement of the bank to renew the note for sixty days for \$1,700.00 with the understanding that substantial curtailments should be made at maturity. They have recently contracted for the sale of a parcel of ground which will put them in funds to retire the liability to the bank and to return the amount advanced by us.

EDMONDSON AVENUE.—This enterprise has constituted the chief of our efforts and thought during the year. Without burdening this paper with the detail of the methods and plans, we are pleased to report that the lot on the south side of Edmondson Avenue was exchanged by Mr. Jas. Keely for a more desirable lot on the north side of the avenue and a most creditable church building has been erected at a cost of approximately \$50,000.00. The financing has been difficult and there still remain many financial problems to be solved, but by the liberal assistance of some of the Baltimore laity, the work has been brought to its present status and we are confident that by judicious management it will soon be self-sustaining. This Society hypothecated the Butler legacy and borrowed \$5,000.00 which was turned over to this church. This loan will be retired when the Butler estate is settled. In this connection we wish to express our appreciation of the liberality of Mr. Jas. Keely both for substantial cash contributions for the new building and for the use of a parsonage free of all charges since the commencement of the work at Edmondson Avenue.

The properties at Selbyville and Walkersville have been sold and the proceeds turned over the Peninsula Church at Wilmington.

When the last Conference adjourned there was a balance of \$300.00 unprovided for on pastor's salary at Edmondson Avenue due for this year. It was thought this balance could be raised privately, but appeals for larger sums for this church have prevented doing so; however, the pastor has been paid regularly by our treasurer advancing the money. It was necessary also for our treasurer to pay \$120.00 required to assure a full-time pastor at Chesaco Park. In view of the fact that only one

half of the amount appropriated for the superintendent's salary was required, we ask that Conference reimburse our treasurer for the advance of these sums totalling \$420.00.

On October 1st, 1925, Dr. J. M. Sheridan who has been Superintendent of the Church Extension for the past eight years was called to the Secretaryship of the Board of Home Missions. He was released by this Society, but his wise leadership and consecrated service has been sadly missed. Since this date the management of the Society has been directed by a committee of this Board and it has been demonstrated that such management is an unsatisfactory substitute for a superintendent giving his full time to the Society's interests. For this reason the Board of Managers heartily joined with the Board of Survey in the recommendation that the office of superintendent be continued.

THOMAS A. MYERS, President.

PHILIP W. CROSBY, Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Treasurer's Annual Report Ending April 1st, 1926.

RECEIPTS

1925

April	1—Balance	\$ 1,484.47
"	13—Peninsula Church Interest.....	37.50
"	"—C. P. Nowlin Appropriation, Ella Martin.....	625.00
"	23—C. P. Nowlin, Appro., Edm'dson Ave., Ella Martin.....	500.00
June	16—National Central Bank.....	5,000.00
"	"—A. R. Lewis, Treasurer, Edmondson Ave.....	1,000.00
"	"—W. C. Scott, Edmondson Ave.....	250.00
"	"—Interest on deposit, Baker Watts Co.....	10.80
July	24—Interest on mortgage, Butler Estate.....	300.00
"	"—A. R. Lewis, Treasurer, Edmondson Ave.....	1,400.00
"	30—Loan, Eutaw Savings Bank.....	20,000.00
Sept.	8—Check. T. A. Myers, Sub., Edmondson Ave.....	100.00
Aug.	28—Check for Marly Parsonage.....	100.00
"	10—Check for Marly Parsonage.....	1,000.00
Sept.	14—Check for Marly Parsonage.....	2,940.00
Nov.	7—Check for Marly Parsonage.....	792.00
Oct.	12—Check for Selbyville Church Lot Sale.....	326.00
"	"—Check from J. M. Sheridan.....	6.26
"	"—Check from J. H. Roberts.....	100.00
"	24—Check, W. E. Burrall, Walkerville Church.....	900.00
Nov.	21—Check, A. R. Lewis, Treasurer.....	1,500.00
Dec.	3—Check, A. R. Lewis, Treasurer.....	225.00
Nov.	21—Check and Cash, James Keelty.....	1,077.00
Dec.	10—Check, Thos A. Myers, Loan, Edmondson Ave.....	800.00
"	"—Check, A. R. Lewis, Treasurer.....	200.00
"	17—Check, W. H. Klinefelter.....	5,000.00

1926			
Jan.	8—Check, Starr Church.....		123.67
"	19—Check, Laymens Fund, Edmondson Ave.....		1,860.00
"	30—Check, Laymens Fund, Edmondson Ave.....		65.00
"	"—Check, Butler Estate Interest.....		150.00
Feb.	1—Check, A. R. Lewis, Treasurer.....		900.00
"	"—Check, Laymens Fund.....		87.00
"	8—Check, Laymens Fund.....		50.00
"	20—Check, Laymens Fund.....		115.00
"	"—Check, F. M. Schultze, Tioga Church.....		100.00
"	23—Check, C. P. Nowlin, Loan.....		400.00
"	25—Check, Loan Westminster Union Nat. Bank.....		5,000.00
"	"—Check, Loan Miss Ella Martin.....		2,000.00
March	15—Check, Laymens Fund.....		406.00
"	"—Check, A. R. Lewis, Treasurer.....		650.00
"	"—Check, Interest on Deposit.....		61.66
"	29—Check, Laymens Fund.....		38.00
January	—Check, Interest.....		10.80
			\$56,691.16

DISBURSEMENTS

April	9—John Freund, Architect, Edmondson Ave.....	\$	150.00
"	27—Miss Ella J. Martin, Prin. and Int.....		1,975.00
"	"—Rev. J. Leas Green, Salary, Edmondson Ave.....		40.00
May	7—Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent for March and April		40.00
"	"—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Envelopes, Edmondson Ave.		3.75
"	18—Rev. I. M. Hollbein, Edmondson Ave., Cards....		3.00
"	25—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary, Edmondson Ave.....		90.00
"	25—Stockton Press, Cards, Edmondson Ave.....		5.50
"	"—Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent, Chesaco Place.....		20.00
June	11—Rev. Wm. Arnold, Dodgers, Edmondson Ave.....		8.00
"	16—Interest, Note, National Central Bank.....		102.50
"	"—Edward G. Turner, 1st Payment Edmondson Ave.		5,848.00
"	17—J. F. Lee, Signs, Edmondson Ave.....		5.00
"	25—Harry Gilligan, Expense.....		2.50
"	"—Rev. P. W. Crosby, Expense.....		11.25
"	27—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary, Edmondson Ave.....		70.00
"	29—The Equitable Trust Co., Box Rent.....		3.00
July	11—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Expenses.....		38.03
"	"—Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent.....		20.00
"	17—Henry Gilligan, Expenses.....		2.50
"	24—Edward G. Turner, 2nd Paym't, Edmondson Ave.		2,000.00
"	25—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary, Edmondson Ave.....		65.00
"	30—Expenses on Loan Edmondson Ave. Church.....		451.89
"	"—E. G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....		2,854.53
Aug.	1—Central Fire Ins. Co. of Balto., Edmondson Ave..		160.00
"	"—Rev. P. W. Crosby, Expense.....		2.00
"	10—A. R. Lewis, Interest.....		120.00
"	24—Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent.....		20.00

"	28—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	65.00
"	10—Marly Parsonage.....	400.00
"	28—Marly Parsonage.....	600.00
"	31—Edward G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	6,069.85
Sept.	14—Sponsler and Baird, Pews.....	575.00
"	19—Rev. J. T. Finby, Marly Parsonage.....	800.00
"	28—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	70.00
"	29—Edward G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	3,612.50
Oct.	12—Check, J. M. Sheridan, Expenses and Phone also expenses on sale of Selbyville Lot.....	81.38
"	14—National Central Bank, Interest.....	103.33
"	"—Mrs. Daniel MacLea for Suppers.....	32.78
"	24—Ed. G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	4,887.50
"	"—Luther E. Clark, Arundel Cove Parsonage.....	600.00
"	"—L. B. Smith, Walkerville Church.....	900.00
"	"—L. B. Smith, Selbyville Lot.....	225.00
"	31—Central Fire Ins. Co. of Balto., Edmondson Ave.	6.66
"	"—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	65.00
Nov.	7—Jacob Holloway, Selbyville, Loan.....	63.49
Nov.	7—Central Fire Ins. Co., Edmondson Ave., Chapel...	10.00
Nov.	7—Rev. J. T. Finby, Marly Parsonage.....	180.00
"	16—Minnie T. Baker, Clerical Work.....	7.90
"	21—Edward G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	3,500.00
"	24—Luther E. Clark, Arundel Cove Parsonage.....	1,800.00
"	28—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	65.00
"	30—Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent to Nov. 1st.....	60.00
Dec.	3—Ed. G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	300.00
"	9—Luther E. Clark, Marly Parsonage.....	452.00
"	10—Huntington Seating Co., Pews.....	862.00
"	10—A. R. Lewis, Freight on Pews.....	118.80
"	12—Henry Preston, Hauling Seats.....	15.00
"	"—Stockton Press, Postals.....	3.00
"	17—Ed. G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	4,867.10
"	"—Wm. E. Leverton, Edmondson Ave.....	13.00
"	23—H. Gilligan, Expenses.....	2.50
"	"—Rev. W. Crosby, Expense.....	2.00
"	29—Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	65.00
"	"—Central Fire Insurance Co., Pews.....	2.30
1926		
Jan.	25—Central Eutaw Saving Bank.....	550.00
"	30—J. L. Green, Salary.....	70.00
"	"—Stockton Press, Cards.....	7.50
Feb.	1—Walter E. Hill Co., Edmondson Ave.....	284.10
"	"—Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent.....	60.00
"	2—Check, Enterprise Carpet Cleaning and Storage ..	81.20
"	"—The Gettier Studios, Inc., Glass.....	600.00
"	"—D. Grey Knowles, Bulbs and Electric.....	12.33
"	"—T. A. Myers, On Loan.....	200.00

"	6—The Gettier Studios, Inc., Glass.....	60.00
"	"—Farmers Supply and Storage Co., Carpet.....	434.96
"	15—Check, National Cen. Bank, Int. on Butler Note	100.82
"	20—Check, Trust Co. Tioga Church.....	500.00
"	23—Check, H. Gilligan, Expense.....	6.00
"	"—Check, Rev. P. W. Crosby, Expense.....	4.00
"	"—Check, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Philadelphia.....	4.00
"	26—Check, E. G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	5,314.47
"	"—Check, E. G. Turner, Edmondson Ave.....	2,000.00
"	"—Check, Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	65.00
Mar.	15—Check, Rev. J. L. Green, Salary.....	70.00
"	"—Check, Rev. Wm. Schmeiser, Rent for House....	40.00
"	19—Check, Rev. P. W. Crosby, attendance.....	2.00
"	"—Check, H. Gilligan, attendance.....	3.00
		\$56,053.92
	Balance April 1, 1926.....	\$437.24

MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Mutual Relief Association met in Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Del., April 8, 1926, the President, Rev. W. H. Litsinger, presiding. The Secretary-Treasurer read his report which was referred to the Conference Committee on Audit. This committee reported that it found the report correct.

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 of the Constitution and By-laws reported. The report in its entirety was adopted as appended hereto. The secretary was instructed to publish in pamphlet form the new Constitution and By-laws.

Officers were re-elected according to the new Constitution as follows:

President—W. H. Litsinger.

First Vice-President—C. E. Dryden.

Second Vice-President—C. R. Strausburg.

Secretary-Treasurer—G. A. Ogg.

Adjourned.

G. A. OGG, Secretary.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1925—March 31, 1926

FINANCIAL

On hand April 1, 1925	
To pay case 80.....	\$205
To pay case 81.....	6
Expense Fund	44
	\$255

RECEIPTS

Collected on case 79 for case 80.....	\$ 9	
Collected on case 80 for case 81.....	202	
Collected on case '81 for case 82.....	202	
Collected on case 79 for Expense Fund.....	4	
Collected on case 89 for Expense Fund.....	6	
Collected on case 81 for Expense Fund.....	1	
		424
		<u>\$679</u>

EXPENDITURES

July 11, 1925—To Heirs of J. M. Holmes (Case 80).....	\$214	
Sept. 9, 1925—To W. H. Brewton 500 Notice Cards.....	8	
Jan. 9, 1926—To W. H. Brewton 500 Voucher Cards.....	8	
Jan. 9, 1926—To Heirs of Emma Ewing (Case 81).....	208	
		438
		<u>\$241</u>
On hand April 1, 1926		
To pay case 82.....	\$202	
Expense Fund	39	
		<u>241</u>

Audited April 8 and found correct.

E. C. GRAHAM,
MORNAY G. DAVIS,
Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

April 1, 1925.....	217
Deceased	2
	<u>215</u>
New Members	5
	<u>220</u>
Present Membership	220

MEMBERS OF MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Adams, Ziba and wife
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. and wife
Cain, F. S. and wife
Cassen, Paul M. and wife
Cassen, S. F. and wife
Clayton, G. M. and wife
Clough, N. C. and wife
Coe, S. W. and wife
Crosby, P. W. and wife
Crouse, T. O. and wife
Cullum, C. M. and wife

Members Mutual Relief Association—Continued

- Cummings, J. Earle and wife
 Cushing, Mrs. Clara P.
 Dawson, C. L.
 Day, C. C.
 Dearholt, M. E.
 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
 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. and wife
 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
 Mumford, W. C. and wife
 Murphy, H. L. and wife
 Mulligan, T. C. and wife
 Neeper, 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.
 Sapp, R. V.
 Schauer, P. M. R. and wife
 Schlincke, 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

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
 OF THE
MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE MARYLAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
PROTESTANT CHURCH

ARTICLE 1—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1—This Association shall be known as the Mutual Relief Association of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 2—Its object shall be to provide a fund for the benefit of the surviving relatives of its members, said fund to be provided for and disbursed as hereinafter provided for.

ARTICLE 2—OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday afternoon of the Conference week, at the Conference church, and shall elect from its members, a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE 3—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of this Association shall constitute an Executive Committee to which all matters of business, ad interim, shall be referred for adjustment.

ARTICLE 4—Membership

All ministers and preachers of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and their wives, under fifty (50) years of age, if in good health, upon the payment of an entrance fee of \$1.00 shall be eligible to membership in this Association, provided, however, that no member of the Annual Conference who neglects to make application for membership in this Association for more than one year next after his admission into the Conference shall be admitted to membership except on the same conditions as provided for the reinstatement of lapsed members.

ARTICLE 5—REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED MEMBERS

All members having lapsed may be reinstated upon the payment of a reinstatement fee on the following graduated scale:

Between the ages of 20 and 30 years.....	\$2.00
Between the ages of 30 and 40 years.....	3.00
Between the ages of 40 and 50 years.....	4.00

It being understood that this is an entrance or reinstatement fee and that the mortuary due of \$1.00 per member, payable upon the death of a member, is exclusive of this reinstatement fee.

ARTICLE 6—BENEFITS

Section 1—Upon the death of a member of this Association, upon

due notice of such death, furnished by the President of the Annual Conference within five (5) days of said death, the President of this Association shall order and the Secretary-Treasurer shall, within thirty (30) days from date of such notice, pay to the legal heirs or assignees of the deceased, a sum of money equal to \$1.00 per member, in good standing, of this Association, as nearly as collections will permit.

