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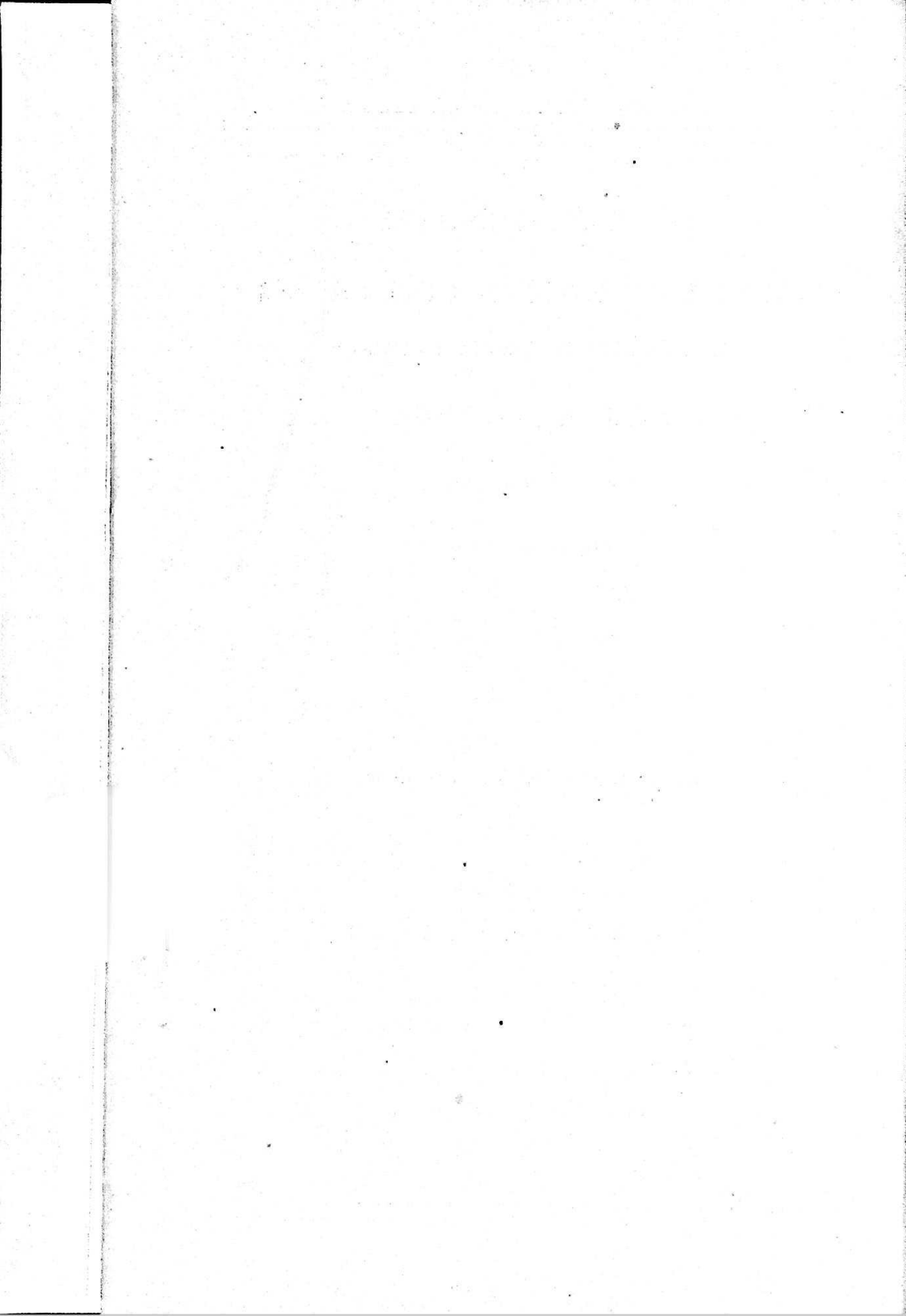
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# CHARGES AND LAYMEN

Charge	Laymen	Charge	Laymen
Accomac.....	A. T. Matthews	Deer Creek.....	J. P. Grier
Amelia.....	J. H. Sydnor	Deer Park.....	No Delegate
Baltimore:		Delmar.....	J. E. Tinley
Alnutt Mem.....	J. H. Roberts	Delta.....	H. M. Harvey
Bethesda.....	Mrs. C. A. Davis	Denton.....	Sam'l. Nowell
Brooklyn.....	John Kramme	Dorchester.....	C. E. Bell
Calvary.....	W. T. Slocum	Dover.....	J. W. Jones
Chesaco Park.....	Jas. VonHagle, Jr.	Easton.....	E. J. Gretzinger
Christ Church.....	W. F. Chew	*Elizabeth.....	C. D. Oswald
East Baltimore.....	Dr. E. B. Fenby	Fairfax.....	C. F. Henderson
Edmondson Ave.....	G. B. Hackett	Fawn Grove.....	G. Strawbridge
Eutaw.....	F. G. Reinicker	Federalsburg.....	W. A. Wheatley
Evergreen.....	L. B. Johnson	*Felton.....	No Delegate
Grace.....	C. C. Sanner	Finksburg.....	W. M. Shreeve
Graceland Park.....	Herman Larsen	First Ch. Newark.....	W. E. Cain
Hampden.....	W. E. Redding	Franklin City.....	J. E. Bevans
*Keen Mem.....	No Delegate	Frederick.....	Frank Hammond
Lauraville.....	F. E. Evans	Georgetown.....	Harvey Calhoun
Linthicum Hgts.....	S. H. Linthicum	Glenburnie.....	J. H. Cook
Lowe Memorial.....	W. D. Whyte	Greenbush and Tasley	C. F. Russell
North Baltimore.....	T. W. Donoho	*Greenwood.....	No Delegate
Payson Street.....	R. C. Goode	Grove.....	J. F. Collins
South Balto.....	A. S. Ellis	Hallwood.....	S. C. Hall
Starr.....	H. E. Gilbert	Harbeson.....	E. H. Hill
St. John's.....	F. D. Caulk	Harmony.....	Wm. Ditto
St. Paul's.....	J. F. Hayman	Harpers Ferry.....	Robert Dunn
Towson.....	F. J. Maxwell	Harrington.....	C. E. Taylor
Trinity.....	S. T. Ensor	Hawley Memorial.....	J. S. Thompson
Violetville.....	J. W. Cox	Howard.....	A. K. Pickett
West Baltimore.....	Thales Disney	*Indian River.....	No Delegate
Wilton Heights.....	Mrs. F. E. McDowell	Kempton.....	J. O. Barnes
Bedford.....	C. W. Fisher	Kennedyville.....	L. W. Ford
Bel Air.....	Miss M. Davis	*Kent Island.....	No Delegate
Bivalve.....	W. R. Langrall	Laurel.....	J. H. Elliott
Buckeystown.....	J. P. Stalling	Laurel Circuit.....	Ernest Horsey
Cambridge.....	Edwin Mowbray	Leeds.....	A. H. Mendenhall
Cambridge Cir.....	Mrs. E. Linthicum	Leipsc.....	Mrs. Fennimore
Cannon.....	J. R. Cannon	*Lewes.....	No Delegate
Caroline.....	W. C. Reed	Lewistown.....	Mrs. Miniard
Carroll Circuit.....	Byard Dorsey	Liberty.....	J. T. S. Albaugh
Cecil.....	Wilmer Logan	Lisbon.....	W. C. Hammond
Centreville.....	W. L. Ford	*Lynchburg.....	No Delegate
Chestertown.....	F. G. Usilton	Mardela.....	Lee Elliott
Chincoteague.....	Mrs. E. Cummins	Marley.....	O. W. Prince, Jr.
Clayton.....	N. G. Severson	*Middleway.....	No Delegate
Concord.....	S. C. VanScyoc	Milford.....	E. Pettyjohn
		Milton.....	G. R. Davidson
*Crisfield.....	No Delegate	Mt. Nebo.....	E. D. Parlett
*Lawsonia.....	No Delegate	*New Church.....	No Delegate
Mariners.....	W. J. Wilson	New Market.....	H. C. Shilling
Crumpton.....	No Delegate	Nichols Memorial.....	Mrs. Chaney
Cumberland:		Northumberland.....	W. H. Booth, Jr.
First Church.....	Wm. Sissler	*Oak Grove	
Fairview.....	J. F. Zimmerman	Pr. George.....	Wilmer Cox
Melvin Chapel.....	L. Robinette	Oxford.....	O. S. Gallup
Dagsboro.....	W. W. Baker	Parksley.....	N. J. Parks

Charge	Laymen	Charge	Laymen
*Patapsco.....	No Delegate	Tyreanna, Va.....	J. H. Adie
Philadelphia:		Union.....	T. W. Whayland
Emmanuel.....	W. F. Heckenberger	Union Bridge.....	Howard Gray
St. Luke's.....	George Shuster	*Union Church.....	No Delegate
Taylor Mem.....	Daniel Murdock	*Wallace Mem.....	G. W. Lewis
Pipe Creek.....	C. F. Simpson	*Warwick.....	No Delegate
Pittsville.....	Leland Truitt	Washington:	
*Pocomoke City....	No Delegate	Alexandria.....	M. W. Gaines
Powellville.....	S. E. Shockley	Calvary.....	Roy Reeves
Quantico .....	Roy Cooper	Cherrydale.....	Dr. W. G. Monroe
*Quinton Church..	No Delegate	Congress Street..	W. H. Harrison
Reliance.....	L. H. LeCates	First Church.....	Mrs. W. J. Brewer
Ridgeville.....	R. H. Mullinix	Mt. Tabor.....	W. M. Ball
*Rowlandville....	No Delegate	Mt. Olivet.....	Dr. S. A. Jones
Salem.....	W. W. Fontaine	N. Carolina Ave..	J. H. Wolfe
Salisbury.....	F. P. Adkins	R. I. Avenue.....	J. P. Dodge
Seaford.....	C. E. Hurley	Walker Chapel..	J. R. White
Sharptown.....	J. P. Cooper	*Wesley Chapel of	
*Smyrna.....	No Delegate	Kent.....	No Delegate
Snow Hill.....	L. B. Disharoon	Westminster.....	J. P. Wantz
Snow Hill Circuit	No Delegate	Whaleyville.....	W. P. Whaley
Stewartstown.....	Walter Gibbs	Wilmington:	
St. James.....	R. G. Nicholson	First Church.....	C. C. Sayer
*St. Michaels.....	No Delegate	Peninsula.....	H. A. Bareford
Susquehanna.....	Mrs. Walker	*Second Church..	No Delegate
Texas.....	Mrs. Eichler	Wye.....	H. D. Shawn
Trinity-Salem.....	E. O. Townsend		

Names marked \* did not respond.

# JOURNAL

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The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met in special session in Congress Street M. P. Church at Washington, D. C., at 9 A. M., April 11, 1928. E. C. Makosky, president called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional service. Hymn 408 was sung. The 145th Psalm was read, and prayer was made by R. L. Shipley.

By request of the president, J. H. Straughn submitted a program for the conduct of this Session of Conference. Program was adopted.

The roll of the Conference was called by the secretary, and on motion the name of J. W. Gray was transferred to the Memorial Roll.

On motion the Secretary was requested to send the sympathy of the Conference to H. B. Jester, L. A. Bennett, F. T. Little, A. S. Beane, and to any others who may be unable to attend the Conference.

The Secretary made a statement relative to the Certificate of Election of Delegates to the Conference.

The President, E. C. Makosky, read his report. The two recommendations, 1st, that the General Conference Expense; 2nd, that the usual support for the summer conference be taken care of in the usual way, were adopted. Report as a whole was adopted.

The Secretary called the Roll of the Conference for the annual reports of the pastors.

A letter of protest to W. F. Broening, Mayor of Baltimore, Md., was adopted, relative to the location of a "Dog pound" at Falls Road and 33rd Street.

Louis Randall made a statement saying that the questionnaire to the superannuates will go forward in due time.

Report from the Superannuated Fund Society was referred to the Treasurer, to be acted upon by the Conference at the September session.

T. H. Lewis made a report on the condition of the subscriptions for the support of the Group Leader for the Southern Conferences. This report was made as a matter of information.

A letter from M. E. Dearholt requesting that he be excused from attendance was read. Request granted.

The pastor of the church made certain announcements.

The hour for the morning worship having arrived, Hymn No. 418, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" was sung. Prayer was offered by Mr. F. G. Usilton of Chestertown. Responsive reading was read by J. W. Trout, who read 122nd Psalm. Scripture lesson, the 62nd chapter of Isaiah, was read by T. O. Crouse

The sermon was delivered by T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference. His subject was "The Evolution of the Methodist Layman."

Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the president, assisted by T. O. Crouse, G. Q. Bacchus, J. M.

Sheridan, G. F. Farring, J. W. Trout, D. W. Anstine, S. F. Cassen, J. W. Kirk, J. W. Balderston, B. W. Kindley, H. L. Elderdice, G. W. Haddaway.

Conference adjourned to meet in Rhode Island Avenue M. P. Church at 2 P. M.

Benediction was pronounced by J. W. Trout.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference convened in Rhode Island M. P. Church at 2 P. M. with the President presiding. The devotional service was conducted by L. F. Warner. Hymn No. 402 was sung, scripture lesson from the 5th chapter of Acts was read, and prayer offered.

E. A. Sexsmith reported to the Conference the present status of the Centennial Gratitude Gift and the Centenary Church, and gave a short sketch of the efforts made to secure a lot for the Washington Church. The lot was purchased in October, 1927, at a cost of \$18,000. The report was adopted.

G. W. Haddaway read the report of the Special Committee (Report C) on Centennial Gratitude Gift.

It was moved that this report be considered by items.

J. H. Straughn, Regional Director, spoke on the Gratitude Gift, and asked the charges of the Conference to make pledges in addition to the amounts already given.

Item 1, of Report was adopted.

Pledges were taken from the churches, amounting to approximately \$3329.

Item 2. That the two centennial projects be continued with unabated zeal until the meeting of the General Conference, and if not then complete to continue same until the September Conference.

Item 3. That the Conference Treasurer be authorized to borrow enough to pay the full \$30,000 to Treasurer of General Conference by May 1, 1928, if there are not at that time, sufficient funds with which to pay it.

Item 4. That all churches are urged to pay their amounts over at an early date.

Item 5. Expressing the hope that each pastor and church make bare his love for his church at this time.

Report then adopted as a whole.

G. I. Humphreys made a motion that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of three to determine the best methods for the widest publicity of the sermon of T. H. Lewis. Motion carried.

G. W. Haddaway made a motion that the sermon of T. H. Lewis be published in the Minutes. Motion carried.

Upon motion a rising vote of thanks was given Dr. Lewis for the sermon of the morning.

Upon motion of G. W. Haddaway, that manuscript of the above mentioned sermon be submitted to the various denominational papers for publication.

Treasurer of the Conference made a statement in reference to the availability of the financial appropriations to the various charges.



E. A. Sexsmith announced that the premiums on Group Insurance were due and urged that payment be made at an early date.

Conference recessed until 7:30 P. M.

After singing doxology, the benediction was pronounced by J. M. Sheridan.

## EVENING

Conference convened at 7.30 P. M., with President Makosky presiding. The devotional service was conducted by F. T. Benson.

The President announced the names of the special committee on the publication of the sermon of Dr. Lewis, as follows: W. H. Litsinger, F. T. Benson and F. G. Usilton.

G. I. Humphreys moved that the action of the Conference relative to publishing the minutes of this session be reconsidered. Motion carried.

Upon motion of G. I. Humphreys the Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to have the minutes either typewritten or printed, giving statistical and financial summaries. A copy to be furnished to the General Conference, and the remainder to be bound with the minutes of the September conference.

Upon motion of J. H. Straughn the Treasurer was instructed to make Church Extension Distribution as of twelve months, prorating receipts in hand.

Upon motion of Louis Randall the appreciation of the Conference was expressed to Congress Street Church, to Mr. Harrison, and to Rhode Island Avenue Church, for the courtesies of the day.

After reading the minutes the evening program was taken up.

The choir of the church rendered Special Music for the occasion.

The President introduced Mr. Harry E. Gilbert, of Baltimore, Md., who spoke on, "The First Fifty Years of Our History."

The Hon. Frank L. Ball, of Ballston, Va., was introduced, who spoke on "The Last Fifty Years of Our History."

Mr. Fred P. Atkins, of Salisbury, Md., was then introduced, who spoke on, "The Church of Tomorrow."

Mrs. Hupfield, who was to have spoken, was unable to be present because of illness.

J. H. Straughn made a motion that the speakers of the evening be requested to furnish a digest of their speeches, to be incorporated in the minutes.

Doxology was sung and G. Q. Bachus pronounced the Benediction.

E. C. MAKOSKY, President,

G. J. HOOKER, Secretary,

E. C. GRAHAM,

Journal Secretary.

Approved:

April 11, 1928.

# REPORTS

## REPORT A PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference,  
in Special Session assembled:

Dear Fellow-Laborers:

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ the great Head of the church.

This Special Session of our Conference was deemed necessary for two reasons:—

Our Constitution and Discipline provide that each Annual Conference shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and send a copy for the Quadrennium, properly authenticated, either written or printed to the General Conference. (Constitution Article VIII:4, Discipline Page 59, Sect. 31.)

Our Conference having changed the time for its annual sessions from April to September made the intervening time between regular sessions seventeen months. By resolution the president of the Conference was requested to use his fullest efforts to secure the collection of monies for benevolences, etc., so that there should come no harm through the change of time for conference sessions.

This I did by asking the pastors and official boards of our charges to remit their money systematically to our conference treasurer. To encourage this method of remittances I asked the treasurer to prepare monthly statements of receipts from charges. These I published and sent to our pastors and enclosed an extra copy for the Board of Stewards or Treasurer of each charge.

To supplement these efforts I have issued several letters to the charges covering this subject; and on my official visit to the charges, both in the meetings with Official Boards and from the pulpit, have emphasized the need of systematic monthly payments of our budget.

Fearful lest the intensive campaigns for the Gratitude Gifts and for the Endowment Fund of Western Maryland College as well as the hot months of the summer immediately preceding the next session of conference would imperil our finances, I felt justified to call together the Standing District Committee and lay the above facts before them. Together we canvassed the situation and by an unanimous vote your president was authorized to call the conference together in Special Session.

In accordance with this call and to fulfill the purpose of it, the Secretary sent out the necessary Blanks for the tabulation of our statistics and to report our finances for the twelve months of this conference year ending March 31st.

A letter was issued by your president to the pastors and charges which fully stated the reasons for the call and asking that there might

be a hearty co-operation on the part of pastors and people so that we may both comply with the requirements of our law relating to the sending of "Records" to the General Conference, and, likewise, that our financial interests be conserved.

In addition to the above there are certain matters which press themselves upon us for consideration today:—

We failed to provide for the Expenses of our Representatives to the General Conference. While the General Conference meets in Baltimore, there are expenses connected with it which have always been met by the Annual Conference. I have asked the Chairman of the Board of Finance to prepare a schedule of assessments for our charges on the basis of the 1912 rate,—when the General Conference also met in Baltimore.

We failed to make provision for the session of the Summer Conference which will come before our next annual meeting. This Summer Conference has come to be a great blessing and to mean so much to us as a conference that the officers in charge have laid their plans on the assumption that this conference will vote the usual amount of money needed to assure its success.

I recommend that we approve the table of assessments prepared by Brother G. A. Ogg, the chairman of the Board of Finance, to cover the expenses of our Representatives to the General Conference, that the list be published in *The Methodist Protestant*, and that our pastors be asked to collect the amounts and send the money to Brother C. F. Cummins, the treasurer of our conference, by May 10th.

I recommend also that the usual amount of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the defraying of expenses in connection with the Summer Conference, and that this amount be taken from the Fund for the Incidental Expense of the Conference, as has been our custom.

It was thought wise to set aside a part of this afternoon's session for the consideration of our Centenary Gratitude Gifts. At that time the whole matter will be discussed by those who represent the General and Annual Conferences in the active work of gathering these gifts.

I feel, however, that a statement for the reason underlying the merging of these gifts should be made:—

At our last session in Starr Church you provided for the opening of all the pulpits in our conference for the presentations of the Maryland Conference Centenary Church Movement. You had indicated that each church should pay on the basis of the assessments for Maryland Conference interests.

You also "cordially welcomed the opportunity for Maryland Methodist Protestants to give their portion of the offering," amounting to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) toward the one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) that the Annual Conferences are going to lay upon the altar as a Centennial Gratitude Gift from the denomination.

Immediately after the rise of conference certain things became evident to your executive:—

Confusion arose in the minds of many of our people over the fact that two efforts were being made for what seemed to them identical interests.

They either could not or would not discriminate between the Gratitude Gift for the Maryland and General Conferences.

It became apparent that if the action of the conference be carried out with regard to the Maryland Conference Gratitude Gift and a schedule for the visitation of churches be made out in accordance with said action, the changes for the gathering of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) from our people for the General Conference Gift would be hazarded.

To add to the difficulty your president was urged to accept the Chairmanship of a Committee in the interest of raising Maryland's Quota of the General Conference Gift. In view of your action at the last conference session, found on page 70, this was out of the question. It would have meant that I was heading two efforts for Gratitude Gifts and would cause greater confusion than was already created.

After thinking over the situation and seeking counsel from those who had been linked with your president in the responsibility for the raising of the Maryland Conference Gift, and after conferences with Dr. Lewis, president of the General Conference, and Dr. Straughn, in charge of the Centenary Gratitude Gift movement, I made the suggestion that the two efforts be merged, and that suggested quotas be published covering the amount necessary for both interests. This was heartily agreed to by those interested in the gathering of both funds and has been the basis of our effort for the gifts.

As the lot in Washington for the Centenary Church has been purchased, at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00), and the money borrowed to pay for same, we thought it wise and agreed that the monies received in the merger be divided so that of every forty-eight dollars received, thirty should be paid into the General Conference treasury and eighteen to the Annual Conference treasury for the payment of our lot for the Washington church, until forty-eight thousand dollars shall have been collected; the remainder to go undivided into the annual conference treasury toward the Centenary Church Enterprise.

I have appointed a Committee on Gratitude Gifts to present these interests to this session of conference with such recommendations as the circumstances may require. This Committee consists of G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Straughn, E. A. Sexsmith, J. M. Gill, R. Y. Nicholson, T. W. Donoho, H. E. Gilbert, F. G. Reinicker, F. P. Adkins, Seth H. Linticum.

We are profoundly conscious of the fact that we cannot allow disappointment to come to the celebration of our Centennial by Maryland's failure to do her part in the concerted thank-offering of the conferences of our church.

Nor ought we to be satisfied, as a Conference, unless we provide the money with which the lot for the Centenary Church is to be paid; so that we may say to coming generations, through this Memorial, we celebrated God's goodness and showed our appreciation and gratitude for a century of blessings by erecting this temple for His worship and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MAKOSKY, President.

## REPORT B

# THE SECRETARY

The Maryland Annual Conference—

Brethren:

As the Committee of Credentials, I submit the following report:

Keen Memorial, Crisfield, Lawsonia, Crumpton, Deer Park, Felton, Greenwood, Indian River, Kent Island, Lewes, Lynchburg, Middleway, New Church, Patapsco, Pocomoke City, Quinton Church, Rowlandville, Smyrna, Snow Hill Circuit, St. Michaels, Union Church, Warwick, Wesley Chapel of Kent, Second Church, Wilmington, sent in no delegate's credentials.

The Secretary calls attention to Regulation 19—Conference Manual, prohibiting the pastor from presiding at election of delegates. Many pastors either do not read the manual or else disregard it, for quite a number of pastors have signed delegate's credentials for this session of conference. May I urge the pastors to be more careful in this matter and please give heed to your manual.

As the conference of 1926 placed the account for incidental expenses in the hands of the conference treasurer, the account will be rendered by him.

G. J. HOOKER, Secretary,

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## REPORT C

### REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CENTENNIAL OFFERING

The Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

Your committee after reviewing the returns for the Centennial offerings and feeling the obligation of realizing much larger returns begs leave to report as follows:

We recommend:

1. That in view of incomplete goals and insufficient funds in hand or amounts pledged to meet our needs we proceed immediately to supplement these amounts by personal and official pledges in open conference.

2. That the effort to realize our askings as set forth in these two centennial projects be continued with unabated zeal with the rise of this special session until the meeting of the General Conference, and if not then completed, until the meeting of this conference in September. We further recommend in this connection that the present acting committee, namely, the president of the conference, the church extension superintendent and the director of the Gratitude Gift, be continued as the centennial committee of this conference to carry through these decisions.

3. That if by May 1 sufficient funds from the centennial offerings are not in hand to meet the obligations of this conference to the Centennial Gratitude Gift of \$30,000, the treasurer of this conference is hereby authorized to borrow enough to pay the full \$30,000 to the treasurer of the general conference, on or before May 1, 1928. Further that if additional money is needed, the Treasurer be authorized to borrow enough money to finance the \$8,000 due on the Washington church in July.

4. That all our churches pay over to the treasurer of this conference the centennial offerings at the earliest moment and that to lessen the amount of our possible borrowings or to relieve the necessity thereof altogether, our churches, in the event of unpaid subscriptions among their members, either borrow against those unpaid subscriptions or advance the money out of their own treasury.

5. As a final statement, your committee, speaking for this conference expresses the sentiment: that, at this time of remembrance, this moment that lays bare our love and our hope, it is not too much to expect that every pastor and every church shall express in full payment the centennial askings of their church.

Submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chr.,

J. H. STRAUGHN, Sec.,

E. A. SEXSMITH,

R. Y. NICHOLSON,

J. M. GILL,

H. E. GILBERT,

F. G. REINICKER,

SETH H. LINTHICUM,

T. W. DONOHO.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

## MEMBERSHIP

	1928	1927	Increase	Decrease
Ministers .....	163	164		1
Supply Preachers .....	20	25		
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	45	60		15
Full Members .....	35,173	33,816	1,357	
Full Members Received .....	2,854	2,140	714	
Full Members Withdrawn .....	512	464	48	
Full Members Discontinued .....	769	1,408		639
Full Members Deceased .....	178	385		207
Probationers on Roll .....	379	376	3	
Probationers Received .....	224	212	12	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	69	127		58
Probationers Discontinued .....	36	65		29
Adult Baptisms .....	245	180	65	
Children Baptized .....	1,375	1,438		63
Conversions .....	2,413	2,134	279	
Sunday Schools .....	263	263		
Officers and Teachers .....	3,840	3,840*		
New Scholars .....		3,902		
Scholars on Roll .....	37,160	37,160*		
C. E. Societies: Senior .....	145			
C. E. Societies: Membership.....	5,393			
C. E. Societies: Junior .....	69			
Membership .....	2,070			
C. E. Societies: Intermediate .....	25			
Membership .....	677			

## PROPERTY

	1928	1927	Increase	Decrease
Appointments .....	282*	282		
Churches .....	288*	288		
Parsonages .....	141*	141		
Value of Church Property .....	5,412,800	5,214,100	198,700	
Value of Pars. Property.....	829,800	787,150	42,650	
Debt on Ch. and Pars. ....	559,286	535,308	23,978	
Insurance on Ch. and Pars.....	2,615,770	2,804,005		188,235
Church Papers taken .....	2,855	3,007		222

KARL H. WAREHEIM,

Statistical Secretary.