Section 2—Receipts of such remittance must be acknowledged by the Secretary-Treasurer by the beneficiaries, within five (5) days from receipt thereof.

ARTICLE 7—DUES AND PENALTIES

Section 1—Any member of this Association failing to remit, upon due notice from the Secretary-Treasurer of the death of a member, within thirty (30) days from said notice, the sum of \$1.00 shall forfeit all claims upon this Association for a period of thirty (30) days, and if he shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Article for sixty (60) days, he shall cease to be a member of this Association, and may be reinstated only upon the conditions provided for by Article 5 of this Constitution.

Section 2—A notice directed and mailed to the Post Office address of a member as recorded in the books of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be deemed a legal notice.

ARTICLE 8—EXPENSES

Section 1—Expenses of collections and the disbursement of the mortuary dues shall be provided for from the entrance and reinstatement fees fund, or from such amounts as may be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer when each case shall be declared closed at the expiration of Forty (40) days after the notice of the death of a member.

Section 2—When the expense account shall have reached the sum of \$100.00, \$75.00 of said amount shall be transferred to the benefit fund.

Section 3—The dues of the Secretary-Treasurer and his wife shall be remitted as payment for services rendered.

ARTICLE 9—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by the concurrent vote of three-fourths of all the members present at a regular annual meeting of this Association, providing that all such amendments shall have first been submitted to the Executive Committee for review, sixty (60) days next before the annual meeting of this Association.

BY-LAWS

FIRST—FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Association shall be from April 1st to March 31st inclusive.

SECOND—VACANCIES

Vacancies in office may be filled, ad interim, by the Executive Com-

mittee, and all such officers shall serve until the succeeding annual meeting of this Association.

THIRD—RESERVE FUND

Section 1—In order to provide a Reserve Fund from which to supplement the amount paid from the Mortuary Dues Fund, each member shall be asked to contribute to the Reserve Fund an additional sum of ten cents (10c) per week, or \$5.20 per year, payable in advance, for a period of five (5) years next after the adoption of this provision, or becoming a member of this Association.

Section 2—Beneficiaries of the Reserve Fund shall be paid such amounts from the Reserve Fund as shall be necessary to supplement the amount paid from the Mortuary Dues Fund up to and including the sum of \$250.00 per member.

Section 3—When the Reserve Fund shall have reached the sum of \$5,000 benefits shall be increased at the rate of 1% of the invested fund, a like increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% to be so appropriated for every additional increase of \$1,000 until the Association shall pay to beneficiaries the sum of \$500.00 upon the death of a member in good standing at the time of death, provided, however, that only such persons shall participate in the benefits of the Reserve Fund as shall have complied with section 1 of this rule.

Section 4—All monies remaining in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year shall be invested in approved securities, interest on the same to be added to the supplemental amounts needed during the ensuing year, upon the death of a member as heretofore provided for.

Unexpended balance of interest at the end of the year shall be turned over to the expense account in the collection and distribution of this fund.

Section 5—Payments of the Reserve Fund, by individual members, may be made quarterly, semi-annually, in advance, the desire in each case to be stated at the beginning of such contribution to this fund, or as the exigencies of the case may demand.

Section 6—All payments shall be made to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association of the Maryland Annual Conference who shall notify each subscriber, in accordance with his or her stated convenience of the time of payment.

Section 7—The Treasurer of this Fund shall be bonded to the extent of \$5,000 and shall be paid, from the Reserve Fund, the sum of \$50.00 per annum for services rendered.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chariman
ERNEST E. WOODEN

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

Meeting was called to order Monday morning. The President and Vice-Presidents not being present Rev. J. H. Straughn presided.

The Treasurer's report was read by R. L. Shipley, and was adopted with the request that the Treasurer be requested to add to his report the amount of the invested Fund.

In appreciation of the work done by the Treasurer a rising vote was taken.

Election of officers were as follows.

First Vice-President, F. T. Benson.

Second Vice-President, J. W. Kirk.

Third Vice-President, C. K. McCaslin.

Recording Secretary, E. W. Simms.

Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers—Ministers: G. W. Haddaway, L. F. Warner, J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Judefind.

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

Adjourned.

E. W. SIMMS, Secretary.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in their judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.

2. From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$15 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 \$7.50 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 for Year April 1925-1926

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

PERMANENT FUND

Dr.

To Balance per last report.....		\$4,056.10
Amount in payment Bradburn Mortgage.....	\$ 350.00	
Amount in payment Redding Mortgage.....	600.00	
In redemption ground-rent No. 1630 Jackson St.	758.33	
From Conference Treasurere, Feb. 24, 1926.....	1500.00	3,208.33
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		\$7,264.43

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By Investments per Order Board.....		\$5,363.50
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Balance		\$1,900.93
Conference Treasurer's Report published in Methodist Protestant March 3rd, 1926, shows receipts from subscriptions to this Fund, which belong and are payable thereto.....		\$58,752.44
Your Treasurer has received on account thereof:		
Cash	\$44,095.98	
Liberty Bonds (par value).....	250.00	44,345.98
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Balance due Fund.....		\$14,406.46

This balance, payable to the Treasurer, not having been received for investment, income therefrom is not available for distribution. The Treasurer is directed by the Board of Managers to respectfully request that all payments to the Conference Treasurer on subscriptions to the Fund, being given by the Subscribers for its use only, be promptly transmitted to the Board of Managers for investments, that the Income therefrom may be available for distribution in keeping with the desire and intentions of the subscribers.

INCOME ACCOUNT

Dr.

To Income from Investments.....	\$9,985.15	
To Interest on Deposits.....	47.99	
		\$10,033.14

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By 1926 Taxes on Securities.....	\$	54.18
Rent Safe Deposit Box.....		5.00
Expense Recording Secretary.....		2.40
Treasurer's Expense Account.....		350.00
Interest on Mortuary Girts.....		85.00

Amount remitted to Conference Treasurer:

August 14, 1925, Check for....	\$2,400.00	
October 12, 1925, Check for....	2,300.00	
February 5, 1926,.....	2,200.00	
Check herewith.....	2,636.56	9,536.56 \$10,033.14

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as per above Report: all Income property accounted for and Securities deposited in Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

E. J. PAIGE,

W. B. JUDEFIND.

Auditing Committee

N. B. Since foregoing Account was audited and submitted to the Annual Conference, on April 12, 1926, the Treasurer received from the Conference Treasurer \$504.25 as Interest on funds of the Society in his hands. On the same day the Treasurer sent his check for same amount (\$504.25) to Conference Treasurer to be credited to Income for distribution, increasing amount shown by above report to \$10,040.81.

THE MEMORIAL ROLL

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

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

Name	Entered		Died
	Born	Conference	
Isaac Tunnel Adkins	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell	1832	1859	1884
James 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 Nichlson	1844	1881	1913
William James Dillon Lucas	1849	1873	1914
James Earle Maloy	1834	1859	1914
Charles Walter Sanderson	1879	1911	1914
George Roberts McCreedy	1850	1880	1915
John Carter Poston	1833	1913	1916
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens	1866	1895	1916
Robert Thomas Tyson	1867	1908	1916
Thomas H. Wright	1840	1895	1916
Silas Baldwin Tredway, D. D.	1846	1872	1917
David Lee Greenfield, D. D.	1848	1868	1917
John Lee Straughn	1848	1870	1917
George Robert Hodge	1862	1889	1917
Edwin Oliver Ewing	1851	1884	1917
Joseph Augustus Weigand	1847	1874	1918
Charles William Cole	1887	1916	1918
John Solon Bowers, D. D.	1861	1881	1919
Robert Kendall Lewis	1865	1891	1919
Aquilla Augustus Harriman	1845	1871	1920
Walter Raleigh Graham, D. D.	1852	1873	1920
Jesse W. Norris	1856	1884	1921
Edward L. Beauchamp	1885	1909	1921
E. H. Van Dyke, D. D.	1863	1887	1921
E. A. Warfield, A. M., B. D., Ph. D.	1869	1884	1922
Charles Nathan Alexander	1879	1917	1923
William Duncan Litsinger	1839	1863	1922
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
John Matthew Holmes, D. D.	1845	1865	1925

OBITUARIES

REV. JOHN MATTHEW HOLMES

Rev. John Matthew Holmes was born in Baltimore, June 22, 1845. He was converted January 18, 1861. Enlisted in the U. S. Army September 18, 1861. Discharged with honor, October 20, 1862. Reenlisted June 23, 1863. Final discharge, with honor, January 26, 1864. He was licensed to preach October 27, 1864. Received in the Maryland Conference 1865. He was married three times. Three children who call him blessed, survive: Mrs. Lily Holmes Gurley, High Point, N. C.; Mrs. Lulu Holmes Potter, Harrington, Del.; John M. Holmes, Greenville, S. C. He was superannuated 1917. The historical record shows that he gave fifty-two unbroken years of service to this Conference. He served the least and the greatest with equal consideration. He was no respecter of persons. John Blunt was his name, but he was a christian gentleman just the same. John Matthew Holmes judged by any noble standard of greatness, was a great man. It cannot be necessary for me to recount the story of his life. Suffice it to say—during the sad days of his affliction, the public mind had again and again expressed the career of this illustrious citizen, soldier, and preacher of the Gospel. His story is not a striking or dramatic one, but such a story as American men and women take pride in: and justly so. He was proud of his ancestry, and out of the suffering and hardship and heroism of Godly parentage, came this soldier of the Cross, and follower of the Lamb. He was a man of rare intellect, which lifted him into great places and made him to be illustrious there, not by anyone supreme quality of intellect, but by a splendid balance of intellect and of character, so that he stood forth, and will ever stand forth in our annals as a representative American of the highest type, and among the greatest of preachers. He was a typical American gentleman in a personal dignity of self-respect. His name was never associated with that kind of law making by which men seek to advance their own personal fortunes, but always did he stand four square for equal rights to all, and special privileges to none. No man could ever look John M. Holmes in the face, even after digging out of the grave of the past old animosities and opposition and say, that he was not true to what he believed to be right. His character grew out of a consciousness exercised toward God. He had a conviction that he knew about. His theology was the Christ, and he loved to tell the story of Jesus and His love. He had a wonderful vision, and his descriptive power was unique. He never took stock in opinions, but he stressed convictions. He was a man seated, who had arrived, and he held his seat against indifference and opposition. He was decidedly out of date in higher church circles of today. His admonition and call was—back to the Christ, and learn there the lesson, that only as we save men into that great christian brotherhood, which makes him that is exalted abased, and him that is abased exalted, can we protect our Churches and Society. His faith in Jesus was so great and his convictions so strong that he was willing to die for them. He believed all

things taught in the word of God and they closed questions, not open for reconsideration or revision. It was "Thus saith the Lord," and that ended it. He was not afraid to measure swords with the devil. He had his eye on an ideal manhood and an ideal world, and for these he labored at whatever cast. The test of his genuineness was his ability to hold on. There is no work so full of encouragement as that which John M. Holmes accomplished, The work of Victory.

Rev. A. W. Mather, a life-long friend, was too ill to write or dictate. He said he felt sure he could subscribe to all that the Committee wrote.

Rev. G. J. Hooker says: Dr. J. M. Holmes was a good man. He was a man of wonderful endowments. Strong in body, somewhat stern of countenance, powerful in preaching, he challenged the church with a Gospel of high and holy living. His abilities and attainments placed him in the front ranks of the men of his Conference. He was a preacher of remarkable ability, a devout student of the Bible and also a student of nature. Those combined abilities made him a great man. Dr. Holmes was a man of decided convictions and wonderful breadth of intellect, but unlike many men of that type, he was exceedingly tender and sympathetic. One could not understand him from a mere casual acquaintance, you had to know him, and to know him was to love him. Like many of us he had his own peculiar characteristics, but his breadth of mind was such that he did not impose them on others, but reserved the right to maintain them for himself. He did his own thinking, but he was not confined to narrow provincialisms. He was liberal in his thought, clear in his interpretations of truth, conscious always of God's will concerning himself, and in the power of God's will with respect to others. He had a keen sense of "seeing Him who is invisible." His life has meant much to me and I loved him unto the end.

T. Irvn Rothel, pays tribute thus: Ah! John M. Holmes. How the mention of that name brings back to the older members of West Baltimore Station memories of the days of long ago. He was twice pastor of this charge. He was a stately and dignified representative of the Christ he preached: and was loved and esteemed by the membership and congregation generally. He was powerful in his preaching, and the financial impetus given to the workers and the work is felt to this day. He was a student of the Bible and was always prepared to quote it in answer to the arguments prompted by the adversary. He wrote a booklet, "How to study the Bible" that was instructive and helpful to all who read it. During his leisure hours, he was fond of painting and executed some pictures of Land and Sea that would do credit to a professional artist. He painted in oil a picture of the left hand of Christ, showing the nail driven through the palm, and the blood streaming from it. This was framed in gold and hung on the wall of his study and became an object lesson to all who were privileged to see it, reminding him and the visitors of the suffering and death of the Christ for us. Perhaps his greatest sermon was on "The Great White Throne." Without doubt he was able to give a good account of himself when he appeared there in Glory.

A. R. Crockett says: Dr. John M. Holmes was probably the greatest preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church. His explanation of the Gospel was so plain that children could understand his wonderful sermons. He told me when preaching he seldom used words with two syllables if words of one syllable would answer, because he wanted all children to understand what he said. When laying the corner stone of Mount Pleasant Church he wrote on a brick, Jesus Christ and placed it in position. On the top of the ball on the steeple he wrote, Jesus Christ, and remarked that, that name was the foundation and top stone of everything he attempted to do. Nothing could change him in the least from the right as he saw it. He left an indelible impression for good wherever he preached.

C. A. Smith says: John M. Holmes became pastor of Harrington Methodist Protestant Church in April 1911. His pastorate here lasted four years, and it proved to be his last. His stay among us during those years was pleasant and successful. As a pastor when you knew him, he was kind, loving and thoughtful. He was not given to much local visiting, but to those who needed his service, he was not surpassed. As a citizen, no one in town was held in higher esteem. He lived a clean life, in habits, in speech, in person. No unkind or unclean word escaped his lips. As a preacher, he was simply great. He loved to preach, he knew how. The Gospel that he preached was the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He believed the Bible, every bit of it, and nothing could move him from it. A great and good man had gone from us.

A. L. Wix says: I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Holmes until he came to Harrington as our Pastor. He was then called an old man: but he was yet vigorous and active and a great preacher. I esteemed it a great privilege to have so good a preacher for my Pastor, and a great honor to have so good a man for my friend. He was a man often misunderstood by many, and by them misjudged: but to those who knew him well, and had the same conceptions of the Fundamentals of life and of religion: who had the same vision of the Christ life and had the same appreciation of the privileges and the duties of citizenship, to these he was a friend, a counsellor, a teacher and a guide. He was a great preacher: A great Christian and a great citizen.

I esteemed it an honor to be the pastor of John M. Holmes. I knew him well. I saw him from every angle during thirty-two years association. I practically lived with him for three years. I have seen him in strength, I have seen him in weakness and suffering, and the spirit of patience and submission he displayed in the most trying hour, was beautiful.

"He did not murmur nor complain,
Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief and pain
He leaned upon His God.