\* Figures the same as previous report because of the inaccuracy and incompleteness of some reports received.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## TOTAL FOR GENERAL INTERESTS

	1928	1927	Incr.	Decr.
President's Salary .....	\$ 5,085	4,625	460	
Maryland Conference Budget.....	28,303	35,046		6,743
General Conference Budget.....	61,909	73,611		11,702
Credits: Children's Day.....	12,148	13,800		1,652
Special Foreign Mis.....	1,795	2,241		446
Y. P. Missionary .....	1,130	1,342		212
Easter Offering .....	9,329	4,403	4,926	
Special Home Mis.....	1,163	3,196		2,033
Rally Day .....	6,094	5,835	259	
Special Education .....	1,077	2,657		1,580
W. F. M. S.....	8,128	10,444		2,316
W. H. M. S.....	5,623	6,320		697
Min. Salary Relief .....	445	655		210
Gen. Con. Super.....	434	772		338
Executive Committee .....	201	349		148
Children's Home .....	362	285	77	
Home for Aged.....	109	244		135
Bible Society .....	104	219		115
Christmas Offering .....	1,340	1,969		629
Total Credits .....	49,482	54,744		5,262
Paid on Budget less Credits.....	12,427	18,867		6,440
Total Assessments .....	95,297	113,278		17,981
Miscellaneous General .....	28,273	18,650	9,623	
Total for General Purposes.....	123,570	131,928		8,358

## TOTAL FOR LOCAL INTERESTS

Pastor's Salary .....	225,948	228,100		2,152
Rental Value of Parsonage.....	56,024	55,434	590	
Current Expenses .....	98,449	106,788		8,339
Building and Improvements .....	141,880	121,187	20,693	
Paid on Debt.....	60,320	74,838		14,518
Interest on Debt.....	33,910	31,321	2,589	
Miscellaneous Local Interests.....	69,408	78,699		9,291
Total for Local Interests.....	685,939	696,367		10,428
Total Paid for All Purposes.....	809,509	828,295		18,786
Salaries for 1928-1929 .....	231,677	233,929		2,252

RAYMOND W. WHITE,

Steward.

WM. SCHMEISER,

J. G. EATON,

Assistant Stewards.



## THE FIRST HALF CENTURY OF METHODIST PROTESTANTISM

By H. E. Gilbert of Baltimore Md.

In any attempt, to recall the early history of the Methodist Protestant Church, one naturally begins with the origin of Methodism and the first Methodist Organizations in America.

Our Church was organized in 1828, but the forces unerringly leading up to that organization began many years before.

Wesleyan Methodism, from which American Methodism is descended, began with the formation of the United Society in London by John and Charles Wesley in 1739. The first members of this Society were but a handful of young men who met to pray, to study the word and to help each other in their Christian life. They became filled with zeal for the evangelization of the world and determined to carry the gospel of Christ to all humanity. Though despised at first and persecuted, they grew rapidly in numbers until they had covered all the British Isles and crossed the Atlantic.

John and Charles Wesley themselves had visited America in 1736, landing near Savannah in Georgia and spending nearly three years on this continent. This was before the Methodist movement began, however, before the formation of the United Society, and their religious labors here at that time had little result.

In 1744, Mr. Wesley and his associates held their first Conference in London and every year thereafter such conferences were held. It is to be noted especially that these were conferences of the Clergymen and preachers only and the membership of the Church had no part whatever in them.

During John Wesley's life, he was naturally regarded as the head of the movement which he had founded and so ably directed; but he realized that after his death, his followers would submit to no other authority as they had to his, and indeed he so expressed himself.

As a loyal subject of the British King, John Wesley at first opposed the Revolution and the first men sent over here as Missionaries to carry on the work of Methodism were likewise opposed to the American cause.

There has been a controversy whether the first Methodist preaching in America was by Philip Embury in New York or Robert Strawbridge in Frederick County, Maryland; but that matter is not material here. It is sufficient to note that the work which began in America about the year 1765, grew so rapidly that by 1784, there were more than eighty travelling preachers and 15,000 members. This, in face of the fact that the Revolutionary war had forced many of the preachers into hiding or sent them back to England and seriously interfered with the spread of the new religion.

After the war, the Methodists in America were sheep without a fold. The country having won its independence, the Church of England had lost its authority, so far as Americans were concerned.

Mr. Wesley, recognizing the situation, sent over to America, a letter by Dr. Thomas Coke, giving his consent to the organization of the Churches in America. This letter also designated Dr. Coke and Francis Asbury as Superintendents over the work in this Country.

In December 1784 therefore, a Conference of the travelling preachers assembled at the Lovely Lane Meeting House on Redwood Street near Calvert in Baltimore.

About sixty were present and under the leadership of Coke and Asbury, they organized themselves into the Methodist Episcopal Church, electing Coke and Asbury Bishops instead of Superintendents and assuming unto themselves, the preachers, the entire government of the Church with no voice of authority whatever in the Church membership.

In a Country that had just won its freedom and among a people who had solemnly declared that "all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed" it seems strange that so autocratic a Church government should be set up; but it must be remembered that these preachers were for the most part monarchists having no sympathy with republicanism and no disposition to devise a liberal policy for the Church.

Immediately there arose protests from not only the laity, but many of the fair-minded preachers as well, protests that gradually led to the formation of the Methodist Protestant Church.

These protests were chiefly against the almost absolute power of the Bishop in the matter of Ministerial appointments, the exclusion of laymen from the councils of the Church and the denial to them of the right of suffrage.

At each succeeding conference of the Church, these protests became stronger and more insistent; pamphlets and periodicals were published, notably the Wesleyan Repository by William S. Stockton, a layman of Philadelphia.

This paper, which first appeared in 1821 was intended to provide a medium for discussion of the mutual rights of the ministry and laity. In 1824 it was superseded by the paper called the "Mutual Rights" of the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church published at Baltimore.

In this same year, a general Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in Baltimore and memorials were presented praying that a change be made in the form of Church government admitting the laity to representation in the annual Conference and the general conference. The memorial declared that such arrangement would only be giving the membership their just rights as Methodists and Christians.

In reply, the General Conference issued a circular denying the request, and declaring that they neither knew any such rights nor comprehended any such privileges as were mentioned.

Finding that nothing could be hoped for or expected from the Conference, and that those in power were determined to hold on to all they had, the Reformers at once held a meeting at which among others present, were seventeen preachers who were among the most prominent members of the general Conference.

At that meeting, they authorized the publication of the periodical "Mutual Rights" and decided to encourage the organization of Union Societies, all to the end that they might obtain from the next or subsequent Conference, a representative form of Church government, extending to the people as well as to the preachers.

Immediately, those in authority in the Mother Church began to persecute the readers of Mutual Rights and the members of the Union Societies. In the several Conferences of the Church, Reformers were expelled for no other cause than their sympathy with or membership in this reform movement. In Baltimore City, alone, eleven ministers and twenty-two laymen were expelled after a hasty and grossly unfair trial.

In November 1827, a general Convention of the Reformers met in Baltimore, and prepared a memorial to the general conference of the Church to be held in 1828 again asking for representation.

In the Conference of 1828, the appeals of those who had been expelled by the Baltimore Conference were presented and the Memorial which had been prepared was read to the Conference. They were met however, with an unqualified refusal and a declaration in the published report of the Conference that the ministry were the divinely constituted authority in the Church and as such, it was their duty to govern the Church without any help from the laity.

Being in this manner thrust out of their Church, without the slightest charge of any moral wrong, there remained for the expelled and their friends nothing else to do but to form separate religious organizations.

The organization of the Methodist Protestant Church therefore, was a religious necessity forced upon its founders by the injustice and oppression of the self-constituted authorities of the parent Church.

On November 12th, 1828, a general Convention of Methodist Reformers met in Baltimore with more than 100 delegates present. Nicholas Sneath was elected president and William S. Stockton, Secretary. An organization was effected under the name of the Associated Methodist Churches and seventeen articles of government were adopted. A call for another Convention to meet in 1830 was also sent out and a Committee of five appointed to prepare a Constitution, Discipline and Hymn Book to be submitted at that meeting.

On November 2nd, 1830, the general Conference met in old St. Johns Church on Liberty Street in Baltimore. One hundred and fourteen delegates were present, representing fourteen Annual Conferences.

The Constitution and Discipline were adopted and the name of the organization changed to the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Constitution, which is substantially the same today as when first adopted, recognizes Christ as the only head of the Church, declares all elders in the Church to be equal and secures to every adult layman the right of suffrage and representation.

In the expressive words of Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, "They made a Church government in harmony with the Republic to which they gave their glad allegiance as citizens, and in conformity, so far as they understood them, with the principles of the kingdom of God." The new branch of Methodism, so happily launched, now entered upon an era of growth that was soon destined, however, to be interrupted by the question of Slavery, a controversy that for a time divided families, divided the Church and divided the Union.

In the second General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church held at Pittsburg in May 1838, at which Asa Shim presided, the question of Slavery was fiercely debated, but the conference refused to take action other than to declare that it was a matter not to be decided by the General Conference, but properly belonged to the Annual Conference.

Again, at St. Johns' Church in Baltimore, in the General Conference of 1842, no less than 13 memorials on the subject of Slavery were presented, and again the conference refused to take action, declaring itself without constitutional power.

In the Conference of 1846, at Cincinnati, Ohio, of 1850, at Baltimore and of 1854 at Steubenville, Ohio, resolutions upon the subject of slavery met with the same action or lack of action.

At the Lynchburg Convention in 1858, a final memorial was presented asking for several changes in the Constitution on the subject of slavery. This Memorial and declaration came from a convention of fifteen northern and western Conferences, which had declined to send delegates to the General Conference, but had sent a Committee to present the Memorial. The action of the General Conference, being unsatisfactory to the northern and western Conferences, a division of the Church occurred and those conferences organized under the name of "The Methodist Church."

For nearly twenty years the Church was thus divided; but after the Civil war had finally settled the question of Slavery, the desire for a reunion grew rapidly and in October 1875, commissioners appointed by the General Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Church met at Pittsburg, and agreed upon a Basis of Union to be approved by the several conferences of the two Churches and submitted finally to Conventions of both Churches called to meet in Baltimore, May 11th, 1877.

At the time appointed, the Methodist Church met in Convention at the Methodist Protestant Church Building, at Greene and Lombard Streets and the Methodist Protestant Convention met in the Aisquith Street Church.

After several days discussion the two conventions separately adopted the Basis of Union. A committee meanwhile had prepared a Union program. Delegates from the two conventions setting out from their Churches about the same time, met at the intersection of Lombard and Fremont Streets and from that point, two by two and arm in arm proceeded to old Starr Church on Poppleton Street, where the reunion was finally effected amid great rejoicing and the Re-United Methodist Protestant Church continued its proceedings.

I shall close here with the first half century of the Methodist Protestant Church, having touched only a few of the important matters of its eventful history.

Time has not permitted me to speak of the many interests of the Church, its educational institutions at Western Maryland College, Adrian College and elsewhere, its publications, missionary work and other activities.

I have also purposely mentioned only a few of the heroic and self sacrificing men who devoted their lives to the work of the Kingdom in the Church of their choice.

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### "THE SECOND FIFTY YEARS OF OUR HISTORY"

By Mr. Frank L. Ball, Ballston, Va.

This was a splendid address but the Secretary has not been able to get a copy of it for publication in this issue of the conference minutes.

G. J. HOOKER, Secretary.

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### OUR CHURCH OF TOMORROW

By Fred P. Adkins of Salisbury, Md.

The history of any organization is the history of its leaders. It cannot be otherwise. The multitude must follow.

The Methodist Protestant Church of tomorrow will be no exception to this rule. What do we desire it to be? If our vision is great and we proceed to train our leaders to realize the vision, we shall have no regrets "tomorrow." Our cause is worthy, and has Divine approval.

Who *are* the leaders in our church life? My answer is, *The Ministers* are our natural leaders. They are trained and educated for a special purpose, and are devoting their whole lives to the task. We need never expect to progress beyond the place where they stand. Is our plan or program of training our ministers complete? When a man is graduated from our Theological Seminaries does he have a definite idea of how a church should be run, and is he equipped to assume leadership in the work? These are pertinent questions, it seems to me.

What is the duty of the Church? In Isaiah we read, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Is this the answer? Is the Church to be a road builder into the hearts of men, so that our Lord may enter quickly, easily and fully? This illustration of Isaiah's is very appropriate and very familiar to us all. We know bad roads and good roads, and can appreciate the contrast. Our business is to build a "highway for our God." The minister cannot do this alone; we laymen and women must do our part. He *can* and *must lead*, but *we can* and *must follow*. This highway must go through us, not around nor over us. Once we know where our weaknesses are, we laymen are responsible if we fail to "exalt the valleys," and make straight the crooked places in our lives. Our Lord cannot ride into the hearts of men through us if we are no better than those who are not professing Christians.

There are features of the modern church and program that seem to me to be well-nigh perfect. The edifice itself is artistic and generally complete in its arrangement. I emphasize the words, *Modern Church*, and by this I mean the newer buildings. It means much to have proper equipment in any enterprise. People are more interested in a church that is equipped to administer to the needs of the times, and will give more of themselves in its operation. To illustrate what I mean by modern equipment, I mention the pipe organ, which I believe to be the most wonderful and perfect musical instrument ever devised. No one can name its value as an adjunct of the church. One can hardly imagine better singers in any age than we have in this, and we have the best in our churches. Good music is a powerful inspiration to worship. Music is emphasized in a proper way in every branch of church work. Social features are utilized, and are properly planned for in the equipment.

But with all of these assets, the church is faced with serious problems. There does not appear to be the interest in the church that there should be. We can name many forms of delinquency, but the simple statement of "a lack of interest" will cover them all. It is to the task of correcting this that the church must address itself. It's not an easy task.

In Salisbury we recently had an Evangelistic Crusade under the leadership of Dr. George Wood Anderson. You are all familiar with such crusades. Much was made of the music, and usually that part of the service consumed about an hour. Dr. Anderson seldom began preaching earlier than eight-thirty, and preached for an hour. During much of the time, and especially the last two weeks (it was a six-weeks campaign), those who secured seats were there a half hour before the song service started, and the tabernacle was packed with as many as could find

standing room, and very few left until dismissed. The music was most helpful and enjoyable, but the people went for the preaching, otherwise they would not have stayed an hour to an hour and a half after the song service was over. Due allowance must be made, of course, for the interest caused by the spectacular in this sort of service.

An evangelist can equip himself as a sort of specialist, and by building up several appropriate sermons, perhaps a series of sermons, make of them a powerful message if he is himself a strong personality. On the other hand, may it not be that the *stressing of the fact that all men are sinners and therefore need to repent*, as evangelists do, is the thing that draws men? In other words, is not the evangelistic note important to be kept constantly in the forefront? We must ever keep in mind this fact; that while seed sowing time is always important, there must be harvest time. Some days a Christian may sow seed in one person's life, and the same day reap a harvest in another's life. I believe in evangelism. Not by itself alone, but prominent with other forms of worship. I have no doubt that many people who are now not interested in attending church services can be interested through a stronger emphasis given to evangelism.

But there are so many phases of church life and activity that a minister must be most familiar with that his training and education should be, perhaps, more thorough than those of any other profession. Preaching is his first duty, and it seems to me his sermons should be direct and personal. That is, his message should fit the need of his congregation. He must know his people in their homes, or he can't expect to reach them most effectively with his sermons nor receive their warmest love, though he may have their admiration. When men *know intimately* their pastor they love him and his sermons mean so much more to them. He receives cooperation then that he cannot otherwise receive. He must be familiar with and in fact, expert in church organization in its various forms,—Sunday School, Young People's Societies, Missionary Societies, etc. He should lead and counsel in whatever organization that his particular church needs, and be able to direct the work, otherwise it will not likely have much directing.

In a word, the field of the present day minister, as I see it, is bounded only by his ability and willingness to be spent. When one reads, "Christ of the Indian Road," he can understand something of his opportunities. The ordinary man thinks far more of Christ than we have any idea. He is waiting for us to, as one prominent Hindu said, "Introduce Christ to India." Are we equal to the task? The minister must lead, and in view of the problems ahead he must be adequately equipped. Will it take longer years in preparation? Then lengthen the course in our Seminaries. Do the Seminaries need more funds to properly equip their men? Then they must have the money. Everyone knows that men who are trained and obedient to order and discipline can make a success of almost any business. Competition is so keen that the individual or company of individuals not organized today is bound to lose out,

Therefore my suggestion of a program is that those now in places of leadership and authority in our Denomination take stock and ascertain what they have to work with, then determine whether any change in our general program is desirable or not. We are looking into the second hundred years of our existence. Our institutions that have the business of training men for the ministry should not hesitate to throw into the discard any part of their program which is not

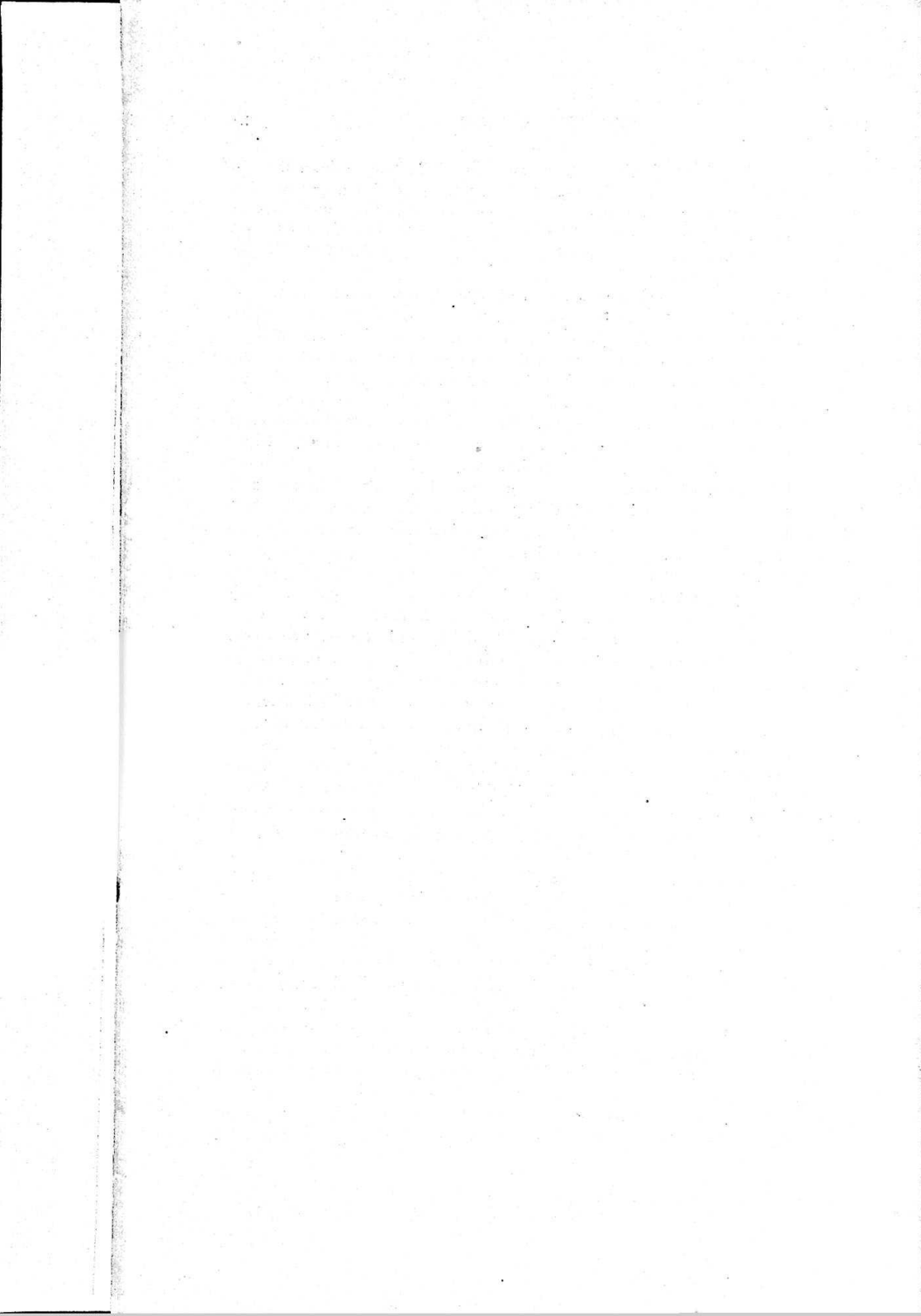
producing results. From the President of the General Conference down through the Annual Conference, Publication Boards, Commissions, Societies, or any other Department to the Quarterly Conferences, can well afford to prayerfully consider this question: namely, How can we best aid in building the "highway for our Lord?" I have a feeling that we shall be much surprised at what we shall find if we go thoroughly into this question.

Believing, as I do, that so much depends upon a well ordered program of life, I want to ask at this point these questions: Brother Minister, do you organize your time as any other worthwhile business or professional man does? It is so easy to waste an hour or a half day and get in the habit of it that we are unconscious of wasting time at all. Yet time is the most priceless possession we have. Is there any more reason for a business or professional man having office hours than for a minister of the Gospel? Most men whom I know work eight hours a day or more, and do it every day. Is there any reason why a minister should work a lesser number of hours a day, every day?

Much has been said about the democracy of the Methodist Protestant Church. The more one knows about how this theory works out the less enthusiastic he is likely to become over the theory. For my part I believe in democracy up to a certain point, and from then on I would have order and discipline whatever the cost. It is a too common practice for men to attend our Annual Conferences, frequently take part in the conduct of its affairs, and then refuse to pay very much attention to carrying out the orders of the Conference in their respective charges. It is hard to understand how men can defend any such course. No other organization that I know of would permit of such lack of loyalty; yet we assume to be doing business on a higher plane than the ordinary business is done. I realize all the explanations that can be made for failure to secure certain desired results, but I cannot imagine a good reason for any preacher or delegate neglecting to try his best to carry out the conference program. We have a right to expect great things from our ministers, but we have no right to ask them to do their full part unless we as laymen do ours. After all is said, this "highway" that we are using as an example to live by is, I repeat, through the lives of those professing followers of Christ. We cannot expect people to pay much attention to what we say if our conduct does not parallel our profession.

It was said of King Hezekiah that "What he did unto the Lord he did with all his might, and he prospered." This should be some inspiration to us to do our best in whatever manner we are able to serve. The Psalmist said, "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor their seed begging bread." Is this an inspiration to dedicate the best that we have to this road building proposition? Christ said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

Our main business, after all, is just this; to lift Christ always above ourselves. The training of our leaders, as well as all forms of organization, should be centered upon this ideal. If we determine that this shall be the purpose and inspiration of our lives, those who shall succeed us and celebrate the Anniversary of this Denomination fifty or a hundred years from now will have no cause for complaint of us who are celebrating this, the first Centennial Anniversary, of the Methodist Protestant Church.





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Reg	Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg	Rec'd	Ord'd
176	1858	1860	381	1896	1898
248	1871	1873	382	1896	1899
252	1872	1873	387	1897	1898
255	1872	1874	388	1897	1899
260	1873	1876	389	1897	1899
261	1873	1876	394	1899	1900
265	1874	1877	396	1899	1900
270	1875	1877	397	1899	1904
277	1876	1876	398	1900	1901
278	1876	1879	400	1900	1903
285	1879	1882	403	1900	1905
289	1880	1883	405	1901	1903
294	1881	1883	406	1901	1904
297	1882	1885	409	1903	1904
299	1883	1886	411	1903	1904
308	1885	1886	413	1903	1905
309	1885	1887	415	1903	1905
310	1885	1885	416	1904	1906
312	1886	1887	417	1904	1906
315	1886	1889	421	1904	1906
321	1888	1890	423	1905	1907
324	1888	1891	424	1905	1907
338	1891	1893	425	1905	1908
339	1891	1891	426	1905	1907
340	1891	1892	428	1906	1907
341	1891	Tr.	429	1906	1908
342	1892	1893	432	1906	1907
343	1892	1892	434	1906	Tr.
344	1892	1893	436	1907	1907
345	1892	1895	437	1907	1909
347	1892	1894	438	1907	1909
350	1892	1893	439	1907	Tr.
352	1892	1894	440	1907	Tr.
354	1892	1892	441	1907	Tr.
355	1893	1896	442	1908	Tr.
356	1893	1894	447	1909	1911
357	1893	1896	448	1909	1911
358	1893	1896	457	1911	1913
359	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.
376	1895	1897	471	1913	1914
378	1896	1897	472	1913	1914
379	1896	1898	473	1914	Tr.
380	1896	1897	474	1914	1916

Reg	Rec'd	Ord'd	Reg	Rec'd	Ord'd
478	1915	1917	530	1922	1922
480	1915	1916	531	1922	1922
481	1916	1917	532	1922	1922
483	1916	1918	533	1922	1922
491	1917	1919	534	1922	1922
493	1917	1919	536	1922	1922
494	1917	1919	537	1923	1923
495	1917	1919	538	1923	1923
496	1917	1919	539	1923	1923
497	1917	1918	540	1923	1926
498	1918	1918	541	1923	1924
500	1918	Tr.	542	1924	Tr.
501	1919	1919	543	1925	1925
502	1919	1919	544	1925	1925
503	1919	1919	545	1925	1926
504	1919	1919	546	1926	1926
506	1919	1919	547	1926	1926
507	1919	1919	548	1926	1926
508	1919	1919	549	1926	1926
509	1919	1919	550	1926	1926
513	1920	Tr.	551	1926	
515	1920	1920	552	1926	1926
516	1920	1920	553	1927	1927
518	1920	1928	554	1927	1927
519	1920	Tr.	555	1927	1927
520	1921	1921	556	1927	1927
521	1921	1921	557	1927	1927
522	1921	Tr.	559	1927	1927
523	1921	1921	560	1927	Tr.
524	1921	1921	561	1928	1928
525	1921	1921	562	1928	1928
526	1922	1924	563	1928	
528	1922	1922	564	1928	
529	1922	1922			

# CHARGES AND LAYMEN

FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Charge	Laymen	Charge	Laymen
Accomac.....	D. F. Matthews	Deer Park.....	Clint Shipley
Amelia.....	J. A. Sydnor	Delmar.....	Doda Hearn
Baltimore:		Delta.....	Howard M. Harvey
Alnutt Memorial.....	Mrs. W. B. Gilligan	Denton.....	T. Pliny Fisher
Bethesda.....	Mrs. C. A. Davis	Dorchester.....	H. L. Brohawn
Brooklyn.....	Milton Stanbury	Dover.....	John W. Jones
Calvary.....	W. T. Slocum	Easton.....	Roy D. Fleckenstein
Chesaco Park.....	Jas. J. Von Hagle	Elizabeth.....	Robert Israel
Christ Church.....	Wm. F. Chew	Fairfax.....	Sidney Follin
East Baltimore.....	Dr. E. B. Fenby	Fawn Grove.....	Dr. Vallie Hawkins
Edmondson Ave.....	Mrs. O. M. Betton	Federalburg.....	Wm. A. Wheatley,
Eutaw.....	F. G. Reinicker	*Felton	
Evergreen.....	Lee B. Johnson	Finksburg.....	E. E. Wooden
Grace.....	C. C. Sanner	First, Newark.....	Wm. E. Cain
Graceland Park.....	George Stanley	Frederick.....	J. Burgess Jones
Hampden.....	Wm. E. Redding	Georgetown.....	Harvey Calhoun
Keen Memorial.....	Charles G. Crist	Glenburnie.....	Mrs. Samuel Bailey
Lauraville.....	Frederick Evans	Greenbackville.....	S. P. Lang
Linthicum H'ght.....	Seth H. Linthicum	Greenbush and	
Lowe Memorial.....	Wm. D. Whyte	Tasley.....	J. S. Mathias
North Baltimore.....	Daniel Baker, Jr.	Greenwood.....	J. Frank Porter
Payson Street.....	Charles Davis, Jr.	Grove.....	Eanos Cannon
South Baltimore.....	M. B. Insko	Hallwood.....	S. C. Hall
Starr.....	C. W. Egan	Harbeson.....	E. H. Hill
St. John's.....	Daniel MacLea	*Harmony, Md.....	J. H. Quillen
St. Paul's.....	L. A. Ward	Harmony, W. Va.....	H. E. Smaltz
Townson.....	Harry Busick	Harpers Ferry.....	J. E. Webb
Trinity.....	H. O. Smith	Harrington.....	Mrs. Geo. B. Potter
Violetville.....	J. R. Schaeffer	Hawley Memorial.....	Jesse B. Thompson
West Baltimore.....	Thales Disney	Howard.....	A. K. Pickett
Wilton Heights.....	Mrs. Ida M. Whaley	Hurlock.....	Chas. N. Spence
Bedford.....	Chas. W. Fisher	*Indian River.....	
Belair.....	Nellie M. Pyle	Kempton.....	J. A. Engle
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Buckeytown.....	John H. Baker	Kent Island.....	E. L. Thomas
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Carroll Circuit.....	L. V. Smith	Leipsic.....	
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Centreville.....	Ludlow Gafford	Liberty.....	W. Edgar Burall
Chestertown.....	C. N. Satterfield	Lynchburg.....	F. W. Whitaker
Chincoteague.....	Mrs. H. Holstone	Mardela.....	Chas. M. Wright
Clayton.....	Charles Brown	Marley.....	Owen W. Prince, Jr
Concord.....	Thos. J. Campbell	Middleway.....	C. M. Kearne
Crisfield:		Milford.....	W. H. Richardson
Crisfield.....	Chas. W. Howeth	Milton.....	Frank B. Carey
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Cumberland:		Nichols Memorial.....	Mrs. Dora Downs
First Church.....	Howard Perrin	Northumberland.....	O. M. Whaley
Fairview.....	J. F. Zimmerman	Oak Grove and	
Mapleside.....	A. T. Reckley	Prince George.....	Davis Barlow
Melvin Chapel.....	Charles Hansrote	Oxford.....	Wm. H. Myers
Dagsboro.....	Rodney N. Ennis	Parksley.....	J. A. Causey
*Deer Creek.....	P. M. Barrow	*Patapsco	