I was with Lulu and George (her husband) in the night when the death angel came, July 2, 1925. That scene I shall never forget. There was nothing left undone for the comfort of Dr. Holmes. Lulu and George gave their all, for him who was theirs.

The funeral service was held in the Harrington Methodist Protestant Church July 5. Dr. G. I. Humphreys, President of the Maryland Conference, paid tribute to the memory of this hero, and expressed the sympathy of the Conference. Rev. G. J. Hooker spoke in tender words and with much feeling concerning his spiritual advisor, at whose feet he sat, gaining deep views of himself, and his Saviour too. There were nine Ministers present. The chairman of this obituary committee preached the sermon. We laid the body of our beloved friend to rest in the Harrington Cemetery, to await the coming of Him who said: I am the resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, tho he were dead yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John Matthew Holmes still lives.

G. A. MORRIS,
A. W. MATHER,
G. J. HOOKER,
T. IRVIN ROTHEL,
A. R. CROCKET,
C. A. SMITH,
A. L. WIX.

MRS. GEORGE QUINTON BACCHUS

"We spend our years as a tale that is told," says a writer in the Great Book, and, were the secrets of all hearts disclosed, if now we might be known as also we shall be known, we should find that every life would have its full measure of interest and importance. We should find the full range and play of human emotion, the far out-reaches of longing and desire, the whole gamut of joy and sorrow, of hopes attained and bitter loss. To some it is given to occupy large place in the minds of men, whose activities are written that all may read; there are others whose lives are hid away, whose work is barely known. They spend their years in inconspicuous manner, their thought is not of themselves, the circle of friends is apparently restricted, the home perhaps is the only geography they know. The courage of the books, the heroism of fabled story, the fiction of great achievement is not for them. Theirs is the courage of the common place, the glory of monotony. And perhaps when the tale is fully told we shall find that to them shall come the largest reward.

This is the lot of most women. Their lives are lost in their husbands and their children; they live for and in them. Men, for the most part, would be unwilling to accept so inconspicuous a place. They have the easier place. And just as the responsibilities of place and position goad or lure them on by so much are they supported and strengthened in their tasks and less indeed is the credit and glory due them.

It does not take long to say that Carrie Blanche McPherson Bacchus was born in Baltimore, November 14, 1853, and that she died in

Riverdale, Maryland, November 22, 1925, just a few days beyond seventy-two years of age; that her father was John McPherson; that she was educated through the High School of Baltimore; that in 1876 she became a member of the old Washington Street Church, Baltimore, under the pastorate of Rev. R. Scott Norris; that while visiting one wonderful summer at the home of Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell in Harford County, Maryland, she met the young preacher, who was to become her husband; that on May 16, 1878, in her home church she became the wife of George Quinton Bacchus of the Maryland Conference and that on March 19, 1879, she became the happy mother of a beloved daughter, Clara Greenwood, now married to George V. Earnshaw and herself now the mother of three splendid children.

That is the simple record and were that all it would seem to be altogether too short, inadequate. But that is not all, they are but dates which marked the beginnings; they are but ports out of which loving hearts with high hopes went faring forth for high adventure; they were but turns in the road which leading from childhood's home carried one far away, in strange journeys, to strange places, through valley and over hill, a road sometimes uncertain and difficult but leading at last to the sunset home, accompanied by the loving ministrations of those who loved her best of all.

Mrs. Bacchus was a good woman, interested in worthy causes and a loyal supporter of her husband in his ministerial work. She was active in the various departments of church life, teaching in the Sunday School and engaged in all the things which women so devotedly do for a church. Her best work however was in the home which she made happy for her husband and daughter and where she delighted to entertain her friends.

Rev. J. W. Trout, a life long friend of the family, writes this tribute: "Sister Bacchus was a superior woman and possessed many excellent qualities, among them was one that impressed me forcibly, her generous hospitality. She was also remarkable for her resourcefulness which she displayed in making the parsonage comfortable as a home and inviting and hospitable to guests. It mattered not whether the furnishings were elaborate or plain, artistic skill knew how to make them appear to their best advantage. Mrs. Bacchus was an efficient co-laborer with her husband, and much of the success achieved by them was due to her resourcefulness. I think however that the parsonage displayed her greatest efficiency in its immaculate cleanliness its artistic arrangement as the preacher's home. No charge ever had reason to blush or even feel anxious about the condition of the parsonage where Mrs. Bacchus presided as the preacher's wife. As a hostess she was an expert, and not only did she know how to entertain her guests but she did it well. She spared neither labor or expense when the comfort of her guests was considered. I am not surprised that her husband and daughter feel that they have sustained an irreparable loss and my heart beats in profound sympathy as I pray the Lord to sustain them in their bereavement."

Rev. D. W. Anstine, also a frequent visitor to the home and always

welcome to the family circle sends this word: "Mrs. Bacchus was a splendid woman. During the forty year of our acquaintance our families frequently exchanged visits. In her home she was an ideal hostess, in our home she was a delightful guest. To the poor, the needy, the sick no one was kinder. Many a night she sat by the bedside of the sick soothing, comforting, ministering. Some people did not know Mrs. Bacchus; they knew who she was but did not know what she was—the big, generous heart within her. She may have had her faults, but selfishness was not one of them. She was a good woman and I believe she has gone to her true home.

Judge F. W. Whitaker of Lynchburg, Va., speaking of their residence in that city says: "When they were here Mrs. Bacchus was very much liked by all the members of the church and the people generally who knew her. I believe this was true wherever they lived."

And here is the estimate of a woman, Miss Mollie S. Hammond of St. Michaels, Md.: "What do I know of dear Mrs. Bacchus? Only the true and the beautiful. Brother Bacchus and his wife were strangers to us when they came to St. Michaels but during their stay and ever since we were devoted, loyal friends. She was untiring in the church work, always forgetting self and reaching out to give the cup of cold water to those about her. I love to recall the wonderful talks she and I had together for her beautiful faith always strengthened mine. She was a great worker in the Sunday School, always so enthusiastic and ever finding some new interest for her pupils. As a family we were devoted to Brother and Sister Bacchus and as the years went by we grew nearer and dearer to each other and their visits to the old home were ever hailed with delight. Dear friends, never again may we look upon your sweet face in this life, but in that "House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," pray God we shall meet.

'In the morn when the day was awaking,
When sunlight through darkness and shadow was breaking,
Jesus came in the fulness of glory,
And took out of the world His own.'

Suddenly, near, midnight, the angel came and called her away. She had not been well for sometime but no one dreamed the time was so near at hand. Whether it was a cerebral hemorrhage or dilation of the heart was not known; but it was soon over and she was at rest with God.

The services were at the daughter's home, Riverdale, Maryland, conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. T. H. Lewis, president of the General Conference and Rev. A. N. Ward president of Western Maryland College. Pastors of our Washington churches were the pall bearers.

So ends for the time being just one more life story. The pitcher is broken at the fountain, the silver cord is loosed. But there is One

who knows how to reassemble the broken things of earth and He will give them back renewed and glorified.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN,
D. W. ANSTINE,
J. W. TROUT,
F. W. WHITAKER,
MOLLIE S. HAMMOND.

MRS. EMMA EWING

Mrs. Emma Ewing, the beloved wife of the late Rev. E. O. Ewing, a member of the Maryland Conference Methodist Protestant Church, passed from the earthly to the Heavenly Home December 22, 1925.

Mrs. Ewing was Miss Emma Michael the daughter of Owen and Mary Michael of Harford County, Maryland.

She was born October 5, 1860, near Chestnut Hill. In early life she was converted and united with Deer Creek Church. She was married to the Rev. E. O. Ewing at her father's home December 17, 1879.

The Rev. W. F. Livingston, a member of the Maryland Conference, and stationed at Deer Creek church, performed the ceremony. She was a devoted wife and companion and for many years shared with her husband the labors and sacrifices of his ministry, moving from charge to charge without complaint, in the spirit of a true follower of the Saviour. In her home life she proved her religion by a quiet, consistent christian living. There were three children born to this home, only one of whom is now living. Irving C. Ewing who resides at Blithedale, Cecil County, Maryland. Her husband preceded her to the immortal life several years ago.

Mrs. Ewing following her husband's death first resided in Baltimore. Later she made her home with her brother, Mr. William Michael of Harford County, Maryland.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Rev. W. S. Simms assisted by Rev. C. W. Roby in Wesleyan Chapel, and her body was placed by the side of her husband in the cemetery adjoining, which contains the remains of many prominent Methodist Protestant families of that community and several ministers of the Maryland Conference.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
S. F. CASSEN,
W. S. SIMMS,
MRS. N. F. WALKER,
J. T. ROBINSON,
Committee.

CONFERENCE SERMON

THE MAJOR EMPHASIS IN CHRISTIANITY

Text:- John 2, 5.

"Whatsoever He sayeth unto you, do it."

Text:- Matthew 28, 20.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

C. R. STRAUSBURG

These words of Jesus and by Jesus reveal Him to us as a Master. The former text not only reveals the unbounded faith of Mary in Jesus to remove the embarrassment occasioned by a "wineless wedding" by the expectation of Him performing the miraculous. Not only were the disciples more abundantly of their growing faith in Him as a promised Messiah or as a great Prophet, but they are the first recorded human utterance revealing that an intimate relationship was to exist between Jesus and His followers—that of Master and disciple.

A recent issue of a popular magazine contained an interesting article on the subject "Comparative Religion." The author defines the Christian Religion as being the "Gospel of a Person and the Religion of a Master." That, it was the religion apart from all other religions, because its message and its power center in the Person of its founder, Jesus Christ.

A careful study of the New Testament shows the truth of that statement. It teaches that men are saved to God and bound to God when they yield their lives in obedience to Christ, and recognize Him as their Saviour and Lord; to this end Christ came into the world and established confidence between Himself and His disciples; gathered a little company of men about Him and transformed their lives as He led them toward the cross upon which He was to die for their sins and for the sins of the whole world.

After His death He came from the grave, the old relationship, that of Master and disciple was not disturbed. He was still their Master, and for forty days He tarried and taught them the lesson of faith in God and in Him, exhorting them to "observe all things," to love Him, to follow Him and obey Him just as they had in Galilee, giving them the assurance, "I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

These words are the keynote of the Gospel of John, presenting Jesus in intimate association with His disciples, governing their thoughts, determining their ideals and controlling every phase of their life. And the secret of their power and influence lay in the fact that they had yielded everything to Him, had abandoned every worldly prospect and ambition for Him, and were looking for nothing in this world that did not come through Him.

That is what it meant then to be a disciple, today we cannot alter our understanding of what it meant then. It means the same today. It is the "Original Christianity." It is the Christianity of the New Testament, that of Master and disciple. That conception of christianity is an answer to the need of this hungry hearted age in which we live; for who of us doubt that this age needs a Master? A Master that will take away the veil from our eyes, solve our problems and empower us for service. What a great service is required of us today, herein we have the power for that service. an attendant Christ.

As we thoughtfully study the need and desire of the day, we find a wholesome desire to return to Christ for our authority in religion. Not to the philosopher and his vagaries, nor to the credalist and the theologion with their "isms," but to Christ, and that is the only desire we need recognize in religion, and men are more becoming alive to the great fact of Christ. Christianity as understood and taught by Christ and the first Christians. As ministers and teachers we need to know that there is a desire in men to get "back to Christ" and to that end how simple is the relationship that existed between the Master and His disciples.

He did not make their approach to Him difficult nor the things that He wanted them to believe intricate. He laid down one requirement only—Personal attachment and loyal Obedience. No great array of theological and philosophical beliefs to harass and perplex and mystify. I am fearful that we are making it difficult for men, dimming the figure of Christ and His gospel obscure by our men made philosophies and creeds. Jesus did not ask His disciples to believe any thing that reason and heart did not tell them was true.

The religion that Jesus taught was an exceeding simple religion, an intensely practical religion and a believable religion. A religion of the broadest sympathies and wonderfully hopefull. He did not burden their minds and perplex their souls with man made pronouncements which serve only to embarrass. A certain writer was asked to define a certain religious dogma being much discussed and to give reasons for belief in same, proceeded to the task something like this. First, it is improbable. Second it is unintelligible. The Conclusion. It is believable.

A theological student was asked to define faith. His answer "Faith is the power by which we are able to believe something we know 'aint' true." Jesus did violence to no man's reason nor made any tax of fellowship beyond the matter of personal loyalty. He stood before men and said, "I am the way the truth and the life." Follow Me." He offered Himself to them as a Master who loved them and would love them to the end of their restless flitting days. They were Christ's men. He was their Master, that was all.

My brethern today we cannot alter that understanding of Christianity. The organization and the multiplication and the developement of christian institutions make no difference. Mischief is created through the impression that in some way Christianity has been shifted from the old basis of love and devotion to Jesus Christ to faith in a system of

doctrines about Him. In Richmond a few years ago, a Jewish Rabbi, said that it was Paul that doctrinized Christianity, that it was that hero of our faith that took Christianity from its natural setting, devotion and love to Jesus Christ and made out of it an intricate philosophy. We find a warrant for no such conclusions in the deliverances of Paul. The Jew, though a Rabbi, is not the best interpreter of Paul, for the Jew cannot interpret him in the light of his spiritual experience. What was that experience? On his way to Damascus his great mind and soul breathing hate, his life was transformed into love and devotion unparallelled in the history of the Christian Church. What occasioned this great change? Was it a simple experience of the intellect? It was an experience of the heart. It was not a creed that turned him about and made him into a mighty apostle of righteousness, it was Jesus Christ. Paul recognized that Presence for he said, "Who art thou Lord?"

When he came to the end of his wonderful life, and from a gloomy prison cell made to a friend a declaration of his faith, he did not say, "I know what I have believed, but I know whom I have believed."

I suppose the Christian Church needs the restraint of orthodoxy. I suppose it has a right to draw a circle and say to those within "You are orthodox," and to those without, "You are heterodox," but it must not stop short of Jesus Christ Himself.

We have heard men shout about the praises of the "old time religion" and speak in praise of the "good old days." But what do you mean by the "good old days" and the "good old time" and the "old time religion"? The old-time religion is good enough if you go back far enough to get it. When you talk about the "good old days," do you mean the creeds of the past, the shibboleths, the screw, the rack, the torture to mold the minds of men? Do you mean those days in which men passed under the rod of compulsion? The "old time religion" is good enough if we go back far enough to get it, back to the New Testament, back to Jesus Christ. Standards of authority and Scriptural interpretation wrought out by self appointed leaders under theological pressure are not vital standards as long as we have the New Testament to go by, and earnest minds and loving hearts searching after truth are making this Book their standard, and the life of Jesus their model.

There must not only be an acknowledgement of the Authority of Christ in religion, but unity of discipleship must be ours.

Christian Unity. Our Master prayed for that. The modern thinking world is clamorous for that. We are conscious of our lack of power. May it not be in the fact that in the past we have not only emphasized non-essentials, but we have not been united. Has it not been demonstrated again and again that the Christian Church, dominated by isms and creeds, flies off into fragments, and however eloquently we may find words to justify it, presents to the world a pitiable sight in that we have the appearance to the world of a battle between schools of thought. The world is not attracted by such an exhibition of Christianity. It is repelled by such an exhibition. You have probably

heard of the riots that take place every year in Liverpool between the Catholics and the Orangemen. On this particular occasion a general fight was in progress. Windows were being smashed and heads were being cracked. A Chinaman who conducted a laundry in the neighborhood, became uneasy lest he become involved and his property be placed in jeopardy. As they fought and raged about, he ran out and hung this sign on his door, "Me no gotte religion, me washee clothes." The modern mind has no place for the controversy and wrangling in religion, and he cries out "A plague on all your houses."