Charge	Laymen	Charge	Laymen
Philadelphia:		Tyreanna.....	Mrs. E. J. Folwell
Emmanuel.....	C. W. Slemmer, Jr.	Union.....	T. W. Whayland
St. Luke's.....	J. A. Buchanan	Union Bridge.....	Geo. B. Simpson
Taylor Memoria.....	Chas. W. Wilson	Wallace Memorial.....	G. W. Lewis
Pipe Creek.....	Edward Roop	*Warwick.....	Raymond Thornley
Pittsville.....	Dennis Tilghman	Washington:	
Pocomoke City.....	G. A. Richardson	Alexandria.....	Eston Santmire
Poplar Springs.....	J. Thomas Every	Calvary, Va.....	Roy Reeve
Powellville.....	Albert Jones	Cherrydale.....	Dr. W. G. Monroe
Quantico.....	Alonzo Wilson	Congress Street.....	W. H. Harrison
Quinton.....	Glenn W. Wilson	First Church.....	Mrs. W. J. Brewer
*Reliance.....	L. H. Le Cates	Mt. Tabor.....	J. G. Huddleston
Ridgeville.....	A. T. Murray	Mt. Olivet.....	Frank L. Ball
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Salem.....	W. W. Fontaine	Rhode Island Av.....	Julian P. Dodge
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Snow Hill.....	L. B. Disharoon	Wilmington:	
*Snow Hill Circuit		First Church.....	Mrs. David A. Hay
Stewartstown.....	Geo. W. Devilbiss	Peninsula.....	Saml. M. Yingling
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		Elmer N. Hassell
Chesaco Park.....		Scott N. Duvall
		James J. Vonhagel
Christ Church.....		A. F. Snyder
		J. S. Elmore
		Samuel Bernard
Eutaw.....		C. Roland Wilson
		Grace G. Jones
		F. N. Bell
Grace.....		Archie Ford
Hampden.....		
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Lowe Memorial.....		
South Baltimore.....	Joseph Wilson.....	Edward G. Robinson
St. Paul's.....		
Trinity.....	B. F. Kerr.....	William Kesmodel
Violetville.....		

Charges	Ministers	Preachers
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Wilton Heights.....		H. L. Kogelschatz Chester Street
Finksburg.....		James Melvin Kay
Georgetown.....		Virgil Littleton
Glenburnie.....		Frank P. Knickerson
Greenwood.....		J. W. Barwick
Harmony.....		B. I. Barnes
Marley.....		Owen W. Prince
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Oxford.....		H. M. Dobson
Philadelphia:		Wm. M. Tees
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St. Luke's.....		Newton C. Conant
Taylor Memorial.....		Daniel Murdoch
Pocomoke City.....		James T. Young
Powellville.....		Reese M. Dennis A. Percy White
Ridgeville.....		George W. Easton Eldridge Mullinix
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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO REPORT 1929

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**Group Chairmen:** District 1, E. L. Bunce; 2, E. A. Sexsmith; 3 N. C. Clough, 4, L. B. Smith; 5, C. M. Elderdice; 6, President of Baltimore Preachers' Meeting; 7, President of Washington Preachers' Association; 8, C. R. Strausburg.

**President's Parsonage Furnishings:** President of Conference, Agent of the Parsonage, President Baltimore Preachers' Meeting.

**Commission on Rural Church Problems and Programs:** President of Conference, J. N. Link, C. E. Dryden, Dr. Vallie Hawkins, Harvey H. Mackey.

**Board of Survey and Extension 1928 to 1929:** E. C. Makosky, G. I. Humphreys, J. H. Straughn, G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, N. O. Gibson, W. C. Scott, George Mather, Thomas D. Bowers, J. P. Dodge, David C. Butcher.

**Chairman Board of Finance, 1928-1929:** G. A. Ogg.

**Group Life Insurance:** E. A. Sexsmith.

**Conference Librarian:** J. Earl Cummings.

**Conference Program, 1929:** President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, F. T. Benson.

**Committee to Audit Accounts of Conference Treasurer and Submit "Findings" to President of Conference Two Months Before Meeting of Conference:** J. A. Dudley, J. A. Trader, C. H. Slater, H. C. Staley.

**Committee to Raise Unpaid Balance on Centenary Gratitude, Gift:** Thomas H. Lewis, A. W. Ewell, W. C. Scott, J. P. Dodge, F. P. Adkins.

**Committee To Secure Religious Work Director:** R. Y. Nicholson, A. N. Ward, L. B. Smith, Charles H. Weatley, Daniel C. Mac Lea.

## SPECIAL DAYS

Second Sunday in October, "Rally Day."

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

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

## CONFERENCE EXAMINERS AND EXAMINATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

### PREPARATORY COURSE

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

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



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

(c) Tillet's "Personal Salvation."

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

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

First year.

J. W. Kirk (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.

F. T. Benson (b) Lewis' Divine Credentials.

A. N. Ward (c) Lewis' "The Minister and His Own Soul" and Elderdice's "The Preachers' Problems."

E. L. Bunce (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—W. T. Archer, Owen W. Prince.

Second Year.

E. D. Stone (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 180-344.

L. B. Smith (b) Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." 1-286.

H. L. Elderdice (c) Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."

J. M. Sheridan (d) Gladden's "Christian Pastor."

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

Students—

Third Year

C. M. Elderdice (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 347 to end of book.

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

C. C. Day (c) Calkin's "Historical Geography of the Bible."

R. Y. Nicholson (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.

Students—C. F. Cummins, Miss Grace G. Jones, D. F. Galloway.

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.

J. M. GILL, Chairman.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

 JOURNAL 

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 12, 1928

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY

**Opening:**—The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church opened its one hundredth session in the Lynchburg Methodist Protestant Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, on the above date at nine o'clock A. M. E. C. Makosky, President, called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional service. Hymn No. 461, "Jesus! The Name High Over All" was sung. The fourth chapter of second Corinthians was read by the President, and prayer was made by A. N. Ward.

**Roll Call:**—The Secretary called the roll of the Conference, and on motion the name of J. W. Gray was transferred to the Memorial Roll.

**Letters of Sympathy:**—On motion of T. H. Lewis the following were appointed by the President to write letters expressing the love and sympathy of the Conference.

W. H. Litsinger to Mrs. F. T. Little.

A. N. Ward to A. S. Beane.

L B Smith to W. M. Strayer.

G. W. Haddaway to L. A. Bennett.

J. M. Sheridan to S. F. Cassen.

**Credentials:**—The report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted.

**Memorial Roll:**—The Memorial Roll was called by E. D. Stone. The obituary of J. W. Gray was read by J. W. Trout. E. D. Stone, T. H. Lewis, J. F. Bryan, E. B. Fenby, C. M. Jenkins and Louis Randall spoke of the long and faithful service of Brother Gray.

**Deceased Members:**—On motion of J. H. Straughn: A. N. Ward, Daniel Baker, Jr., and J. H. Straughn were appointed as a committee to place flowers upon the graves of deceased members of the Conference buried in Lynchburg—C. P. Nowlin and T. E. Coulbourn.

**Devotional Service:**—The hour for the morning worship having arrived, Hymn No. 65, "Great God, Let All Our Tuneful Powers" was sung. J. W. Kirk offered prayer. The Scripture lesson, Colossians 3:1-17, was read by J. W. Trout. The Conference Sermon was preached by T. O. Crouse upon the theme, "The Rich Church." Hymn No. 169, "When I

Survey the Wondrous Cross" was sung, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by J. M. Sheridan, G. Q. Bacchus, J. McLain Brown, T. H. Lewis, S. W. Coe, G. F. Farring, J. W. Parris and W. S. Hanks.

Benediction was pronounced by B. W. Kinley.

## AFTERNOON

**President's Report:**—The President called the Conference to order at 2 P. M. T. O. Crouse was called to the chair and the President read his annual report (Report A). At the conclusion of its reading his character was passed.

**Standing Committees:**—The President read the list of Standing Committees.

**Approval of Recommendations:**—Upon motion of N. O. Gibson the fourth recommendation of the President's report was approved. This recommendation has to do with a change in the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference. The President appointed the following committee to consider the matter and report not later than Saturday morning: W. H. Litsinger, G. I. Humphreys, L. B. Smith, C. M. Elderdice, W. E. Cain, J. P. Dodge, F. W. Whitaker.

**Resolution:**—J. F. Bryan offered a resolution suggesting a change in the Manual to read: "The Conference shall convene on the first Wednesday in May." The resolution was referred to the above committee. Resolution was lost.

**Program Committee:**—The report of the Program Committee (Report Q) was read and adopted.

**Bar of Conference:**—The Bar of the Conference was fixed to include the eighth row of seats.

**Election of Officers:**—The order of the day having come, the President appointed the following tellers on Election of President: F. A. Holland, J. F. Bryan, Charles Satterfield and Seth Linthicum.

The result of the ballot was as follows: The number of ballots cast, 179; necessary to choice, 90; E. C. Makosky, 133; L. B. Smith, 28; W. H. Litsinger, 7; R. L. Shipley, 5; E. W. Simms, 1; N. O. Gibson, 1; R. Y. Nicholson, 1; J. N. Link, 1; J. F. Bryan, 1; J. H. Straughn, 1. E. C. Makosky was declared re-elected, and in a few well chosen words accepted the office.

Upon motion the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for G. J. Hooker for Secretary.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for C. F. Cummins for Treasurer.

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

**Standing District Committee:**—The President appointed the following tellers for the Standing District Committee: B. F. Ruley, F. A. Holland, W. H. Harrison and E. L. Thomas. The ballot was taken and the tellers were permitted to retire and count the ballots.

**Committee on Appeals:**—The President appointed the following tellers for the Committee on Appeals: Louis Randall, G. M. Clayton, C. C. Sanner and Wm. F. Chew. The ballot was taken and the tellers permitted to retire and count the ballots.

**Secretary's Report:**—The report of the Secretary (Report B) was read and adopted.

**Pastors' Reports:**—The Secretary called the roll of pastors for their annual reports.

**Communications:**—The roll of Charges for communications was called. On motion the communications were referred to their respective Boards or Committees.

**Evening Sessions:**—G. W. Haddaway moved that the Bar of the Conference be reserved each evening until 8 o'clock for the members of the Conference and their wives. Motion carried. The President appointed the following ushers for the evening sessions: H. L. Schlincke, T. J. Turkington, Charles Satterfielh and Russell P. Smith.

**Minutes of Gen. Conference:**—The President stated that W. H. Hodges had been appointed to look after the sale of the book recording the minutes of the General Conference.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. S. Hanks.

## EVENING

The evening session was called to order by the President, and was in the interests of Temperance.

Hymn No. 393, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, and prayer was made by T. H. Lewis.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, addressed the Conference on the theme, "Why Prohibition Repeal Is Unthinkable."

W. H. Litsinger offered prayer, and Hymn No. 394, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by C. M. Elderdice.

## SECOND DAY, THURSDAY

**Opening**—The Conference opened at 9:30 A. M., with the President presiding.

**Journal**—The minutes were read and adopted.

**Roll Call**—The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary.

**Excused**—Upon request made through F. D. Reynolds, E. H. Jones was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

**Historical Record**—T. H. Lewis stated that he had been requested to prepare the Historical Record of the Conference, and that the record was nearly completed, but that the cost of publication was giving him some concern. He suggested that if all of the subscriptions for the Southern Work were paid in full he would then have enough in that fund to relieve the situation. The Conference voted to allow Dr. Lewis to use what surplus he might have to defray the cost of publication.

**Devotional**—The order of the day having come, the devotional service was lead by J. H. Straughn. Hymn No. 5 was sung and the leader read the Scripture Lesson. Prayer was offered by J. M. Sheridan and J. P. Dodge, after which Hymn No. 152 was sung.

**Collector**—The President announced the appointment of Dorsey Sturgis collector for the Sexton.

**Report**—H. L. Elderdice read the report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society (Report R), which report was adopted.

**Budget Council**—The report of the Budget Council was read by L. F. Warner (Report Y). The report was adopted.

J. H. Straughn, Regional Director, spoke in the interest of the above report, and outlined the program of the Council. He emphasized the slogan, "New Century Service," and asked the Conference to raise up a New Century Service Commission that the program as outlined might be projected into the churches of the Conference.

**Motion**—L. F. Warner moved that the Conference adopt the outline of procedure as stated by J. H. Straughn. Motion carried.

**Report**—The tellers reported that there had been no election in the matter of the Standing District Committee.

**Motion**—It was moved that the ministers and laymen receiving 90 or more votes for the Standing District Committee be declared elected, and that L. B. Smith be named a member of the Committee. Motion adopted.

**Standing District Committee**—The names of the above Committee are as follows: J. M. Sheridan, L. F. Warner, L. B. Smith, T. P. Fisher, J. H. Baker, T. A. Murray.

**Report**—The tellers reported that there had been no election in the vote taken for the Committee of Appeals.

**Motion**—It was moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for those receiving the highest vote and that they be declared elected. The motion prevailed.