This old world is desirous of a Master who will not only take the veil from our eyes, solve our problems and ease our heart aches, but a Master that will fuse our hearts into a great holy purpose. It is restless for the absolute and the final, to interpret Christ in the light of the absolute and the final. May that day speedily come.

The unutterable longing of the streets and the common sorrows of men is the old heart cry for the Master.

Deeply do we deplore the worldliness upon every hand, but is it not an evidence that there is a deep spiritual need unsatisfied, and to satisfy this men are rushing after a thousand gods and "isms."

It is not irreligion of the masses that should alarm us, but the unsatisfactory religion of our churches; men putting their hands to the work of God with no God in their hearts that should fill us with alarm and excite our deepest concern.

Christianity has the message for this modern world but it cannot be adequately stated in the terms and shiboleths of credalism. The world will never receive it until it is presented in the **Living Personal Christ** offered to men as a **Master**. The immediate question for every minister, for every christian laymen, for every man who is conscious of a world need, is whether his own faith is vital in this sense or not.

The finest contribution the late Hon. William Jennings Bryan gave to his day was his clarion call "Back to God." Within the church there must be first of all a **recovery of Christ** a personal recovery, not only an acknowledgment of His authority, but an **experience of His blessed fellowship**.

Whenever we have had the consciousness of His nearness we have been triumphant—whenever we have followed afar we have been discouraged, depressed, appalled. If today the followers of Jesus Christ everywhere would come to one mind of seeking and waiting for the **sure presence and word of the Master**, the manifestation of christian power would be overwhelming, and it would make us irresistible. Men who now drift outside of our churches would be drawn within, and that great army of our membership loosely held, only christians in a perfunctory sense, sitting in church pews, perfectly satisfied and perfectly useless, would be a blessing to the churches, and the churches themselves broken into fragments and creeds, would find **unity and power in Jesus Christ**.

An acknowledgment of His authority, unity in discipleship, then comes **power for service**.

I have read a book "Power for Service." Here it is, "All power is given unto me, Lo! I am with you."

The problem of power for service is the serious concern of our churches. I have two volumes issued by the "Inter Church World Movement," sent I presume to every pastor. They contain a world survey, American and Foreign volume. A survey of the field at home and abroad. Only a casual reading will convince one that we have a field of wonderful opportunities and tragic necessities. We cannot but help conclude that if the church is to do Christ's work in the world, enormous demands must be responded to.

How may it be done? I think it is clear to you that merely giving our money, as essential as that is, will not do it. The formulation of programs and the inauguration of systems, as vital as these may be, will not do it. How may it be done? When Jesus indicated to His disciples what their work was to be, he made plain the difficulties of that work. He hid nothing of the hardships of their task from them. They were bound to suffer and be as sheep among wolves. They were poor and they were weak, and the world was big and harsh and cruel, and how were they to do it. No purse, no scrip. He had but one assurance to give them. He assured them that He would go with them, and of His unfailing presence in every time of need. "All power is given unto me, Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Now the difficulties that confront the discipleship of Jesus today and the necessity to go out and meet them are even more appalling than in the days of Jesus. The age in which Jesus lived was not the "golden age" by any means. Neither is this the "golden age." We have a long way yet to travel. It is an age of "money madness, social rot and mechanical insanity," and to propose that this modern world of our, this world of selfishness, lewdness and looseness; to propose that this world shall be conquered for Christ, and that His kingdom shall be set up everywhere, is a stupendous proposition, and it would be an impudent proposition if there were nothing but human resources to draw on; but we have the same pledge and promise that the first christians had. We are the servants of an attendant Master and we do not work alone.

Here is the necessity of getting back to Christ, to the power of His directing authority we must go if we would wage a strong battle for God.

The consecration of which every christian is capable of must wait for a leader, a Master to command it. Human courage always springs to the call of a beloved leader. Napoleon on the field of battle "was equivalent to a reinforcement of forty thousand men." Stonewall Jackson died and the strong right arm of the South was paralyzed, but under the leadership of the beloved Lee it "carried on."

Men do not readily die for a Cause. neither are they provoked to the highest heroism by a System: a Grand Enterprise of itself will fail. The source of our enthusiasm is the personal Master: the Master who walks and talks with us and tells us what to do. It is the Christ Him-

self who inspires, and living close enough to Him to have Him tell us what to do, the abandonment of everything is not beyond us.

The same Master who accepted from the hand of a hesitant, timid woman, the alabaster box and built out of it a monument of enduring fame.

The Master who took Peter's boats and nets and caught multitudes of fishes, and then called him to be a "fisher of men."

The Master who commanded Paul, lifted him out of bigotry and made out of him a mighty "engine of righteousness" and a world figure, can take our lives and the things that we have and out of them build a monument of service that shall stand forever. It is the old old story of Master and disciple we call to you today. It has been demonstrated in a thousand ways and repeated a thousand times, that a man with Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ in a man is capable of all sacrifice, and for the man who walks and talks with Him there is no failure.

Are we called on for a great consecration? Does our task require a great service? Is a great passion required of us? There is but one thing to do. Make a full surrender to Jesus Christ. We can never be what we ought to be by a partial obedience and half hearted service.

We need to give Him ourselves. He has give us Himself. He asks not for our things, makes no demand upon our property, lays no claim to our labors until we give Him ourselves.

"Whatsoever He sayeth unto you, do it" and, "Lo! I am with you even unto the end of the world."

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	Charge	President's Salary		Ass'd 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 Bkg. Loan Cr.		
		Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid													
1	Accomac, Va.....	31	31	207	207	70	...	...	40	14	...	...	...	...	124	...
2	Amelia, Va.....	19	19	126	126	50	...	...	...	...	11	17	...	...	78	...
	Baltimore																	
3	Alnutt Memorial....	47	47	318	318	115	10	200	15	...	250	...	...	590	561	...
4	Baltimore Circuit..	27	27	179	179	176	...	168	26	...	...	...	...	370	180	...
5	Bethesda.....	4	4	27	27	32	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	132	...	...
6	Brooklyn.....	39	39	265	265	108	50	70	215	165	50	100	70	79	907	41	...	
7	Calvary.....	36	36	247	247	50	42	10	97	205	27	...	55	75	561	54	...	
8	Chesaco Park.....	9	9	62	62	14	14	8	6	42	
9	Christ Church.....	89	89	605	605	150	...	240	320	138	...	412	55	1315	543	...		
10	East Baltimore.....	32	32	214	214	25	100	25	50	...	25	25	590	590	...	
11	Edmondson Ave....	12	12	83	83	107	...	...	35	23	...	39	41	245	52	...
12	Eutaw.....	44	44	300	300	160	100	278	320	100	75	450	80	1563	...	...
13	Evergreen.....	22	22	145	145	25	15	...	62	18	22	5	147	
14	Glenburnie.....	24	24	164	164	50	...	10	28	81	...	...	...	169	105	...
15	Grace.....	38	38	260	260	75	16	15	25	175	25	36	367	567	...	
16	Graceland Park....	10	10	64	64	66	
17	Hampden.....	95	95	651	651	827	...	55	170	...	...	...	22	1074	180	...
18	Keen Memorial....	32	32	221	221	55	20	...	40	35	30	...	20	200	...	...
19	Lauraville.....	22	22	154	154	25	...	10	307	95	68	...	36	15	556	
20	Linthicum H'ts....	27	27	179	179	108	91	...	120	184	15	100	60	25	703	
21	Lowe Memorial.....	58	58	392	392	75	...	...	135	350	...	29	30	619	200	...
22	Marley.....	3	9	22	59	39	...	...	...	100	6	...	46	191	69	...
23	North Baltimore...	62	62	421	421	345	220	...	400	162	...	450	86	1663	100	...		
24	Payson Street.....	17	17	120	120	26	...	8	80	83	...	25	32	254	41	...		
25	South Baltimore...	39	39	270	270	71	46	95	34	75	45	58	53	14	491	
26	Starr.....	95	95	648	648	...	...	19	473	267	...	580	...	1339	983	...
27	St. John's.....	82	82	551	551	43	407	...	500	244	...	375	40	1609	367	...		
28	St. Paul's.....	41	41	279	279	80	...	...	...	10	...	60	60	210	...	...
29	Trinity.....	28	28	184	184	10	...	...	30	10	...	50	10	110	...	...
30	Violetville.....	16	16	103	103	50	...	10	75	25	...	...	50	210	159	...
31	West Baltimore....	81	81	548	556	700	...	210	400	100	...	450	39	1899	62	...		
32	Wilton H'ts.....	39	39	266	266	20	153	...	90	46	...	82	17	408	24	...		
33	Bedford, Pa.....	30	15	204	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	...
34	Belair.....	27	27	186	186	75	35	40	25	35	210	
35	Bivalve.....	21	21	138	138	81	...	...	...	6	...	...	25	112	...	...
36	Buckeystown.....	43	43	293	293	110	...	13	202	56	...	175	19	575	476	...		
37	Cambridge.....	43	43	290	290	39	195	237	...	131	...	131	40	773	267	...		
38	Cambridge Circuit...	11	11	76	76	15	32	73	
39	Cannon, Del.....	19	19	132	132	54	18	19	9	100	
40	Caroline.....	19	19	134	134	48	20	20	8	2	98	124	...	
41	Carroll Circuit.....	16	16	103	70	25	56	17	...	35	17	11	161	
42	Cecil.....	23	23	153	153	7	14	22	8	51	146	
43	Centreville.....	22	22	153	153	50	...	15	25	20	...	44	40	194	85	...		
44	Chicertown.....	51	51	342	342	205	...	25	122	75	126	...	15	568	658	
45	Chincoteague, Va....	14	14	97	72	10	10	20	58	
46	Clayton, Del.....	26	26	177	177	73	25	12	110	203	
47	Concord, Pa.....	23	23	155	97	50	8	4	62	18	
48	Conquest, Va.....	13	13	87	87	16	22	38	67	
49	Crisfield: Crisfield...	61	61	418	418	100	...	10	200	125	...	103	60	20	618	
50	Lawsonia.....	14	...	93	
51	Mariners.....	27	27	189	85	
52	Crumpton.....	9	9	61	35	35	...
53	Cumberland: 1st Ch.	41	41	280	280	32	25	8	...	68	93	...	30	256	
54	Mapleside & Fairvi	12	6	79	39	141	

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd	General Conference Budget	Total	Assessments	Percentage Paid on Total Assessments	Miscel. Gen'l Int's	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	
741	124	979	362	37	161	523	1500	1500	300	300	200	.....	15	382	2697	3220	1
455	155	600	300	50	5	305	1000	1083	125	110	320	.....	.....	437	2075	2380	2
1141	1151	1506	1516	101	25	1541	2000	2000	600	1555	1656	.....	.....	572	6383	7924	3
644	550	850	756	89	97	853	1500	1500	800	640	997	.....	.....	.....	3937	4790	4
96	132	127	163	128	9	172	1200	1200	.....	215	800	1260	234	393	4102	4274	5
948	948	1252	1252	100	304	1556	2000	2000	900	1790	4200	.....	.....	2150	11040	12596	6
883	615	1166	898	77	163	1061	2000	2000	500	624	600	.....	660	779	5163	6224	7
221	42	292	113	39	20	133	900	900	.....	154	177	80	8	155	1474	1607	8
2170	1858	2864	2552	90	1376	3928	2200	2200	720	2617	.....	.....	.....	985	6522	10450	9
765	815	1011	1061	104	200	1261	1800	1800	480	1000	500	400	.....	175	4355	5616	10
297	297	392	392	100	4	396	1200	1223	.....	358	425	5924	.....	491	8421	8817	11
1077	1563	1421	1907	134	1037	2944	2000	2000	720	1697	204	1000	226	569	6416	9360	12	
520	147	687	314	45	.....	314	1000	1000	.....	400	150	100	.....	927	2577	2891	13
587	274	775	462	60	110	572	1800	1800	500	200	3000	.....	.....	1046	6546	7118	14
934	934	1232	1232	100	183	1415	2000	2030	600	1195	392	1145	1165	488	7065	8430	15	
228	66	302	140	46	.....	140	1000	1000	420	125	120	130	75	50	1920	2060	16
2337	1254	3083	2000	64	1	2001	2500	2500	1200	3890	.....	12946	3316	721	24573	26574	17
793	200	1046	453	43	161	614	1750	1800	1200	1000	162	1700	1244	1000	8106	8720	18	
551	556	727	732	100	413	1145	1700	1700	.....	444	125	.....	.....	708	2977	4122	19
640	703	846	909	107	269	1176	1800	2100	600	800	445	730	116	432	5223	6399	20	
1409	819	1859	1269	68	.....	1269	2000	2000	600	1400	2000	.....	.....	6000	7269	21	
210	260	278	328	118	20	348	.....	1500	250	150	1800	500	115	270	4585	4933	22
1510	1763	1993	2246	112	3372	5618	3000	3000	750	2852	539	.....	346	983	8470	14088	23
428	295	565	432	76	72	504	1500	1500	.....	840	600	300	630	415	4285	4789	24
966	491	1275	800	62	800	800	2000	2002	500	1236	178	1298	88	602	5904	6704	25	
2322	2322	3065	3065	100	528	3593	4000	4000	1800	3900	500	3000	1500	1995	16695	20288	26	
1976	1976	2609	2609	100	1788	4397	2500	2800	750	5927	.....	1300	.....	1300	12077	16474	27
999	210	1319	530	40	118	648	1480	1560	600	685	465	825	.....	690	4825	5473	28
663	110	875	322	36	.....	322	1560	1780	540	475	6000	300	300	425	9820	10142	29
369	369	488	488	100	121	609	1300	1200	720	300	125	2868	540	337	6090	6699	30	
1968	1968	2597	2605	100	832	3437	3000	4000	700	1506	1000	.....	90	2965	10261	13698	31
953	492	1258	737	58	52	789	1700	1700	384	300	225	.....	596	400	3605	4394	32
735	70	969	85	9	.....	85	1200	1100	70	125	2600	.....	.....	155	4050	4135	33
668	210	881	423	48	.....	423	1200	1200	500	345	550	.....	.....	297	2892	3315	34
497	112	656	271	41	25	296	1100	1100	200	225	25	.....	.....	148	1698	1994	35
1051	1051	1387	1387	100	784	2171	1500	1500	250	477	273	.....	.....	464	2964	5135	36
1040	1040	1373	1373	100	23	1396	2200	2200	300	350	1500	.....	.....	1150	5500	6896	37
270	105	357	192	54	.....	192	800	800	75	118	90	190	23	93	1389	1531	38
471	100	622	251	40	8	259	1025	1000	150	150	109	650	100	800	2959	3218	39	
483	222	636	375	50	3	378	1050	900	120	130	162	.....	.....	182	1484	1862	4
371	161	490	247	50	32	279	900	842	.....	50	175	.....	.....	350	1417	1696	4
550	187	726	373	50	53	426	1000	1000	200	300	853	.....	.....	589	2942	3368	42
548	279	723	454	62	66	520	1600	1600	300	1220	135	500	590	203	4542	5068	43	
1226	1226	1619	1619	100	390	2009	2400	2400	500	1191	1000	.....	.....	776	5867	7876	44
349	20	460	106	23	.....	106	1200	1200	150	300	.....	85	24	208	1967	2073	45
635	313	838	516	61	.....	516	1500	1500	300	320	525	60	.....	300	3005	3521	46
558	80	736	200	25	.....	200	900	778	50	90	1200	.....	.....	175	2293	2493	47
310	105	410	205	50	.....	205	900	970	150	100	200	650	355	100	2525	2730	48
1500	618	1979	1097	55	148	1245	2400	2400	200	965	.....	145	.....	1193	4903	6148	49
335	.....	442	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
675	.....	891	112	12	25	137	1500	1500	100	492	4422	.....	.....	322	6296	7033	51
220	35	290	79	27	.....	79	600	500	150	100	300	.....	.....	1050	1129	1129	52
1002	256	1323	577	43	173	750	1800	1850	500	875	562	24	468	5257	6017	53
282	141	373	186	50	24	210	800	750	300	112	146	60	692	2060	2270	54