**Committee on Appeals**—The names of the above Committee are as follows: J. W. Kirk, J. H. Straughn, J. M. Gill, W. G. Monroe, W. E. Cain and Daniel MacLea.

**Superannuate**—W. H. Litsinger moved that George Hines be granted a superannuate relation and that it be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. The request was granted.

**Resolution**—A resolution (1) was read requesting T. O. Crouse to furnish the Secretary with a copy of the Conference Sermon to be published in the minutes. Resolution adopted.

**Letters**—Letters from James L. Elderdice and F. H. Mullineaux were read by the Secretary, in which they stated their inability to attend this session of the Conference. On motion their names were referred to the Committee with request that the love and sympathy of the Conference be expressed to them.

**Adjournment**—On motion the Conference recessed with the benediction by J. L. Nichols.

## AFTERNOON

**Opening**—The Conference was called to order by the President at 2 P. M.

**Report**—The secretary of the Committee of the Board of Survey and Extension on Centenary Church read a partial report of the Board (Report G). E. A. Sexsmith, J. H. Straughn, T. H. Lewis, W. E. Cain, Seth Linthicum, G. W. Haddaway, C. C. Day and T. C. Jones spoke to the report. Report was adopted.

**Motion**—It was moved by J. H. Straughn that the item of \$14,000 of the above report be referred to the Board of Survey and Extension for recommendations to the Conference. Motion adopted.

**Motion**—It was moved that the President appoint some one to look after the sale of the Centennial Memorial Volume. Motion adopted.

**Appointment**—The President appointed G. E. Wunder to attend to the sale of said volume.

**Introduction**—J. C. Broomfield, President of the General Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

**Report**—The report of the Board of Management of Headquarters Building was read (Report V). After due discussion the report was adopted.

**Superannuate**—J. W. Kirk moved that the name of B. W. Kinley be transferred from the active roll and placed on the superannuate roll, and that his case be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. Motion adopted.

A. N. Ward stated that A. S. Beane requested that his name be transferred from the active roll to the superannuate roll. On motion the request was granted and his case referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

**Motion**—T. H. Lewis moved that the action of the Conference of 1926, referring to the manner of superannuating, be rescinded, because it was in violation of the discipline. J. W. Kirk, C. M. Elderdice, T. H.

Lewis, J. A. Dudley, W. H. Litsinger, J. H. Baker, Jr., and C. C. Day spoke to the motion. The motion was adopted.

**Mutual Relief Association:**—The Conference gave way for a meeting of the Mutual Relief Association.

The Conference again convened.

**Church Extension Society:**—The Conference gave way for a meeting of the Church Extension Society. By motion the Society adjourned.

The Conference again convened.

**Adjournment:**—The Conference adjourned with the benediction by D. W. Anstine.

## EVENING

The evening session was devoted to World Peace. T. H. Lewis presided. Prayer was offered by G. M. Clayton.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Dice R. Anderson, President of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

Benediction by Dr. Means, Pastor of Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

## THIRD DAY, FRIDAY

**Opening**—The Conference was called to order by the President at 9:30 A. M.

**Journal**—The minutes were read and adopted.

**Excused**—J. H. Straughn asked to be excused from the Conference until Monday morning. The request was granted.

**Invitation**—The Secretary read a letter from the Pocomoke City Church asking the Conference to meet at their church in 1929. According to the rule, it was laid over for 24 hours.

**Letters**—The Secretary read a letter from S. F. Cassen stating his inability to attend this session of Conference.

A letter from T. G. Betchler, W. L. Hoffman and W. P. Roberts, of Seattle, Washington was also read. The Secretary was asked to send the greetings of the Conference.

**Devotional**—The devotional service was lead by G. I. Humphreys. Hymn No. 292 was sung. The leader read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, and prayer was offered by J. W. Kirk and Clayborne Phillips. After singing Hymn No. 318 prayer was made by T. H. Lewis and J. C. Broomfield.

**Introductions**—The President introduced F. W. Stevenson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education; also C. W. Bates and George R. Brown, of the North Carolina Conference.

**Address**—F. W. Stevenson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, addressed the Conference. He spoke of his work and outlined the program of the Board, and asked that the program be projected in the local churches.

**Ruling**—J. M. Gill, Chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, asked for a ruling of the Conference as to referring matters affecting the character of ministers.

It was ruled by vote that matters affecting the character of minis-



ters of the Conference, who have passed the Course of Study, should be referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

**Introduction**—Miss Mary Whitney, of Indiana, was introduced to the Conference.

**Report**—The Chairman of the Committee on Missions, L. F. Warner, read the report of the committee (Report N). The following representatives were introduced and addressed the Conference: G. W. Haddaway, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions; Mrs. A. E. Craig, President of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; J. M. Sheridan, Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. The report was adopted.

**Address**—J. C. Broomfield, President of the General Conference, addressed the Conference.

**Motion**—It was moved that the report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies be made the order of the day at 2 P. M. Motion prevailed.

**Announcements**—The pastor of the church read the report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply. Report adopted.

The Conference recessed with benediction by J. M. Sheridan.

## AFTERNOON

**Opening**—The Conference was called to order by the President at 2 P. M.

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies, to which report was attached the report of the Managers of the Deaconess Home and the report of the treasurer of the Home (Report L). The report was considered item by item.

Item 1, referring to closing the Deaconess Home. J. F. Bryan, F. T. Benson, J. H. Baker, G. W. Haddaway, A. N. Ward, J. L. Ward, J. M. Sheridan, Mrs. E. B. Fenby spoke to the item. The item was adopted.

G. I. Humphreys offered a substitute for Item 2, as follows: That the Board of Managers be authorized, if in their judgment it is wise, to sell the present property, invest the money and use the interest for the support of the Deaconess work. G. I. Humphreys, N. C. Clough, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Gill, W. A. Melvin, Seth Linthicum, J. L. Nichols and L. B. Smith spoke. The substitute was adopted.

Item 3, referring to the appropriation of \$1500. Item was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for J. L. Ward and William F. Chew for managers of the Deaconess Home.

The resignation of Mrs. Mae Volk Sudman was accepted, and on motion of G. I. Humphreys the Board was authorized to fill the vacancy by electing some lady whose church was not represented on the Board.

**Superannuate**—J. W. Trout requested through Louis Randall that his name be transferred from the active roll to the roll of superannuates, and that his case be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. The request was granted.

**Report**—The Committee on Official Relations submitted a partial report (Report M). The report was adopted.

**Report**—C. M. Elderdice, Chairman of the Committee on Literature and Education, read the report of the committee (Report I).

F. T. Benson, Editor of the "Methodist Protestant," spoke in the interests of the church paper.

H. L. Elderdice, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, spoke in the interests of the seminary.

A. N. Ward, President of Western Maryland College, spoke of the future program of the college.

The report was adopted.

**Report**—A. W. Ewell, Examiner, reported that D. F. Galloway and C. F. Cummins have passed satisfactory examinations on Fisher's History of the Christian Church.

C. C. Day, examiner, reported that C. F. Cummins has passed 100 per cent on Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of the Sermon.

**Request**—R. L. Shipley requested that he be excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference. Request granted.

**Invitation**—The Conference received an invitation from Edmondson Avenue Church, Baltimore, to meet there in 1929. The request was filed and laid on the table for 24 hours.

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Trustees of the Conference (Report D).

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the vacancies. The vote was as follows: G. W. Haddaway, W. B. Judefind, J. H. Roberts, F. G. Usilton.

**Report**—The Agent for Group Insurance, E. A. Sexsmith, read his report, with recommendations. The report was adopted (Report W), and the new men urged to take this insurance.

**Report**—A partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was submitted. The report was considered by items.

Item 1, that the Conference receive and ordain Ira M. Dinkle. Item adopted.

Item 2, that the Conference receive and ordain F. N. Bowers. Item adopted.

Item 3, that C. M. Jenkins be ordained. Item adopted.

**Report**—C. M. Elderdice, examiner, reported that C. F. Cummins and D. F. Galloway have passed in Curtis' Christian Faith.

**Report**—J. W. Trout, examiner, reported that H. L. Murphy has passed on Divine Credentials.

**Motion**—On motion E. A. Sexsmith was instructed to call upon the young men recently received into the Conference and remind them of their obligation to the Conference in the matter of group insurance, and report to the Committee on Official Relations.

**Excused**—Upon request, J. A. Trader was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

**Report**—R. Y. Nicholson, examiner, reported that C. F. Cummins has passed on Gladden's Christian Pastor.

**Adjournment**—The Conference adjourned with benediction by C. E. Dryden.

## EVENING

The evening service was in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Conference Church.

Hymn No. 374 was sung and prayer was offered by E. D. Stone.

J. C. Broomfield, D. D., President of the General Conference, addressed the meeting on the subject, "Our Church, Why It Exists; Its Government and History."

Judge F. W. Whitaker, of Lynchburg, spoke on "The Local Church; Its History."

Prayer and benediction by J. McLain Brown.

## FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY

**Opening**—The Conference was called to order by the President at 9:30 A. M.

**Journal**—Minutes then were read and approved.

**Devotional**—The devotional service was conducted by L. F. Warner. Hymn No. 55 was sung. The leader read the first thirteen verses of the eleventh chapter of Luke, and spoke on the theme of "Prayer." J. W. Kirk offered prayer. Hymn No. 38 was then sung, after which prayer was made by T. O. Crouse. The devotional was closed by Singing Hymn No. 39.

**Examination**—R. Y. Nicholson, Examiner, reported that D. F. Gallaway had passed his examination in Gladden's "Christian Pastor."

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. (Report U) J. L. Ward, Chairman of the Committee spoke to the report.

L. B. Smith, Chairman of the Evangelistic Commission of the General Conference, read the report of the Commission, and moved that the report be filed with the report of the Committee on Evangelism and published in the minutes of the Conference. The motion was adopted.

A. N. Ward, J. McLain Brown, J. P. Dodge, W. A. Melvin, and A. H. Green spoke. The report of the Committee was adopted.

**Report**—The Secretary read a partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, recommending that W. T. Archer and Owen W. Prince, having passed their examinations, be received on trial and that they be placed in the studies of the first year.

That C. F. Cummins had passed to the third year.

That D. F. Gallaway had passed to the third year.

That the application of Joseph Theodore Addison for financial aid from the Board of Christian Education be approved.

The report was adopted.

**Report**—Louis Randall, Chairman of the Committee on Superannuates, read the report of the Committee, and the report was laid on the table for twenty-four hours. (Report H).

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Committee to Complete the Collection of Superannuate Fund Subscriptions. (Report T) The report was adopted.

**Letters**—The Secretary read a letter from Paul M. Cassen, Missionary to India, which was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

The Secretary read a letter from Paul F. Warner, Missionary to Japan, which was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

**Report**—W. H. Litsinger, Chairman of the Special Committee on Annual Conference Date, read the report of the Committee signed by six members of the Committee. (Report AA) The Committee recommended that the Maryland Annual Conference convene on the second Wednesday of the month of June.

W. H. Litsinger spoke to the report.

**Substitute Report**—C. M. Elderdice, a member of the above Committee, offered as a substitute for the above report, that the Conference meet on the first Wednesday in the month of May.

C. M. Elderdice, A. N. Ward, L. B. Smith, A. F. T. Raum, G. I. Humphreys and T. C. Jones spoke.

**Amendment**—J. M. Gill offered an amendment to the substitute that the Conference meet on the first Wednesday in April, except when Easter interferes.

J. H. Gill, J. L. Green, A. N. Ward, W. F. Chew, J. A. Dudley, W. S. Hanks, J. L. Nichols, J. H. Lynch, F. D. Reynolds, F. W. Whitaker, E. A. Sexsmith, N. C. Clough, Chas. Spence, A. H. Green, J. E. Cummings, A. W. Ewell and W. H. Litsinger spoke.

The Amendment to the Substitute was lost.

The Substitute was then lost.

The original report of the Committee was adopted.

**Resolution**—G. A. Morris offered a resolution limiting the term of pastoral supply to four years.

Upon motion the resolution was laid on the table.

**Appointments**—G. J. Hooker, Secretary, announced the appointment of his assistants as follows: E. L. Bunce, C. R. Strausburg, J. W. Townsend and E. C. Graham.

**Reception of Members**—The President received the following into membership of the Conference: F. N. Bowers, Ira M. Dinkle, W. T. Archer and Owen W. Prince.

**Withdrawal of Invitation**—E. L. Bunce asked to be allowed to withdraw the invitation of the Pocomoke City Church for the 1929 session of Conference. By motion he was so permitted.

**Excused**—A. N. Ward and H. L. Elderdice asked to be excused from further attendance upon this session of Conference. Request granted.

**Adjournment**—The Conference adjourned with the Benediction by J. M. Gill.

### FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY

The Service was opened at 11.00 A. M. Special music was rendered by the choir of the Conference Church.

Hymn No. 192, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sung.

Prayer was offered by J. M. Gill, and E. C. Makosky led in the Responsive Reading.

T. O. Crouse read the Scripture Lesson. Hymn No. 477, "God Speed the Gospel" was then sung.

The Ordination Sermon was preached by W. S. Hanks upon the theme, "Glorifying The Name."

Following the sermon, F. N. Bowers, Ira M. Dinkle and C. M. Jenkins were ordained Elders in the Church of Christ.

The President was assisted in the service by J. M. Gill, J. M. Sheridan, W. H. Litsinger, W. S. Hanks and G. J. Hooker, Secretary.

The service closed with the Benediction by the President.

## SIXTH DAY, MONDAY

**Opening**—The President called the Conference to order at 9.30 A. M.

**Journal**—The minutes were read and approved.

J. H. Straughn was called to the chair.

**Report**—J. H. Straughn reported that the Committee appointed by the Conference to decorate the graves of Rev. T. E. Coulbourne and Rev. C. P. Nowlin had performed the task.

**Devotional**—The order of the day having come, the devotional service was led by J. M. Sheridan. E. D. Stone led in the singing of hymns No. 159, 316 and 345. Prayer was offered by Miss Fanny Hay. The scripture lesson was read by Brother Sanner.