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		Ass'd Paid	Salary	Ass'd Paid	Conference Budget											
55	Melvin Chapel.....	13	13	86	52	12	7	17	12	16	64	...
56	Dagsboro.....	20	20	139	55	15	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	25	...
57	Deer Creek.....	13	13	88	88	48	...	...	...	12	...	...	11	11	81	...
58	Deer Park.....	36	36	242	242	190	15	...	40	53	40	...	57	24	419	448
59	Delmar, Del.....	27	27	188	188	30	26	31	26	63	26	26	25	35	278	...
60	Delta, Pa.....	30	30	206	206	210	100	50	100	52	10	...	63	24	619	...
61	Denton.....	28	28	189	189	133	80	25	140	30	17	25	50	...	500	179
62	Dorchester.....	23	23	155	155	228	...	...	...	30	...	...	20	...	278	277
63	Dover, Del.....	17	17	111	111	40	...	...	...	30	...	...	16	23	220	35
64	Easton.....	34	34	229	229	67	41	...	100	57	...	10	30	...	305	...
65	Elizabeth, N. J.....	27	27	184	184	31	...	...	...	17	...	...	20	...	68	153
66	Fairfax, Va.....	15	5	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	37	37	252	252	194	...	...	80	34	...	...	48	...	356	418
68	Federalsburg.....	25	25	172	107	22	...	...	30	32	...	...	11	...	95	...
69	Felton, Del.....	14	14	93	80	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	...
70	Finksburg.....	33	33	222	222	107	45	12	160	178	...	37	66	19	624	26
71	First Church, Newark	26	126	854	854	130	252	25	1107	229	...	176	39	54	2012	1053
72	Franklin City, Va.....	25	25	170	122	70	...	...	...	36	...	20	15	...	141	...
73	Frederick.....	22	22	153	153	50	10	...	125	14	22	...	11	...	232	...
74	Georgetown, Del.....	23	28	192	192	25	...	...	...	31	10	...	15	...	181	109
75	Greenbush & Tasley.....	17	17	113	113	150	...	...	...	80	...	...	93	...	323	82
76	Greensboro (no repo)	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
77	Greenwood, Del.....	26	26	174	174	...	...	...	...	21	...	100	...	64	185	253
78	Grove.....	16	16	105	105	20	...	...	...	20	...	...	10	...	50	...
79	Harbeson, Del.....	20	20	142	142	10	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	17	15
80	Harmony, Md.....	2	...	14	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	...
81	Harmony, W. Va.....	16	16	111	111	21	...	...	...	35	...	110	18	...	184	53
82	Harpers Ferry, W. Va	21	21	142	142	62	12	...	...	23	...	...	14	10	121	...
83	Harrington, Del.....	33	33	225	225	70	20	...	...	105	...	...	...	...	195	104
84	Hawley Memorial, Pa	15	15	102	102	50	...	5	81	38	10	...	20	...	204	...
85	Howard.....	37	37	249	249	120	...	...	...	33	30	...	34	...	217	413
86	Hurlock.....	25	25	173	173	100	...	10	...	75	...	22	150	...	357	274
87	Indian River.....	4	4	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	...
88	Kemptown.....	28	28	196	196	94	...	...	...	76	...	41	...	...	211	...
89	Kennedyville.....	18	18	124	126	26	11	7	...	28	11	11	11	...	105	37
90	Kent Island.....	13	13	89	89	52	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	59	260
91	Laurel, Del.....	42	42	285	285	170	...	...	82	114	...	...	137	42	545	479
92	Laurel Circuit, Del....	21	21	147	147	100	...	...	...	30	...	...	25	...	155	145
93	Leeds.....	20	20	134	134	61	43	...	...	81	10	...	22	...	217	115
94	Leipsic, Del.....	8	8	52	52	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	67
95	Lewes, Del.....	8	8	48	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	154	...
96	Lewistown.....	14	14	80	50	17	...	...	...	20	6	8	7	4	62	2
97	Liberty.....	17	17	115	115	27	...	...	...	35	...	20	9	...	91	188
98	Lisbon.....	23	23	161	150	70	...	...	...	20	...	...	11	...	101	...
99	Lynchburg, Va.....	29	29	196	196	130	124	...	163	25	...	129	13	...	584	120
100	Mardela.....	28	28	194	194	25	44	...	...	25	44	...	...	...	138	25
101	Middleway, W. Va.....	3	3	22	...	6	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	11	3
102	Milford, Del.....	44	44	302	302	80	...	5	...	133	...	...	16	...	234	300
103	Milton, Del.....	22	22	151	151	100	...	8	...	119	...	7	52	11	297	...
104	Mt. Nebo.....	32	32	217	217	102	...	10	5	50	10	...	7	23	207	...
105	New Church, Va.....	32	32	216	216	240	144	...	71	50	...	...	59	9	573	203
106	Newmarket.....	35	35	241	241	45	12	...	...	16	...	...	3	...	77	...
107	Nichols Memorial.....	17	17	120	120	80	...	8	...	33	...	...	...	...	121	...
108	Northumberland, Va	33	33	224	159	66	42	...	9	117	...
109	Oak Grove, Va.....	11	...	72
110	Oxford.....	17	17	113	113	61	105	40	51	28	285	...

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	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Total	Percentage	Miscel.	Total	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid									
306	64	405	129	31	16	145	1000	1200	30	69	350	200	264	141	2254	2399	55				
500	25	659	100	15	12	112	...	950	120	200	2300	...	...	200	3770	3882	56		
313	140	414	241	50	...	241	650	700	200	160	188	...	...	...	106	1354	1505	57
867	867	1145	1145	100	197	1342	1500	1500	300	535	513	413	99	894	4254	5596	58				
677	278	892	493	55	96	589	1500	1500	300	472	951	...	24	267	3514	4103	59				
739	619	975	855	87	63	918	1600	1600	300	232	200	25	31	353	2741	3659	60				
679	679	896	896	100	139	1035	1600	1600	300	465	433	...	...	...	570	3368	4403	61
555	555	733	733	100	52	785	1100	1200	200	177	375	...	...	...	170	2122	2907	62
396	256	524	384	73	18	402	1000	1000	300	360	300	...	...	...	295	2255	2657	63
820	305	1083	568	52	670	1238	1600	1600	360	1225	750	100	...	...	425	4460	5698	64	
660	221	871	432	49	22	454	1200	1200	720	1200	500	180	240	330	4370	4824	65				
367	...	484	5	1	...	5	950	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	66
901	774	1190	1063	89	288	1351	1500	1500	200	400	212	200	2	660	3174	4525	67				
614	95	811	227	28	88	315	1400	1400	300	400	300	200	12	558	3170	3485	68				
334	14	441	108	25	...	108	1000	1000	125	75	1000	...	25	131	2356	2464	69				
799	650	1054	905	86	451	1356	1600	1600	300	282	1799	1063	100	713	5857	7213	70				
3065	3065	4045	4045	100	1257	5302	3500	3500	1500	6516	4689	...	...	4163	20368	25670	71		
613	141	808	288	35	32	320	1300	1200	100	175	3000	...	300	24	4799	5119	72				
550	232	725	407	56	11	418	1200	1200	150	85	474	...	...	...	1909	2327	73	
691	190	911	410	45	...	410	1500	1700	200	350	50	...	...	...	424	2724	3134	74
403	405	533	535	100	50	585	1100	1100	300	160	150	2000	175	185	4070	4655	75				
8	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
624	438	824	638	77	404	1042	1100	1100	200	368	573	...	...	...	263	2504	3546	77
376	50	497	171	35	12	183	1000	1000	125	175	250	...	...	...	200	1750	1933	78
508	32	670	194	29	...	194	1100	1100	150	350	200	...	...	...	122	1922	2116	79
50	5	66	5	8	...	...	400	400	...	10	...	...	...	...	15	425	430	80
396	237	287	364	127	166	530	950	950	180	119	130	...	...	...	243	1622	2152	81
510	121	673	284	42	...	284	1300	1325	180	330	2729	...	...	...	206	4770	5054	82
808	299	1066	557	52	68	625	1500	1500	420	550	...	...	...	...	339	2809	3434	83
362	204	479	321	67	30	351	1200	1200	360	225	100	375	50	198	2508	2859	84				
896	630	1182	916	77	823	1739	1600	1600	150	600	708	...	...	...	344	3402	5141	85
621	631	819	829	101	659	1488	1500	1500	150	809	1058	...	...	...	114	3631	5119	86
89	87	118	116	98	20	136	...	298	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	298	434	87
706	211	930	435	47	...	435	1300	1050	200	56	...	...	...	...	...	1256	1691	88
443	142	585	286	49	24	310	800	800	120	242	200	...	...	...	528	1890	2200	89
319	319	421	421	100	31	452	800	800	150	222	618	...	...	...	174	1964	2416	90
1024	1024	1351	1351	100	1716	3067	2100	2100	600	1446	640	...	60	1084	5930	8997	91				
526	300	694	468	67	100	568	1000	1000	300	200	...	...	...	...	200	1700	2268	92
481	332	635	486	76	180	666	1000	1400	125	262	201	200	23	220	2431	3097	93				
186	82	246	142	58	...	142	450	450	60	75	...	...	...	...	35	620	762	94
174	154	230	210	91	...	210	500	500	...	200	...	...	...	...	125	825	1035	95
287	64	381	128	34	...	128	400	400	...	93	480	...	...	...	173	1146	1274	96
410	229	542	361	67	27	388	...	900	120	274	289	...	...	...	159	1742	2130	97
561	101	745	174	23	19	193	1000	1000	600	250	...	...	...	...	425	2275	2468	98
704	704	929	929	100	316	1245	2000	2000	600	1520	125	...	...	1230	5475	6720	99		
697	163	919	385	42	40	425	1300	1269	120	135	900	...	...	...	24	2448	2873	100
79	14	104	17	16	2	19	...	200	50	...	342	...	...	...	54	646	665	101
1083	534	1429	880	62	35	915	1800	1650	200	1100	258	282	...	1457	4947	5862	102				
541	297	714	470	66	35	505	1200	1200	150	387	270	...	35	467	2509	3014	103				
779	207	1028	456	44	6	462	1200	1300	200	300	...	100	70	440	2410	2872	104				
776	776	1024	1024	100	387	1411	1700	1700	250	590	...	...	...	...	428	2968	4379	105
866	77	1142	353	31	92	445	1200	1200	200	400	940	150	60	220	3170	3615	106				
427	121	564	258	46	...	258	1500	1500	300	187	243	300	50	218	2798	3056	107				
804	117	1061	309	27	3	312	1400	1400	150	375	1300	250	170	140	3785	4097	108				
257	...	340	500	109			
407	285	537	415	77	68	483	1200	1200	150	250	185	1785	2268	110			

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111	Parksley, Va.....	27	27	185	185	100	25	160	64	125	55	40	569	5	13	
112	Patapsco.....	3	3	20	12	3
113	Phila.: Emmanuel.....	34	34	234	234	32	19	5	95	32	19	...	50	...	252	13
114	St. Luke's.....	48	48	325	325	57	77	18	...	45	77	...	19	...	293	32
115	Taylor Memorial.....	61	61	415	415	149	385	17	287	205	30	31	69	...	1173	32
116	Tioga H'ts.....	9	9	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
117	Pipe Creek.....	23	23	157	157	50	...	116	20	...	...	21	17	...	224	34
118	Pittsville.....	39	39	262	262	235	...	35	107	...	10	90	25	...	502	43
119	Pocomoke City.....	48	48	327	327	400	...	52	100	170	90	100	154	...	1066	10
120	Powellville.....	20	20	135	135	25	5	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	52	4
121	Prince George, Va.....	5	5	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
122	Quantico.....	9	9	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
123	Queen Anne.....	11	11	76	76	27	...	...	42	12	...	14	...	95	...	
124	Reliance.....	23	23	152	152	32	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	42	...	
125	Portsville.....	3	3	22	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
126	Quinton.....	6	6	42	42	41	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	66	8	
127	Rowlandville.....	14	14	95	80	20	...	...	20	...	12	...	52	...	...
128	Salem.....	12	12	85	85	26	...	...	42	...	...	32	...	100	...	
129	Salisbury.....	80	80	548	548	141	...	120	463	...	65	62	50	901	1067	
130	Seaford, Del.....	40	40	269	269	156	...	100	131	...	71	25	483	...	50	
131	Sharptown.....	28	28	188	188	169	...	...	65	30	10	55	...	329	347	
132	Smyrna, Del.....	3	3	17	...	6	...	...	9	...	8	4	...	27	...	
133	Snow Hill.....	32	32	218	218	125	...	...	100	...	80	30	...	448	...	
134	Snow Hill Circuit.....	13	17	82	74	39	...	...	12	...	20	...	71	...	23	
135	Stewartstown, Pa.....	31	31	207	196	150	...	34	56	25	11	52	...	328	102	
136	St. James.....	26	26	179	179	180	...	...	25	...	25	...	230	...	410	...
137	St. Michael's.....	27	27	178	178	12	...	2	78	...	50	20	...	162	30	
138	Susquehanna.....	20	20	136	136	105	...	...	57	59	...	39	...	260	225	
139	Texas.....	8	8	57	57	30	...	...	51	...	29	35	...	145	...	
140	Trinity.....	28	28	186	186	100	...	...	26	...	...	100	...	226	...	
141	Tyreana, Va.....	7	7	47	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
142	Union.....	37	37	254	254	170	...	...	180	...	42	50	442	...	277	...
143	Union Bridge.....	16	16	107	107	18	...	107	23	50	...	25	24	247	135	
144	Union Church.....	7	7	42	42	10	...	...	51	...	...	...	61	...	90	...
145	Wallace Memorial, V.....	20	20	134	134	30	...	40	15	30	38	15	...	168	39	...
146	Warwick.....	22	22	147	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	...
Washington																
147	Alexandria, Va.....	29	29	194	194	75	...	...	38	...	42	50	...	205	177	...
148	Calvary, Va.....	9	9	63	63	10	...	...	14	...	11	...	35	...	88	...
149	Cherrydale, Va.....	36	36	240	240	...	...	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	...
150	Congress Street.....	31	31	213	213	89	...	10	29	...	22	...	150	...	42	...
151	First Church.....	39	44	264	...	110	...	121	33	...	114	32	...	410	27	...
152	Mt. Tabor.....	25	25	169	169	40	45	...	42	...	25	...	152	...	452	...
153	North Carolina Av.....	52	52	349	349	275	...	5	82	125	59	190	250	...	986	264
154	Mt. Olivet.....	30	30	205	205	...	...	57	...	67	...	...	124	...	581	...
155	Rhode Island Ave.....	88	88	600	600	325	160	100	242	415	...	504	289	...	2035	116
156	Walkers' Chapel.....	10	10	70	70	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	26	...	...	...
157	Wesley Chapel of Ke.....	19	19	130	100	41	100	...	27	...	40	107	...	315	...	...
158	Westminster.....	37	37	256	256	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	919	...
159	Wilmington: 1st Ch.....	13	13	93	93	15	...	...	26	...	13	11	8	73	152	...
160	Peninsula.....	38	38	258	258	...	...	93	8	...	9	...	110	...	818	...
161	West Wilmington.....	8	8	53	53	10	15	...	12	21	...	24	18	100	...	...
162	Whaleville.....	33	33	227	175	34	...	...	88	...	...	...	122	...	63	...
163	Wye.....	13	13	85	85	23	10	...	40	...	...	15	12	100	...	...
164	Wigand's Chapel.....	2	2	8
165	Ridgeville.....	28	28	196	69	20	...	14	73	20	42	16	43	297	73	...

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664	569	876	781	89	68	849	1700	1700	250	565	200	30	295	3040	3889	111
71	5	94	20	21	20	255	64	198	202	222	112
837	252	1105	520	47	308	828	2000	2000	900	1525	125	5528	1240	215	11533	12361	113	
1166	428	1539	801	52	23	824	1800	1800	1000	1941	600	2000	714	524	8579	9403	114	
1490	1499	1966	1975	100	876	2851	2200	2200	900	1707	4735	800	210	2221	12773	15624	115	
207	3	274	3	1	....	3	500	....	....	250	1265	....	1200	....	2715	2718	116	
565	565	745	745	100	99	844	1200	1200	200	379	....	....	....	....	253	2032	2876	117
939	939	1240	1240	100	44	1284	1600	1600	200	250	100	....	....	....	225	2375	3659	118
1173	1173	1548	1548	100	100	1648	2600	2600	420	926	175	....	....	....	12	491	4624	119
485	95	640	250	39	174	424	1200	1200	120	100	75	....	....	....	48	1543	1967	120
130	....	171	5	4	....	5	400	289	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	289	294	121
215	....	285	....	....	....	....	500	400	....	125	....	50	....	....	....	575	575	122
269	95	356	182	51	....	182	650	650	150	100	500	....	....	....	200	1600	1782	123
545	42	720	217	30	17	234	925	950	115	....	....	....	990	....	210	2265	2499	124
75	60	100	85	85	....	85	300	300	....	42	59	150	18	....	148	717	802	125
151	151	199	199	100	....	199	350	350	....	20	172	....	....	....	....	542	741	126
337	52	446	146	33	5	151	1000	967	150	45	....	....	....	....	....	1162	1313	127
301	100	398	197	50	....	197	600	600	150	175	....	....	....	....	223	1148	1345	128
1968	1968	2596	2596	100	699	3295	2600	2600	600	3149	475	34250	3267	1168	45509	48804	129	
969	533	1278	842	66	127	969	1800	1800	600	551	1000	....	238	289	4478	5447	130	
676	676	892	892	100	97	989	1500	1500	200	310	1375	....	....	....	313	3698	4637	131
63	27	83	30	36	....	30	500	462	....	66	....	....	....	....	225	94	847	132
783	783	1033	1033	100	633	1666	1500	2000	500	400	500	250	5	1217	4872	6538	133	
295	94	390	185	47	....	185	500	1033	....	185	190	....	....	....	....	1408	1593	134
745	430	983	657	66	482	1139	....	1500	200	292	550	....	....	....	540	3092	4221	135
640	640	845	845	100	80	925	1200	1400	175	115	1200	....	....	....	467	3357	4282	136
638	192	843	397	47	14	411	1200	1205	250	701	350	....	....	....	395	2901	3312	137
486	486	642	642	100	65	707	900	900	300	182	135	150	18	555	2240	2947	138	
204	145	269	210	78	84	294	700	700	....	212	....	....	....	309	1221	1515	139	
665	226	879	440	50	115	555	1200	1300	400	150	16400	....	....	4	18254	18809	140	
167	....	221	54	24	....	54	900	900	300	100	....	....	....	....	50	1350	1404	141
915	719	1206	1010	84	216	1226	1500	1500	150	625	1059	....	9	112	3455	4681	142	
383	383	506	506	100	61	567	900	950	200	125	447	....	....	....	1034	2756	3323	143
151	151	200	200	100	....	200	400	400	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	462	662	144
478	207	632	361	57	71	432	1200	1200	200	300	500	900	100	828	4028	4460	145	
528	94	697	164	23	9	173	1000	900	75	150	175	....	....	....	21	1321	1494	146
698	382	921	605	66	21	626	2000	2000	540	1309	566	636	325	54	5430	6056	147	
226	35	298	107	36	....	107	1020	1020	....	78	....	....	....	....	244	1342	1449	148
858	147	1134	423	37	....	423	2000	2000	900	1100	5500	....	210	1595	11905	11728	149	
764	192	1008	436	43	224	660	1800	1800	900	1149	80	....	40	217	4186	4846	150	
945	487	1248	481	39	....	481	1700	1700	720	700	100	250	300	400	4170	4651	151	
604	604	798	798	100	150	948	1500	1500	600	570	600	....	....	....	660	3930	4878	152
1250	1250	1651	1651	100	136	1787	2000	2000	1000	2494	....	710	429	666	7299	9036	153	
705	705	940	940	100	....	940	2000	2080	600	873	76	1700	447	433	6209	7149	154	
2151	2151	2839	2839	100	1884	4723	3000	3000	900	2626	....	2250	547	623	9946	14669	155	
210	26	310	106	34	....	106	480	480	....	57	145	....	....	....	224	906	1012	156
464	315	613	434	71	14	448	1200	1200	125	205	....	....	....	....	796	2326	2774	157
919	919	1212	1212	1198	13120	13120	1700	1700	400	1121	455	....	....	....	805	4481	17601	158
335	232	441	338	77	202	630	1200	1200	....	235	250	....	285	390	2360	2990	159	
928	928	1224	1224	100	192	1416	2700	2700	....	2917	900	2750	2732	....	11999	13415	160	
192	100	253	161	64	....	161	1040	958	....	438	....	....	....	....	235	1631	1792	161
814	185	1074	393	36	35	428	1500	1500	125	350	100	....	....	....	26	2101	2529	162
307	100	405	198	49	565	763	650	650	150	100	200	425	1525	2288	163
25	35	100	50	10	60	50	164
....	376	600	29	629	1200	318	587	2105	2734	165	

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Accomac, Va.....	1022	32	248	742	186	171	171	89	44	30	15	15	7	
Amelia, Va.....	676	21	164	491	123	113	113	59	29	19	10	10	5	
Baltimore														
Alnut Memorial.....	1371	42	333	996	249	229	229	119	60	40	20	20	10	10
Baltimore Circuit.....	879	28	213	638	159	147	147	78	38	25	13	13	6	6
Bethesda.....	520	16	126	378	95	87	87	45	23	15	7	7	4	4
Brooklyn.....	1407	44	342	1021	255	235	235	123	62	41	20	20	10	10
Calvary.....	1141	36	277	828	207	190	190	100	50	33	17	17	8	8
Chesaco Park.....	313	10	76	227	57	52	52	27	14	9	5	5	2	2
Christ Church.....	2855	90	693	2072	517	477	477	249	124	83	41	41	21	21
East Baltimore.....	1033	33	250	750	187	172	172	90	45	30	15	15	8	8
Edmondson Ave.....	400	12	94	294	101	93	93	48	24	16	8	8	4	4
Eutaw.....	1513	47	367	1099	274	253	253	132	66	44	22	22	11	11
Evergreen.....	655	20	159	476	119	109	109	57	28	19	10	10	5	5
Glenburnie.....	812	26	197	589	147	135	135	71	35	24	12	12	6	6
Grace.....	1333	41	324	968	241	223	223	116	58	39	19	19	10	10
Graceland Park.....	324	10	78	236	59	55	55	28	14	9	5	5	2	2
Hampden.....	3071	96	746	2229	557	513	513	267	134	89	45	45	22	22
Keen Memorial.....	1098	34	267	779	200	183	183	95	48	32	16	16	8	8
Lauraville.....	812	25	197	590	147	136	136	71	35	23	12	12	6	6
Linthicum H'ts.....	946	30	229	687	172	158	158	82	41	27	14	14	7	7
Lowe Memorial.....	1784	55	433	1296	324	298	298	155	78	52	26	26	13	13
Marley.....	487	15	119	353	88	81	81	42	21	14	7	7	4	4
North Baltimore.....	2163	69	525	1569	392	361	361	188	94	63	31	31	16	16
Payson Street.....	595	18	145	432	109	99	99	52	26	17	9	9	4	4
South Baltimore.....	1258	39	306	913	228	210	210	110	55	37	18	18	9	9
Starr.....	3185	99	773	2313	578	532	532	278	139	93	46	46	23	23
St. John's.....	2758	86	669	2003	501	461	461	240	120	80	40	40	20	20
St. Paul's.....	1223	38	293	892	251	231	231	121	60	40	20	20	10	10
Trinity.....	1068	34	259	775	193	178	178	93	46	31	16	16	8	8
Violetville.....	553	17	134	402	101	92	92	49	24	16	8	8	4	4
West Baltimore.....	2599	82	631	1886	471	434	434	226	113	75	38	38	19	19
Wilton H'ts.....	1283	40	312	931	233	214	214	112	56	37	19	19	9	9
Bedford, Pa.....	854	26	207	621	156	143	143	75	37	25	12	12	6	6
Belair.....	904	28	219	657	164	151	151	79	39	26	13	13	7	7
Bivalve.....	674	21	164	489	122	112	112	59	29	20	10	10	5	5
Buckeytown.....	1437	44	349	1044	261	240	240	126	63	42	21	21	10	10
Cambridge.....	1485	47	361	1077	269	248	248	129	65	43	21	21	11	11
Cambridge Circuit.....	322	10	78	234	59	54	54	28	14	9	5	5	2	2
Cannon, Del.....	680	21	165	494	123	114	114	58	30	20	10	10	5	5
Caroline.....	655	20	159	476	119	109	109	57	28	19	10	10	5	5
Carroll Circuit.....	544	17	132	395	98	91	91	47	24	16	8	8	4	4
Cecil.....	773	24	188	561	140	129	129	67	34	22	11	11	6	6
Centerville.....	911	29	221	661	165	152	152	79	40	26	13	13	7	7
Chestertown.....	1693	53	411	1229	307	283	283	147	74	49	25	25	12	12
Chincoteague, Va.....	472	14	115	343	86	79	79	41	21	14	7	7	3	3
Clayton, Del.....	612	22	168	502	125	116	116	60	30	20	10	10	5	5
Concord, Pa.....	787	25	191	571	144	131	131	68	34	23	11	11	6	6
Conquest, Va.....	419	13	102	304	76	70	70	37	18	12	6	6	3	3
Crisfield														
Crisfield.....	2130	69	516	1545	387	355	355	186	93	62	31	31	15	15
Lawsonia.....	502	15	122	365	91	84	84	44	22	14	7	7	4	4
Mariners.....	960	30	233	697	175	160	160	83	42	28	14	14	7	7
Crumpton.....	305	9	74	222	57	51	51	27	13	9	4	4	2	2
Cumberland														
First Church.....	1409	44	342	1023	256	236	236	123	61	41	20	20	10	10

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Mapleside & Fairview..	401	13	97	291	72	67	67	35	17	12	6	6	3	3	3
Melvin Chapel.....	417	13	101	303	76	70	70	36	18	12	6	6	3	3	3
Deer Creek.....	437	13	106	318	80	73	73	39	19	13	6	6	3	3	3
Deer Park.....	1268	40	308	920	230	212	212	111	55	37	18	18	9	9	9
Dagsboro.....	527	17	128	382	95	88	88	46	22	15	8	8	4	4	4
Delmar, Del.....	923	28	224	671	168	154	154	81	40	27	13	13	7	7	7
Delta, Pa.....	1040	33	253	754	189	173	173	90	45	30	15	15	8	8	8
Denton.....	919	29	223	667	167	153	153	80	40	27	13	13	7	7	7
Dorchester.....	778	24	189	565	141	130	130	68	34	22	11	11	6	6	6
Dover, Del.....	570	18	138	414	104	96	96	49	25	16	8	8	4	4	4
Easton.....	1161	37	281	843	211	194	194	101	50	34	17	17	8	8	8
Elizabeth, N. J.....	898	28	218	652	162	150	150	78	39	26	13	13	7	7	7
Fairfax, Va.....	500	15	122	363	91	83	83	44	22	14	7	7	4	4	4
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	1204	38	292	874	219	201	201	105	52	35	17	17	9	9	9
Federsburg.....	806	25	196	585	145	135	135	70	35	23	12	12	6	6	6
Felton, Del.....	447	14	109	324	82	75	75	39	19	13	6	6	3	3	3
Finksburg.....	1076	33	261	782	195	180	180	93	47	31	16	16	8	8	8
First Church, Newark.....	4310	136	1045	3129	782	720	720	375	188	125	63	63	31	31	31
Franklin City, Va.....	878	27	214	637	160	147	147	76	38	25	13	13	6	6	6
Frederick.....	764	24	185	555	138	128	128	66	33	22	11	11	6	6	6
Georgetown, Del.....	1013	31	246	736	184	170	170	88	44	29	15	15	7	7	7
Greenbush & Tasley.....	563	17	137	409	103	94	94	49	25	16	8	8	4	4	4
Greenwood, Del.....	883	28	214	641	160	148	148	77	38	26	13	13	6	6	6
Grove.....	532	16	129	387	97	89	89	46	23	15	8	8	4	4	4
Harbeson, Del.....	744	23	181	540	136	124	124	65	32	22	11	11	5	5	5
Harmony, Md.....	431	13	105	313	78	72	72	38	19	13	6	6	3	3	3
Harmony, W. Va.....	556	17	135	404	102	93	93	48	24	16	8	8	4	4	4
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	685	21	167	494	124	115	115	60	30	20	9	9	5	5	5
Harrington, Del.....	1135	35	276	824	206	190	190	99	50	33	16	16	8	8	8
Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	506	16	123	367	92	84	84	44	22	15	7	7	4	4	4
Howard.....	1266	41	307	919	230	211	211	111	56	37	18	18	9	9	9
Hurlock.....	862	26	210	626	156	144	144	75	38	25	13	13	6	6	6
Indian River.....	146	4	36	106	27	24	24	14	6	4	2	2	1	1	1
Kempton.....	1107	34	269	804	202	185	185	96	48	32	16	16	8	8	8
Kennedyville.....	604	19	147	438	109	101	101	53	26	18	9	9	4	4	4
Kent Island.....	448	14	109	325	80	75	75	39	20	13	7	7	3	3	3
Laurel, Del.....	1437	45	349	1043	261	240	240	125	63	42	21	21	10	10	10
Laurel Circuit, Del.....	610	19	148	443	111	102	102	53	27	18	9	9	4	4	4
Leeds.....	673	21	164	488	122	112	112	58	29	20	10	10	5	5	5
Leipsic, Del.....	243	8	59	176	45	40	40	21	11	7	3	3	2	2	2
Lewes, Del.....	256	8	62	186	46	43	43	22	11	7	4	4	2	2	2
Lewistown.....	349	11	85	253	63	58	58	30	15	10	5	5	3	3	3
Liberty.....	540	16	131	393	98	90	90	47	24	16	8	8	4	4	4
Lisbon.....	802	25	195	582	144	134	134	70	35	23	12	12	6	6	6
Lynchburg, Va.....	1071	33	260	778	194	179	179	93	46	31	16	16	8	8	8
Mardela.....	952	29	231	692	172	159	159	83	42	28	14	14	7	7	7
Middleway, W. Va.....	119	4	29	86	21	20	20	10	5	3	2	2	1	1	1
Milford, Del.....	1507	47	366	1094	212	252	252	131	66	44	22	22	11	11	11
Milton, Del.....	736	23	179	534	134	123	123	64	32	21	11	11	5	5	5
Mt. Nebo.....	1090	34	265	791	197	182	182	95	47	32	16	16	8	8	8
New Church, Va.....	1071	34	260	777	194	179	179	93	47	31	15	15	8	8	8
Newmarket.....	1201	37	292	872	219	201	201	103	52	35	17	17	9	9	9
Nichols Memorial.....	582	19	141	422	107	97	97	51	25	17	8	8	4	4	4
Northumberland, Va.....	1135	35	276	824	207	190	190	99	49	33	16	16	8	8	8
Oak Grove, Va.....	336	11	81	244	62	56	56	29	15	10	5	5	2	2	2
Oxford.....	554	17	134	403	101	93	93	48	24	16	8	8	4	4	4