**Excused**—Upon request, T. O. Crouse and Howard Perrin, delegate from Cumberland, were excused from further attendance.

**Report**—Committee on Examiners, in case of Miss Grace G. Jones, recommended that her work be continued in the Course of the Third Year. Adopted.

**Personal Privilege**—Personal privilege of five minutes was given to G. A. Morris. Personal privilege given to J. M. Gill, A. H. Green, J. M. Sheridan and G. W. Haddaway.

**Motion**—J. M. Sheridan offered a motion that it was not the sense of this Conference to afflict Brother Morris in any way. Passed.

Conference suspended regular order to hear resolution offered by G. A. Morris.

**Resolution**: RESOLVED That the time limit of this Conference relative to the pastorate be seven years, beginning with and counting this year before us number one.

F. D. Reynolds moved that the motion be laid on table. Motion was withdrawn. Previous question was called for and sustained. Resolution lost.

**Introduction**—Judge Whitaker introduced W. Carey Barker, a Lay Evangelist who is doing splendid work for the Kingdom.

**Report**—The Committee on President's Report submitted its report, which was read by the Secretary. Motion was made that the report be adopted as a whole. Adopted.

**Resolution**—A resolution to amend the Conference Manual was offered signed by W. H. Hodges and G. J. Hooker providing for no session of the conference on Thursday afternoon instead of Saturday afternoon.

Speaking to the question were J. L. Nichols, G. W. Haddaway, G. I. Humphreys and W. H. Hodges. The Resolution was lost.

General Conference overtures were read by the Secretary. Overture, Item 1 was approved. Overture, Item 2 was adopted. (See Overture) as printed in Minutes, page 143.

**Report**—The Report of the Summer Conference was read by Assistant Secretary Bunce. W. H. Litsinger, President of the Summer Conference spoke and requested that cards be passed giving opportunity for members of the Conference to pay annual dues. Request adopted.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Superannuates. (Report H). Recommendations 1 and 2 relative to assessment of \$7,000 and authorizing Treasurer to borrow in order to meet the full appropriation. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of Committee on Young People's Work (Report J) was read by Assistant Secretary Bunce. Report of the President of Young People's Work was not read. J. A. Dudley, Chairman of Committee, spoke concerning three items of the report. Report adopted.

**Invitation**—The invitation for Conference to meet in session of 1929 at the Edmondson Avenue Church, Baltimore, was taken up and accepted.

J. G. Lynn read a resolution concerning setting aside Sunday evening of the Conference session as a special evangelistic service. Paper was referred to New Century Service Commission: passed as a substitute that it go to the Program Committee.

Conference recessed with benediction by Louis Randall.

## AFTERNOON

**Opening**—The Conference was called to order by the President at 2 P. M. J. M. Sheridan was called to the chair.

**Society Meeting**—The Church Extension Society convened. The Conference again convened.

**Address**—United States Senator, Robert L. Owens of Oklahoma was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

**Report**—E. D. Stone, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Moral Reform. (Report K)

E. D. Stone, G. I. Humphreys and J. M. Gill spoke.

J. W. Kirk offered a substitute to one item of the report to read, "That it must be read from the pulpits." J. M. Gill moved that debate be limited to five minutes. Motion carried.

L. B. Smith moved to amend the substitute to read, "That we as ministers read this from our pulpits," and spoke to the amendment.

C. M. Elderdice offered an amendment to the amendment to read, "That our pastors be urgently requested to read this report from their pulpits." The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

J. H. Straughn called for the previous question. Sustained.

W. H. Hodges asked permission to explain his vote. Granted.

The report as amended was adopted.

**Report**—J. L. Nichols, Chairman, read the report of the Committee for the Home of the Aged. (Report O).

The report was adopted item by item. S. F. Cassen, J. N. Link, T. A. Murray and Milton Zollickoffer were elected members Board of Managers.

**Report**—The report of the Committee on Audit was read and adopted. (Report P).

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Agent for the President's Parsonage. The report was adopted.

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Conference Librarian. Report adopted. (Report X).

**Report**—The Secretary read the report of the Committee to Study the Need for a Director of Religious Education. (Report Z).

R. Y. Nicholson spoke. Report adopted.

**Resolution**—A resolution was offered by W. H. Hodges and W. B. Judefind concerning the Conference Examiners and examinations. (Refer to page 18 of the Conference minutes).

Upon motion the resolution was deferred for one year.

**Resolution**—A resolution was offered by J. T. Bailey concerning the work of M. E. Hungerford in the rebuilding of the church at Georgetown, Delaware. (Resolution 3) Resolution adopted.

**Janitor**—D. K. Sturgis reported that he had collected \$35.30 for the Janitor of the Conference church. Upon motion the money was turned over to the pastor of the church.

**Society Meeting**—The Conference gave way for a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

The Conference again convened.

The Conference recessed with the benediction by W. B. Judefind.

## EVENING

**Opening**—The evening session was called to order by the Secretary, and no motion G. W. Haddaway was called to the chair. Mymn No. 318 was sung.

**Report**—The Secretary read the final report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. (Report F)

A point of order was made to the effect that J. F. Zimmerman, not being in the hands of the President for appointment for regular work in the itinerancy and not entering the Conference course of study, was not entitled to a certificate to administer the ordinances. The Chairman so ruled. With that understanding W. H. Litsinger moved that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The above report recommends as follows:

One: That C. M. Jenkins be ordained.

Two: That W. T. Archer and Owen W. Prince be admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Three: That the application of Joseph Theodore Addison for aid from the Board of Christian Education be approved.

Four: That C. F. Cummins and D. F. Galloway be passed to the studies of the third year.

Five: That Ira M. Dinkle and Fred N. Bowers be received into the Conference and ordained.

Six: That D. F. Galloway be given license to administer the ordinances.

Seven: That W. D. Wilson, A. W. Betts, C. S. Marshall, B. I. Barnes be placed in the hands of the President and be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment.

**Report**—The Secretary of the Conference read the report of the Committee on Statistics. (See Tables).

Number of members of the Conference .....	168
Full members .....	35,938
Conversions .....	2,977
Sunday School Scholars .....	38,319

Report adopted.

**Report**:—Report of the Conference Steward was read by R. W. White, Steward.

The report contained the following resolution.

That the Pastors report blanks affecting the General Interests be arranged in four columns:

First—President's Salary.

Second—Maryland Conference Budget.

Third—General Conference Budget.

Fourth—Miscellaneous General.

Motion made by J. H. Straughn that the table showing the receipts for the various budgets shall be continued so as to agree with the general practices of the denomination. It was adopted.

**Resolution**:—G. I. Humphreys offered the following resolution. That resolution No. 10 recorded in the Minutes of 1927, pg. 12, with reference to employing Public Accountant be ammended to read as follows: (See resolution 5). Motion adopted.

**Resolution**:—Resolution 6 offered by G. I. Humphreys, "that it is the sense of this Conference that the current fiscal year shall end June 15th, 1929. That the salaries of the pas'tors for the year 1928-29 shall be computed from September 15th, 1928." After discussion motion was made to amend the resolution to read "That the fiscal conference year shall end May 31." The amendment as suggested was agreeable to all concerned and adopted. It is understood that the salaries of the pastors shall run from September 1 to June 1 for this current year.

**Resolution**:—Resolution 7 offered by G. I. Humphreys, "That the Conference Treasurer shall be paid an additional sum of \$100.00 for the Conference year ending September 3, 1928, and that his stipend for the coming year shall be \$400.00—nine-twelfths of this amount shall be paid for year ending June 1, 1929. J. P. Dodge moved that the resolution be ammended to read \$200.00 for the year ending September 3, 1928. J. M. Gill moved that it be further ammended to read \$500.00 for the coming year. This was agreeable and unanimously adopted.

**Group Insurance**:—The Secretary of Church Extension reported that he had the application cards for Group Insurance from all the members of



the Conference with the exception of seven. Motion made by C. C. Day that these be further solicited.

**Resolution:**—Resolution 8 offered by C. C. Day that the ministers of the Conference who had reached the age of 65, or have given 40 years of service in the ministry, requesting a superannuated relationship shall have the privilege of their request being voted upon without discussion. And that this Resolution be inserted in the Superannuated Fund Regulations. Adopted.

**Resolutions:**—Resolution 9 offered by C. M. Elderdice that the Program Committee be and is requested to publish the tentative Conference program in the Methodist Protestant at least two weeks before the beginning of the Conference Session, Resolution adopted.

**Report:**—The Secretary read the report of the auditors for the Conference Treasurer.

**Appreciation:**—J. H. Lynch, pastor of the Conference Church, spoke to the Conference in appreciation of the work of the choir and the local church, and the pleasure derived from entertaining the Conference.

**Report:**—Report of the Conference Treasurer (Report C) was read by the Treasurer, C. F. Cummins, and adopted.

**Motion:**—G. I. Humphreys moved that the unpaid balance of the Superannuated Fund Subscriptions, except the amount owing by the ministers, be declared uncollectible. Adopted (See Report T).

**Resolution:**—J. H. Straughn spoke concerning the deficit of the Gratitude Gift and resolution was made that the President of the Conference after adjournment shall appoint a committee composed of three laymen and two ministers to arrange a plan to collect the same, with special reference to the unpaid quotas of the churches. (Resolution 10).

**Report:**—The report of the Board of Survey and Extension was read by Conference Secretary. Motion that report be adopted. Several spoke to the report. J. W. Townsend called attention to the error of the words "be detached" with reference to Walkers Chapel. W. H. Hodges spoke relative to the reception of the Fort Myer Heights Church. The report was adopted.

**Report:**—G. A. Ogg reported for the Board of Finance. (Report E) Report adopted.

**Report:**—Report of Committee on Official Relations (Report M) was read by the chairman, J. N. Link. Following discussion the report was adopted.

**Report:**—The Board of Survey and Extension (Report G) made supplemental report. First, recommending an amount to be appropriated for parsonage rental at Ridgeville, same to be expended through Board of Managers of Church Extension. Second, that plans for improvements on Fairview Church, Cumberland, approved by the Board, must be submitted to the Quarterly Conference of the First Church, Cumberland, and to the Church Extension Superintendent, for supervision in building.

**Journal:**—The Minutes of the day were then read and adopted.

**Address:**—G. W. Haddaway who had presided during the evening session gave way to the President of the Conference. Dr. Haddaway who has been a pastor in the Maryland Conference for forty years is now taking up the work as Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions and as he gave way to the President, he spoke very tenderly to the conference of his love for them and expressed the hope that the Conference would stand by him in his new field of labor and lift him to God in their prayers.

**Appointments:**—The President of the Conference spoke briefly to the Conference and read the Plan of Appointments at 12.10 A. M. Conference then sang "Blest be the tie that binds," the benediction was pronounced by J. M. Sheridan and Conference adjourned.

E. C. MAKOSKY, President,

G. J. HOOKER, Secretary,

E. C. GRAHAM, Journal Secretary.

Approved: Sept. 17, 1928.

# REPORTS

## REPORT A PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled in its One hundredth session in Lynchburg, Va., September 12th, 1928.

Dear Fellow-Laborers:

We gather today in the One Hundredth Annual Session of our Conference with glad hearts, rejoicing in the blessings and mercies with which our God has visited us. A review of the whole century of our history with attendant statistics and enumerated facts might quicken our pulses and cause us to exclaim: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." To cover a hundred years, however, is not the purpose of the president's annual report. I must deal with the results of only one Conference year, and that the last one of the century.

It is very gratifying to report that also in the period since our last conference session God has greatly blessed us, as the summarized reports from the charges will show conclusively.

"This is our Father's church  
And to our listening ears,  
All nature sings and 'round us rings  
The music of the spheres."

### FELLOW WORKERS CROWNED

James William Gray went to his reward on April 1st, 1928. Brother Gray was more than eighty-eight years old. He gave to our Conference work forty-six years of consecrated service. In every appointment he served he was loved by his parishioners. To several of the charges he was returned as pastor for the second term and retained the love of all, while he led them in the work of the Lord. He was humble, gentle, cheerful, unselfish and full of zeal for the cause of his Lord and his church. He was a preacher of the old school, a Christian with "the old time religion" a saintly man who had grown old beautifully, his heart containing much of the milk of human kindness. He went through the Valley of Shadows with the glad assurance of his Savior's nearness; and so great peace filled his soul.

On August 25th, 1927, Charles Oakley Quillen, the supply pastor of Chincoteague, Va. passed suddenly to the world beyond. Brother Quillen

was a local preacher of Clayton charge and had served a number of our charges as supply pastor. In April 1927 he had been assigned to the work on Chincoteague Island and seemed very happy in his work. The people of the Island had received him gladly and he was serving them with great acceptability when he was suddenly stricken and called from labor to reward. The large place he had gained in the affections of the people was shown by the great crowd that attended his funeral service.

On April 16th, 1927, Mrs. W. D. Litsinger received her crown. She was an able helpmeet to her husband during all of his ministry and was greatly honored and highly esteemed in every field of labor. The mother of an honored family needs no other eulogy. Three of her sons gave their lives to the Christian ministry. Who can measure the influence and power for good, God and eternity of such a life? Her end was peaceful and all that loving hands and hearts could do was done to ease her pain and smooth the way to the land of bliss and life.

On June 1st, 1927, Mrs. D. W. Anstine was released from the weakness of the flesh. The loving companion of our brother and fellow worker, Daniel Webster Austine, she had during his long itinerant career shared his joys, sorrows and work. Our brother's heart is saddened—but he sorrows not as others who have no hope of reunion in "that land that is fairer than day."

On September 30th, 1927, Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas passed to her reward. For many years Brother Lucas had been in feeble health and she had faithfully and tenderly nursed him. They had lived in Denton, Md., since their retirement from the active work of our Conference in 1891. Brother Lucas died March 26th, 1914, and she continued to make Denton her home until the day of her death.

On June 24th, 1928 Mrs. W. R. Graham died in Salisbury, Md. Mrs. Graham was a native of Kent County. She shared the work incident to her husband's long and useful ministry in our Conference, proving herself a true helpmeet. Her children also arise to call her blessed. The charges served by her husband and all the members of this Conference, who knew her, cherish her memory.