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Parksley, Va.....	915	29	222	664	166	152	152	80	40	27	13	13	7	7
Patapsco.....	100	3	24	73	18	17	17	9	4	3	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia, Pa														
Emmanuel.....	1176	37	286	853	214	196	196	103	52	34	17	17	8	8
St. Luke's.....	1617	51	392	1174	294	270	270	141	70	47	23	23	12	12
Taylor Memorial.....	2126	66	516	1544	387	355	355	185	93	62	31	31	15	15
Tioga H'ts.....	279	9	68	202	51	46	46	25	12	8	4	4	2	2
Pipe Creek.....	779	24	189	566	141	130	130	68	34	23	11	11	6	6
Pittsville.....	1047	33	254	760	190	175	175	90	46	30	15	15	8	8
Pocomoke City.....	1665	52	404	1209	303	278	278	145	73	48	24	24	12	12
Portsville.....														
Powellville.....	673	21	163	489	122	112	112	59	29	20	10	10	5	5
Prince George, Va.....	193	6	47	140	36	32	32	17	8	6	3	3	1	1
Quantico.....	282	9	69	204	51	47	47	24	12	9	4	4	2	2
Queen Anne.....	365	11	89	265	65	61	61	32	16	11	5	5	3	3
Quinton.....														
Reliance.....	769	24	187	558	140	128	128	67	33	22	11	11	6	6
Ridgeville.....	930	28	196	706	177	162	162	85	43	28	14	14	7	7
Rowlandville.....	472	14	115	342	86	79	79	41	21	14	7	7	3	3
Salem.....	485	15	118	352	88	82	82	42	21	14	7	7	3	3
Salisbury.....	2901	91	702	2108	528	485	485	253	126	84	42	42	21	21
Seaford, Del.....	1336	42	324	970	243	223	223	116	58	39	19	19	10	10
Sharptown.....	929	29	226	674	170	155	155	81	40	26	13	13	7	7
Smyrna, Del.....	173	5	42	126	32	29	29	15	7	5	3	3	1	1
Snow Hill.....	1074	34	261	779	194	179	179	93	47	31	16	16	8	8
Snow Hill Circuit.....	323	10	79	234	59	54	54	28	14	9	5	5	2	2
Stewartstown, Pa.....	1083	33	263	787	197	181	181	94	47	31	16	16	8	8
St. James.....	863	27	210	626	156	144	144	75	38	25	13	13	6	6
St. Michael's.....	959	30	233	696	174	160	160	83	42	28	14	14	7	7
Susquehanna.....	699	22	170	507	127	117	117	61	30	20	10	10	5	5
Texas.....	283	9	69	205	52	47	47	25	12	8	4	4	2	2
Trinity.....	941	30	229	682	169	157	157	82	41	27	14	14	7	7
Tyreana, Va.....	270	9	65	196	48	45	45	24	12	8	4	4	2	2
Union.....	1313	41	318	954	238	219	219	115	57	38	19	19	10	10
Union Bridge.....	509	16	124	369	92	85	85	44	22	15	7	7	4	4
Union Church.....	187	6	45	136	34	32	32	16	8	5	3	3	1	1
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	670	20	163	487	122	112	112	58	29	19	10	10	5	5
Warwick.....	729	23	177	529	132	122	122	63	32	21	11	11	5	5
Washington														
Alexandria, Va.....	1004	32	243	729	182	168	168	87	44	29	15	15	7	7
Calvary & Walkers.....	431	14	105	312	78	72	72	38	19	12	6	6	3	3
Cherrydale, Va.....	1262	39	306	917	229	211	211	111	55	37	18	18	9	9
Congress Street.....	1044	33	253	758	189	174	174	91	46	30	15	15	8	8
First Church.....	1256	39	305	912	228	210	210	109	55	37	18	18	9	9
Mt. Tabor.....	846	27	205	614	153	141	141	75	37	25	12	12	6	6
North Carolina Ave.....	1706	52	414	1240	310	285	285	150	74	50	25	25	12	12
Mt. Olivet.....	1173	37	285	851	212	197	197	102	51	34	17	17	8	8
Rhode Island Ave.....	2997	92	727	2178	543	501	501	261	131	87	44	44	22	22
Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	671	21	163	487	122	112	112	58	29	19	10	10	5	5
Westminster.....	1346	42	327	977	242	225	225	117	59	39	20	20	10	10
Wilmington														
First Church.....	431	13	105	313	78	72	72	38	19	13	6	6	3	3
Peninsula.....	1356	42	329	985	245	227	227	118	59	39	20	20	10	10
West Wilmington.....	305	10	74	221	55	51	51	28	13	9	4	4	2	2
Wheleville.....	1072	33	261	778	194	178	178	93	47	32	16	16	8	8
Wye.....	413	13	100	300	75	69	69	36	18	12	6	6	3	3

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers	Probationers	Full Members	Probationers				Full Members				Children Baptised	Conversions	Sunday School			Y. P. S. C. E.				Am't for Con. Un. Ministry	
				Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued			Deceased	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	Societies	Members		Junior Societies	Members	Amount for Missions
Deer Park.....			400					16	7	3	21	11	240	56	437	4	163	2	50			
Delmar, Del.....	11	219		1				3	10	4	5	2	130	27	299	1	29	1	47			
Delta, Pa.....		257						18	7			113	14	123	20	183	1	60	1	38		
Denton.....	1	186						4	516	3	3	3	3	123	25	225	1	30			2-150	
Dorchester.....		196			29			9	9	8	2	514	15	345	45	259	1	35				
Dover, Del.....		86						1	2			2	4	112		75	1	40				
Easton.....		225						40	528	2	10	32	112	15	125							
Elizabeth, N. J.		137						10	110		7	11	4	125	36	147	1	16	1	15	8-	
Fairfax, Va.....		145											4	30		120	1	16				
Fawn Grove.....		6345						4	622	8	1	3	2	32	40	385	1	106	1	15	25-	
Federalburg.....	1	142						2	411	2	2	1	1	16	5	100	1	20				
Felton, Del.....	1	117						2	6	10	1	3	24	10	133	1	30	1	19			
First Ch. Newark, N.J.		8692	5		1			38	2415	8	4	14	36	278	106	738	1	54	1	36	25- 25	
Finksburg.....	15	249	6	6	10			13	15	6	2	5	6	3	21	25	286	3	125		80- 12	
Franklin City, Va.		232						11	2	1	1	1	28	3	50							
Frederick.....		211						5	7	1	4	1	4	3	42		175					
Georgetown, Del.		286						14		3	30	12	12	10	400	1	30	1	20			
Glenburnie.....		172						10	10		16	10	120	30	213	1	25				10-	
Greenbush & Tas'y.		128						6	7	1	2	4	20	17	8	198						
Greenwood.....		238						1	4		3	3	1	22	6	173	1	50				
Grove.....		114	4	4	22			4		1	1	18	4	33	20	235	1	25				
Harbeson, Del.....		228						12			8	10	2	14	30	180	2	48				
Harmony W. Va.....		146						7		1	1	1	7	120	32	190	1	50	1	22		
Harper's Ferry.....	1	160	15	15				15	6	10	4	1	15	2	24	6	125					
Harrington, Del.....		300	6					6	2	4			1	124		260	1	35				
Hawley Memor'l.	21	67	12					1	23		6	12	1	15		150	1	25	1	25	- 5	
Howard.....		344	3					3	3	1	11	3	4	29	10	326						
Hurlock.....		167	3	3				8			3	3	3	40	10	293	3	75	1	25	25- 10	
Indian River.....		342						8					3	40	10	293	3	75	1	25	25- 10	
Kemptown.....		325						4	3	5	12	2	4	18	14	201	1	39				
Kennedyville.....		4146	1					1	2	2			1	12	3	123	1	33				
Kent Island.....		99						6	2	1	9	3	2	24	16	149			1	46	3-	
Laurel, Del.....		338						7	6	5	6	5	1	27	10	250	2	49	1	41		
Laurel Cir.....		137						48	107	2	2	7	58	3	22	56	165					
Leeds.....	14	126	14					17	3	1	2	16	2	12	20	110	1	31			9-	
Leipsic, Del.....		45						1	2	1	1	1	1	11	3	50						
Lewes, Del.....		57	5					5	2	16			1	10		100	1	53				
Lewistown.....	1	9	98	3				3	427	7	2	13	2	20	17	84	2	52	1	14		
Liberty.....		114						4	16	2	2	3	2	29	2	150	2	12	1	18		
Lisbon.....		221						8		249	14		3	30	14	254	2	60	1	35		
Lynchburg, Va.....		231						60	3	4	1	6	10	200	112	18	186	1	15		25-	
Mardela.....	1	306						2	6				4	38		325						
Marley.....		9110	1					29	1	8		110	4	325	55	170	1	20				
Middleway.....	2	49	3	3				3				3	1	9	15	35						
Milford, Del.....		359						37	20	2	18	89	2	34	36	310	1	35				
Milton, Del.....		7167						12	1	4	4	19	27	14	31	196	2	62			5-	
Mt. Nebo.....		323	17	17				17		3		27	3	30	14	254	2	60	1	35		
New Church, Va.....		278						12		2	2	8	22	3	35		226					
Newmarket.....		7343	8	4				15	513	3	2	3	17	4	60	6	40	1	100	1	20	
Nichols Mem.....		116						13	14	1	9	6	34	1	9	12	126	2	67	1	23	22- 2
Northumberland.....		336						12		314		10	340	25	300							
Oak Grove, Va.....		87											1	12		63						
Oxford.....	1	1	121	1				1	3		1	1	15	6	81	1	49	1				
Parkley, Va.....	21	158						6	3	4		4	1	39	8	235			1	15	- 2	
Patapsco.....		91						3		1		3	1	4		30	1	24				
Phila: Emmanuel.....	3	4	153	3	2			10	3	1	4	1	9	25	1	28	45	175	1	27	5- 5	

PASTORS' SALARY AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	Pastor's Salary 1926-1927	PROPERTY							Church Papers Taken
		Appointments		Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property		
		Churches	Parsonages						
Accomac, Va.....	1500	2	2	1	25000	3000	250	8000	17
Amelia, Va.....	1050	3	3	1	7000	3000	.....	4500	11
Baltimore									
Alutt Memorial.....	2100	1	1	1	65000	10000	.....	40000	28
Baltimore Circuit.....	1500	3	3	1	22000	8000	.....	18000	21
Bethesda.....	1200	1	1	.....	9000	.....	2600	3500	7
Brooklyn.....	2300	1	1	1	28000	15000	.....	19000	28
Calvary.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	5000	11500	25000	20
Chesaco Park.....	900	2	2	.....	10000	.....	10	4000	12
Christ Church.....	2200	1	1	1	65000	7000	.....	36000	48
East Baltimore.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	4250	.....	8400	20
Edmondson Ave.....	2000	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eutaw.....	2200	1	1	1	35000	9000	3400	23000	40
Evergreen.....	1000	1	1	.....	6000	.....	.....	5000	20
Grace.....	2300	1	1	1	63000	5000	19925	23000	33
Graceland Park.....	1100	1	1	.....	10000	.....	1850	5000	12
Hampden.....	2800	1	1	1	175000	20000	55376	75000	167
Keen Memorial.....	1750	1	1	1	60000	8000	19800	33500	12
Lauraville.....	1700	1	1	.....	13000	500	.....	4200	17
Linthicum H'ts.....	2250	1	2	1	18000	8500	1240	27650	33
Lowe Memorial.....	2000	1	1	1	50000	8000	1500	15500	25
North Baltimore.....	3000	1	1	1	42000	7000	6300	35000	44
Payson Street.....	1500	1	1	1	16000	1800	10200	20000	14
South Baltimore.....	2100	1	1	1	25000	8000	500	14000	34
Starr.....	4000	1	1	1	240000	20000	25000	61000	90
St. John's.....	3000	1	1	1	100000	10000	900	94000	56
St. Paul's.....	1700	1	1	1	50000	5000	18000	20000	12
Trinity.....	1560	1	1	1	45000	4750	24000	18500	19
Violetville.....	1200	1	1	1	25000	10000	8532	17500	22
West Baltimore.....	4000	1	1	1	90000	7500	1500	41000	68
Wilton H'ts.....	1700	1	1	.....	60000	.....	9950	20000	15
Bedford, Pa.....	1100	5	5	1	10700	5000	3500	2900	18
Belair.....	1200	4	4	1	19000	7500	.....	10000	20
Bivalve.....	1100	2	2	1	10000	1900	.....	4500	12
Buckeystown.....	1500	1	2	1	35000	4500	.....	14600	31
Cambridge.....	2200	1	1	1	45000	4000	2800	30000	26
Cambridge Circuit.....	800	2	2	1	4000	1500	375	2000	10
Cannon, Del.....	850	3	3	1	15000	2500	1350	13000	11
Caroline.....	900	4	4	1	5000	2500	.....	4500	17
Carroll Circuit.....	900	3	3	.....	5000	.....	.....	3000	16
Cecil.....	1000	3	3	1	20000	3000	.....	12100	14
Centreville.....	1600	1	1	1	30000	5000	9400	23325	23
Chestertown.....	2400	1	1	1	60000	10000	.....	58000	52
Chincoteague, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	6000	1600	.....	3000	2
Clayton, Del.....	1500	2	1	1	12000	3000	.....	7800	24
Concord, Pa.....	900	3	3	1	6000	1050	.....	4800	14
Conquest, Va.....	500	2	2	1	19000	4000	4725	11500	9
Crisfield: Crisfield.....	2400	1	1	1	30000	3000	500	27000	20
Lawsonia.....		1	1	1	2000	2500	.....	3000	4
Mariners.....	1500	1	1	1	10000	2500	3800	10000	5
Crumpton.....	600	2	2	1	4800	1500	.....	1300	7
Cumberland First Church.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	7000	.....	27000	39
Mapleside & Fairview.....	750	2	2	1	4500	3000	1250	4800	7
Melvin Chapel.....	1200	1	1	1	4000	3000	4000	2100	8
Dagsboro.....	1025	2	2	1	8000	2000	.....	7000	1
Deer Creek.....	650	2	2	1	4000	3000	.....	5000	22
Deer Park.....	1500	2	2	1	15500	8000	1297	11400	54
Delmar, Del.....	1500	1	1	1	13000	4000	400	10500	30
Delta, Pa.....	1600	1	1	1	10000	5000	475	6000	42

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		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken
Denton.....	1700	1	1	1	20000	3500	935	8865	25
Dorchester.....	1200	3	3	1	12500	2500	.....	8100	19
Dover, Del.....	1000	1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	10000	10
Easton.....	1800	1	1	1	20000	5000	4000	12835	24
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1200	1	1	1	20000	8000	3700	14300	6
Fairfax, Va.....	900	4	4	1	10000	2000	.....	5275	16
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	1750	2	2	1	20400	3000	.....	12225	20
Federalburg.....	1400	1	1	1	7000	1900	140	8900	12
Felton, Del.....	1000	5	5	1	7000	2000	337	4500	7
First Church, Newark.....	4000	1	2	1	113000	35000	1500	98500	84
Finksburg.....	1600	3	3	1	41000	5500	950	25000	25
Franklin City, Va.....	1300	3	3	1	28000	3000	2000	13000	19
Frederick.....	1200	3	3	1	5500	2500	.....	5950	14
Georgetown, Del.....	1700	1	1	1	15000	5000	.....	8600	20
Glenburnie.....	1800	1	1	1	30000	7000	30000	21000	12
Greenbush & Tasley.....	1100	2	2	1	6500	7000	4000	8000	20
Greensboro (no report)	.....	1	1	1	3000	1900	.....	2200	.....
Greenwood, Del.....	1100	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	9300	19
Grove.....	1000	4	4	1	10000	1800	.....	3500	17
Harbeson, Del.....	1100	2	2	1	4500	2000	.....	3500	2
Harmony, W. Va.....	950	1	1	1	8000	2500	.....	4500	18
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	1300	2	2	1	11500	5000	.....	6000	15
Harrington, Del.....	1500	1	1	1	40000	6000	.....	29000	3
Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	1200	1	1	1	13000	3000	477	7500	1
Howard.....	1600	4	4	1	12300	4000	.....	11500	42
Hurlock.....	1500	3	3	1	10000	3000	.....	8500	40
Indian River.....	300	1	1	.....	6000	.....	.....	4000	3
Kemptown.....	1000	4	4	1	14000	4000	.....	11500	22
Kennedyville.....	900	1	1	1	5000	2000	.....	4000	17
Kent Island.....	900	2	2	1	6000	1800	.....	7800	15
Laurel, Del.....	2100	1	1	1	70000	10000	1400	22900	35
Laurel Circuit, Del.....	1200	4	4	1	8000	5000	.....	6200	12
Leeds.....	1400	2	2	1	15000	2500	.....	15475	20
Leipsic, Del.....	450	1	1	1	4000	800	.....	2000	3
Lewes, Del.....	500	1	1	.....	3000	.....	.....	2000	4
Lewistown.....	400	2	2	.....	5600	700	.....	2200	11
Liberty.....	700	2	2	1	7000	3000	.....	5600	17
Lisbon.....	1000	3	3	1	3600	6000	.....	4300	23
Lynchburg, Va.....	2100	1	1	1	25000	6000	.....	13000	22
Mardela.....	1500	4	4	1	15000	2000	100	3500	26
Marley.....	1500	3	3	1	7000	5000	4350	11000	16
Middleway, W. Va.....	250	1	1	1	2000	1500	.....	2000	3
Milford, Del.....	2000	2	2	1	41000	4500	1200	24000	17
Milton, Del.....	1200	1	1	1	3800	3000	1190	5000	15
Mt. Nebo.....	1200	3	3	1	13000	4000	850	12700	35
New Church, Va.....	1700	3	3	1	70000	3000	.....	22000	30
Newmarket.....	1200	4	4	1	25000	3000	1150	12000	5
Nichols Memorial.....	1500	1	1	1	10000	5000	500	6000	10
Northumberland, Va.....	1400	4	4	1	25000	2500	6000	10000	31
Oak Grove, Va.....	500	1	1	1	2500	1200	.....	3300	10
Oxford.....	1200	1	1	1	4000	2500	.....	4000	12
Parkley, Va.....	1700	1	1	1	30000	5000	300	9000	26
Patapsco.....	255	1	1	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	1
Philadelphia, Pa									
Emmanuel.....	2000	1	1	1	60000	8000	.....	16300	33
St. Luke's.....	2000	1	1	1	100000	25000	10500	43500	32
Taylor Memorial.....	2300	1	1	1	44000	8000	6500	38700	33
Tioga H'ts.....	500	1	1	34000	24000	8500	7
Pipe Creek.....	1200	2	2	1	9000	4000	8000	16

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		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage		Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property
Pittsville.....	1600	2	2	1	10000	4000	7500	48	
Pocomoke City.....	2600	1	1	1	17500	7500	200	16860	39
Powellville.....	1300	3	3	1	10000	2500	3500	40	40
Prince George, Va.....	400	1	1	1	1300	.....	.....	5	5
Quantico.....	600	3	3	1	2500	1500	1500	3	3
Queen Anne.....	650	3	3	1	7000	2500	4800	13	13
Reliance.....	950	3	3	1	13000	4800	10450	12	12
Ridgeville.....	1200	3	3	1	20000	.....	9800	15	15
Rowlandville.....	1000	3	3	1	8500	1500	6500	11	11
Salem.....	700	1	1	1	4000	2000	6000	15	15
Salisbury.....	2600	1	1	1	150000	10000	30000	43	43
Seaford, Del.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	10000	4600	22000	33
Sharptown.....	1500	2	2	1	21000	4500	100	12500	34
Smyrna, Del.....	500	1	1	1	6000	.....	2500	2500	1
Snow Hill.....	2100	2	2	1	55000	5000	30000	24	24
Snow Hill Circuit.....	550	3	3	1	8000	1500	1000	.....	.....
Stewartstown, Pa.....	1500	2	2	1	16000	3500	6595	23	23
St. James.....	1400	2	2	1	11000	3500	8500	18	18
St. Michael's.....	1200	3	3	1	15000	2000	14000	16	16
Susquehanna.....	900	2	2	1	15200	5000	150	9000	29
Talbot.....	.....	1	1	1	350	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	700	1	1	1	8000	.....	6000	12	12
Trinity.....	1350	2	2	1	30000	4000	8500	30	30
Tyreana, Va.....	900	1	1	1	3000	3000	3000	1	1
Union.....	1500	3	3	1	7000	3000	100	7500	30
Union Bridge.....	900	2	2	1	10500	2500	7800	20	20
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	5000	3000	1400	3500	14
Warwick.....	900	3	3	1	4800	2500	4300	7	7
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria, Va.....	2000	1	1	1	30000	500	5835	15500	23
Calvary, Va.....	1020	1	1	1	2700	.....	2700	1	1
Cherrydale, Va.....	2000	1	1	1	30000	80000	14000	12000	16
First Church.....	1700	1	1	1	40000	10000	4750	35000	25
Congress Street.....	1800	1	1	1	40000	15000	700	13000	18
Mt. Olivet.....	2100	1	1	1	20000	9000	6300	15000	26
Mt. Tabor.....	1600	1	1	1	18000	6000	14500	34	34
North Carolina Ave.....	2000	1	1	1	80000	10000	7200	43000	26
Rhode Island Ave.....	3000	1	1	1	75000	12000	7600	36000	29
Walkers' Chapel.....	360	1	1	1	8750	.....	8000	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	1200	3	3	1	25000	2000	6500	14	14
Westminster.....	2000	1	1	1	25000	4000	13000	36	36
Wilmington First Church.....	1200	1	1	1	15000	.....	1100	8500	15
Peninsula.....	2700	1	1	1	110000	11000	49250	60500	36
West Wilmington.....	1040	1	1	1	5000	.....	2100	2	2
Whaleyville.....	1500	3	3	1	11000	2500	5700	23	23
Wye.....	650	1	1	1	5000	4000	4000	10	10
Detached Churches	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony, Md.....	350	1	1	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nassawango.....	.....	1	1	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Portsville.....	300	1	1	1	6000	.....	125	1000	1
Quinton.....	450	1	1	1	3500	.....	2500	4	4
Union Church.....	400	1	1	1	3000	.....	2000	2	2
Wigand's Chapel.....	75	1	1	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryand Conference Bldg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250000	.....	100000	.....	.....
President's Parsonage.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18000	.....	8000	12000	.....
W. T. Seminary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170000	.....	90000	.....	.....
W. M. College.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500000	.....	150000	.....	.....
Home for Aged.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13000	.....	3000	.....	.....
Deaconess Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9000	.....	5000	.....	.....

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL FOR GENERAL INTERESTS

	1926	1925	Decrease	Increase
President's Salary.....	\$ 4,453	\$ 4,588	\$ 135	\$.....
Maryland Conference Budget.....	28,709	28,781	72	.....
General Conference Budget.....	71,168	64,995	.....	6,173
Credits: Children's Day	12,271	12,092	.....	179
Special Foreign Missions	3,286	3,697	411	.....
Y. P. Missionary.....	1,871	2,372	501	.....
W. F. M. S.....	9,394	9,984	590	.....
Easter Offering.....	9,003	3,816	.....	5,187
Special Home Missions..	1,489	1,466	.....	23
W. H. M. S.....	6,148	5,792	.....	356
Rally Day.....	4,329	4,129	.....	200
Educational Day.....	1,337	1,026	.....	311
Total Credits.....	49,128	44,374	.....	4,754
Paid on Budget Less Credits.....	22,040	20,369	.....	1,671
Total Assessments.....	104,319	98,177	.....	6,142
Miscellaneous General.....	41,835	33,274	.....	8,561
Total for General Purposes.....	\$146,154	\$131,451	.....	\$14,703

TOTAL FOR LOCAL INTERESTS

	1926	1925	Decrease	Increase
Pastor's Salary.....	\$222,568	\$216,758	\$.....	\$ 5,810
Rental Value of Parsonage.....	50,479	48,543	.....	1,936
Current Expenses.....	104,646	98,243	.....	6,403
Paid on building and improvements	114,994	106,579	.....	8,415
Paid on Debt.....	98,626	66,372	.....	32,254
Paid for Interest on Debt.....	26,831	28,980	2,149	.....
Miscellaneous Local Interests.....	73,235	75,028	1,793	.....
Total Paid for Local Interest.....	691,379	640,501	.....	50,878
Total Paid for all Purposes.....	\$837,533	\$771,952	.....	\$65,581
Salaries for 1926-1927.....	229,685	.....	.....	24,230

RAYMOND W. WHITE, Steward.

Assistant Stewards—Guy E. Leister, William Schmeiser.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

MEMBERSHIP

	1926	1925	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers.....		161		
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers..	58	77		19
Probationers	485	585		100
Full Members	34,052	34,577		525
Probationers Received	297	559		262
Probationers Elected to Membership...	151	473		322
Probationers Discontinued	214	68	146	
Full Members Received.....	2,291	2,740		449
Full Members Withdrawn.....	522	478	44	
Full Members Discontinued.....	1,563	1,988		425
Full Members Deceased.....	498	406	92	
Adults Baptized	198	227		29
Children Baptized	1,380	1,798		418
Conversions	2,448	3,119		671
Sunday Schools	273	280		7
Sunday School Officers and Teachers...	3,903	3,957		54
New Scholars	3,908	4,290		382
Scholars on Roll.....	36,406	37,423		1,017
Christian Endeavor Societies.....	171	174		3
Christian Endeavor Members.....	5,891	6,365		474
Junior Christian Endeavor Societies...	77	74	3	
Junior Christian Endeavor Members..	2,227	2,383		156
Money for Foreign Missions.....	\$1,874	\$2,166		\$292
Money for Conference Un. Mis.....	1,689	2,091		402

PROPERTY

	1926	1925	Increase	Decrease
Appointments	289	287	2	
Churches	290½	288½	2	
Parsonages	138	137	1	
Value of Church Prop- erty	\$5,036,600	\$4,742,295	\$294,305	
Value of Par. Property	731,25\$	649,850	81,400	
Debt on Ch. & Pars.....	514,694	554,251		39,557
Ins. on Ch. & Pars.....	2,722,555	2,539,079	183,476	
Church Papers Taken.	3,448	3,455		7

K. H. WAREHEIM,
D. HUGO GOLDEN,
Committee on Statistics.

MANUAL

RULES OF ORDER AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

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Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. 1 Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.

2. The Pastor shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and to the pastor of the Church where the Conference is held.

3. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

4. The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Conference, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE. Duties of the President:—1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.

3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.

4. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

5. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

6. Announce each person arising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from _____," or "The delegate from _____."

7. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

9. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

10. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The President of the Conference is relieved from the usual plan of visitation on the Charges. He is to make survey of the District; assume general oversight of all church work; he is to use his official leadership in securing the most constructive development for the Charges.

And so far as possible, he is to meet the Official Board of each Charge once in the year.

The failure of the President to visit any Charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed on said Charge for his salary.

And each charge shall forward, not later than July 1st of each year, the amount levied thereon for President's salary to the Conference Treasurer—who shall pay monthly to the President his salary.

14. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$1,200 for the pastor. And he, the President, shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

Rule III. Duties of the Secretary:—1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of such written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. He, with the Treasurer and Steward, shall be the Committee on the Preparation and Printing of the Conference blanks; and shall be the Committee on the Publication and Distribution of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks to all ministers who are not pastors, on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

Rule IV. Duties of Stewards and Treasurer:—1. The Conference Steward and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from the pastors; and this Board shall be responsible to the Conference for all money and receipts and vouchers delivered to them.

2. They shall meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and open the pastor's envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelope and prepare the reports for the Conference. The financial envelopes shall be passed to the Treasurer, who shall have charge of all the moneys of the Conference for distribution, upon order of the Conference Steward, which shall be the voucher of the Treasurer for his transactions, to the persons des-

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 equal 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.

15. Pastors, in arranging for their regular Quarterly Conference, shall give the President of the Conference at least two (2) weeks advance notice of date of such meeting, so that the President may be aided in so arranging his itinerancy as to meet the most Quarterly Conference Sessions possible during the year.

Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY. 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full Communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-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 specification, 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.