Mrs. William S. Simms died in Baltimore, March 22, 1928. All during the thirty years of her husband's itinerant career in our conference she proved herself a consecrated and able helper in the work of the Lord. After her husband's death she worked faithfully and successfully in Starr Church, Baltimore, Md.

Obituary Committees were appointed in each case.

I note also the deaths of three laymen who were interested in everything that pertained to our Conference work and who served with faithfulness in various capacities for many years: Harry K. Muller, T. Raymond Matthews and A. R. Lewis. We appreciate their labors and shall miss them in our Conference sessions.

Into homes of the ministry and laity, other than enumerated above, the silent messenger has come and beckoned loved ones away, leaving saddened hearts and empty homes. May He who wept with Martha and Mary at Lazarus tomb, comfort those who have been bereaved and assure them of the resurrection and reunion.

## OFFICIAL ACTS

**Ordination**—On Sunday, April 17, 1927, as per your action at our last Conference session, I ordained to the office of Elder in our Church, Stephen Galley. This ceremony took place in Hampden church and I was assisted in the ordination service by J. M. Sheridan, E. A. Sexsmith and E. D. Stone

**Supply Appointments**—Soon after the rise of our Annual Conference the following were appointed to charges left unsupplied.

Concord—C. F. Elliott,

Deer Creek—Kelvin McCray,

Fairfax—H. G. McAdow,

Oak Grove and Prince George—W. T. Archer,

Patapsco—Fred N. Bowers.

Brothers McCray, McAdow and Bowers are Seminary Students and were recommended by President Elderdice; brother W. T. Archer is a local preacher of Clayton Quarterly Conference and brother C. F. Elliott is a local preacher of Calvary church, Baltimore. Both of these brethren were highly recommended by their pastors.

**Changes**—Immediately after the adjournment of Conference, by mutual agreement of all parties concerned and with strict observance of the law in each case the following changes were made in the pastoral supply: W. S. Hanks was released from the pastorate of Hawley Memorial church and appointed to Salem charge. J. W. Trout was released from Kennedyville church and appointed to Hawley Memorial church. H. G. Hager was released from Snow Hill Circuit and appointed to Kennedyville church. E. H. Hayman, a local preacher of Salisbury Quarterly Conference was appointed to Snow Hill Circuit.

On June 25th, 1927 C. F. Elliott was released from the pastorate of Concord charge, and on July 5th, 1927, H. E. Hudgins was appointed to that pastorate after having been duly released by the Quarterly Conference of Lewistown. Louis Bangarter a Seminary student was appointed to Lewistown charge.

On August 31st, 1927, the Quarterly Conference of Marley charge released Charles F. Cummins and on the same date he was appointed pastor of Chincoteague. September 24th, the Quarterly Conference of Clayton released C. M. Kelsner and he was on that date assigned to Marley Charge.

September 26th, J. Peyton Adams was appointed to the pastorate of Clayton, he having previously resigned the pastorate of Carroll Circuit. October 3rd, the Quarterly Conference of Kent Island released T. C. Betschler that he might accept the pastorate of Seaview Church, Seattle, Washington, under the Board of Home Missions of our denomination. October 8th, W. O. Lynch, a Seminary student, was appointed to the pastorate of Carroll Ct.

October 10th, R. C. Wilson, a graduate of Western Md. College, and a licensed preacher of Eutaw Church, Baltimore, was assigned to Kent Island Charge.

May 9th, 1928, A. H. Lynch, a graduate of Westminster Seminary and a member of the Alabama Conference resigned his pastorate at West Wilmington that he might return to his own Conference. Fred Bowers, who had resigned from Patapsco charge was assigned to the pastorate of West Wilmington.

**Transfers**—On April 21st, 1927, I received the "Presbyterial Dismissal" from the Presbytery of New Castle, Delaware, of John Clement Russell who had been received into our Conference subject to the reception of these papers.

On August 4th, 1928, I received the transfer of Charles M. Compher from the North Carolina Conference. As the time allowed on Transfers according to our law found in page 54 of the Discipline had not expired, I have referred this transfer to the Committee on Official Character and upon their recommendation brother Compher's name will be reinstated on the Roll of our Conference.

Early in the Conference year I sent, upon request, his Transfer to F. K. McCorkle. I recommend that his name be stricken from our roll.

**Court Decision**—On August 24th, 1927, the Court for Harford County handed down a decision in our favor for \$870.79 in the case of the Webster Community Church.

**Presidential Itinerary**—I have officially visited every field in the Conference regularly supplied at least once during the period covered by this Conference year. To some of the charges I have gone a number of times to conserve the interests involved, and to help my brethren in special occasions. I have presided over thirty-four regular sessions of Quarterly Conferences and many informal meetings of Official Boards, called together after preaching service to talk over the affairs of the kingdom in that particular field. I have attended eleven receptions to pastors of churches in and around Baltimore city. In addition to the Group meetings of seven of our Conference Districts, like meetings were attended at Bel Air, Howard, New Church, Accomac and Amelia Circuits. The main topic discussed at the Group-meetings in the various Conference Districts was the Gratitude Gift, but in the Circuit Group-meetings in addition to that topic were discussed ways and means for making the local work more cohesive and effective.

## INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES OF THE GENERAL CHURCHES

Our Lord linked the duty of teaching with the preaching of the Gospel. The church from the beginning has recognized that it must teach people to observe and do the things Christ has commanded. We have institutions for that purpose and we rejoice in their prosperity.

**Westminster Theological Seminary:** The Maryland Conference gave to the Seminary its first president Dr. T. H. Lewis who presided over it for four years; its second president, Dr. J. T. Ward, who was its head for eleven years; and also the third president, Dr. H. L. Elderdice who is now beginning his thirty-second year.

The Seminary has given the Maryland Conference 112 of the 168 men under the appointing power of the president last year; 73 of the 94 ordained since 1900; 42 of the 53 ordained since 1918; and 25 of the 28

ordained during the last five years. The three presidents of the Conference last elected were also graduated from the Seminary.

This past year the Seminary has had an enrollment of forty-two. Eleven of the Conferences in our denomination were represented in its student body. Other denominations represented were the Methodist Episcopal, United Brethren, and Reformed Churches. From China and Japan likewise students were enrolled.

There are eleven graduates this year. Six of these supplied charges in our Conference district. Two of the graduates will enter our Conference ranks at this session.

We have now not only a Seminary which from the architects standpoint is "a poem in stone," but the figures given clearly show its worth to the Conference, the denomination and the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

The Seminary has done much for the Conference, what will the Maryland Conference do for the Seminary?

Dr. Elderdice, at the proper time, will set forth the "Financial Dangers" and the "Immediate Needs" of the Seminary and I bespeak for him your careful consideration of the facts in the case and your co-operation, so far as possible, in whatever plans he may suggest to safe-guard this valuable asset to our Church and make the Seminary productive of the greatest good.

Western Maryland College: We are glad to report that Doctor Ward has been restored to health. Our anxiety of last Conference session has given way to thanksgiving that God has heard the prayers of the Church. May God preserve him in health to serve the Church and the College we love for many years to come.

The great campaign of three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars has ended in the triumphant achievement of its goal. Some of the money pledged by our churches is still uncollected and I trust will be sent in at the earliest possible date to save embarrassment.

Dr. Ward says in a letter to me: "I am now facing the next step in our educational program. We have secured the highest standing as a College and now I want to organize as soon as possible a great department of Religious Education. The building and equipment to house this department will be an outstanding feature in the development of this institution. This department will do more for the church, in my judgment, than anything that the College has ever done, and will blaze the way for a greater church in these times ahead of us which seem to be demanding that more shall be done in work of this kind.

The program for the next ten years calls for an outlay of \$4,000,000. This money will be forthcoming. I do not know from whence it will come, but it will come. God wills it, and that is sufficient for me.

Our enrollment is now larger than it ought to be, but we do not want to keep out of College any students who need to go to College and who would not likely go to any College, if they could not come to us."

Dr. Ward has generously offered to each of the Conferences in our Church a scholarship in the College valued at \$500.00 per year, for four years, to educate candidates for the ministry in our Church. The conditions are so easily met that a number of young men applied for the scholarship

allotted to the Maryland Conference. Your president appointed a Committee to examine the papers submitted in behalf of the candidates, and they selected two young men from the list and asked that if possible the scholarship be divided, each be helped to the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars, one half the value of the scholarship. To this Dr. Ward consented, and the two young men are being trained for the future work of this Conference in the Kingdom of Christ.

**The Methodist Protestant**—Had it not been for "The Methodist Protestant," and those papers which immediately preceded it, there would, in all probability, be no Methodist Protestant Church today. Long before the church was organized it became the champion of Democracy in church government; and fought the battles against an episcopacy which arrogated to the clergy the ruling powers in the church.

The Methodist Protestant has always been the medium for the spread of church news and the holding forth of church ideals. Through the brilliant efforts of Dr. Benson and a corps of able editors in the various departments, it has taken rank with the very best religious papers published in this country. The weekly visitation of this valuable assistant should be hailed by every pastor as one of his chief assets in the work of his parish. Pastors everywhere should make every effort to introduce this paper into the greatest possible number of the homes that are now deprived of this weekly stimulus to loyalty, liberality and liberty.

**The Book Concern**—Each year proves more and more the wisdom of the Conference in deciding to operate our own Book Concern. We have a store that commends itself not only to the patronage of our own constituency but also that of other denominations.

Our well-equipped printing plant is able to meet our needs completely in this direction. We do all kinds of printing from books to the smallest job-printing that is handled by a Printery, and seek to serve our pastors and our churches.

The Conference should fully appreciate what our Book Concern and Printing Plant mean to us from the denominational standpoint and every loyal Methodist Protestant should give them his most hearty support and patronage.

Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., our Agent and Publisher, is doing everything within his power to make this arm of the church strong and helpful to pastors and people in their efforts to build here the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

**Missions**—The General Conference in its session last May adopted a basis for unifying all of our Missionary activities into one organization. The merger is being worked out in detail by the new Board of Missions.

It is cause for rejoicing in the church that by this movement we will be more economical in administration, more efficient in the work of the Lord in the fields at home and abroad, and more harmonious in everything which pertains to this great work of Christ's church.

G. W. Haddaway of our own Conference has been selected to be the Executive Secretary of this United Board. I bespeak for him and those associated with him in this great work the sympathy, the prayers and the



hearty co-operation of every man, woman and child in our churches who pray—"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Every person should have a share in the four-fold program of Missions that of Education, of Finance, of Service and of Intercession.

"Lift up your eyes and behold the fields," study them for the purpose of bringing them under the sway of our King and Lord who died for all.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is the Lord's appeal for giving ourselves and God's resources committed to our keeping that Christ may come into His own. Giving and serving to the limit of our ability.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" is the program of Intercession which our Lord has laid upon his disciples until the harvest is gathered and garnered.

To this end our church has followed other denominations in what they have proved to be a success—the concentration of the whole church, through one organization upon the mission fields; and work together with one aim—the bringing of the world to the feet of the Redeemer.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

In simple trust like those who heard  
Beside the Syrian Sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee!

## AFFILIATED AGENCIES

**The Lord's Day Alliance**—This is a National Organization with Auxiliary Societies in the various states working for the preservation of the Lord's Day. For forty years it has led the fight against the desecration of God's Holy Day.

The success of the Lord's Day Alliance is due to the justice of its cause and to the tactfulness, sanity and perseverance of its leaders.

We recommend the educational program of this organization to the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of our churches. Our people should hold membership in this Alliance, and Churches should include its work in their budgets because it is fighting the battles of the churches everywhere.

**The Anti-Saloon League and Woman's Christian Temperance Union**—Because intoxicating beverages are the foes of everything for which the Church of God stands and because the licensed sale of such beverages made society, of which we are an integral part, a partner with the bartender and the brewer in the debauchery of our fellowmen, the Christian church of the United States, after a long period of educational work entered the crusade to banish this unjustifiable evil. After thirty years of organized struggle, during which time the licensed saloon was banished first

from wards and districts in our cities, then from counties, then from states, this well-spring of iniquity was ultimately outlawed throughout the country by the Eighteenth Amendment.

Undertaken originally as a moral crusade without materialistic influence, this social policy because of its general observance by the American people has proved of the greatest economic and hygienic value. It has demonstrated once more the old truth uttered by our Master that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and of His righteousness, all these material things will be added unto us. Our greatest economists agree that prohibition has added many billions of dollars to the public wealth. Our greatest physicians assert that this policy has lengthened the average span of life and replaced much disease by health. The United States Census Bureau's reports show that the drop in the death rate since we banished the saloon has already been equivalent to the saving of over one million five hundred thousand lives. The official criminal census made by the government shows a decrease of over 50 per cent in drink-cause crime. Our pauperism ratio is the lowest in the history of the country. Alcoholic insanity is today only a small fraction of its former total. Achievements of our youth in the realms of education, athletics, business, literature, and art suggest the tremendous effect of prohibition upon the newer generations.

Violations of this law, while highly advertised by the enemy, are less significant than its widespread observance by the mass of the people. Of such violations one might quote, "Needs must be that offenses come, but woe unto him through whom the offense cometh." The lawlessness of the liquor group neither began nor ceased with prohibition, but that lawlessness is stimulated by those who seek the gratification of their personal appetites regardless of the moral consequences involved and also by those who covet the return of the legalized liquor traffic which was worth over three billion dollars when it was outlawed by the nation and which would probably be worth today six billion dollars if the liquor group could succeed in obtaining modification or nullification of the prohibition law.

We urge upon all our pastors and all our churches the need of thorough education of our people in the truth about the evils of beverage alcohol, the reasons underlying prohibition, the success this policy has already achieved, the factors which are opposing it and the fallacious and sophistical nature of the arguments offered by its enemies. We urge upon our people the support of the interdenominational agencies by which we multiply our strength, through affiliation with our sister churches. The Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League are the recognized agencies of the churches in combating this tremendous social evil. We should co-operate with these in the largest possible degree and, at the same time, make effective use of the aid and assistance which they offer through their Educational Departments toward our task of informing our people authoritatively upon the issues involved.

**The Tract and Bible Societies**—The Maryland Tract Society with office in our Headquarter's Building exercises a mighty influence for the cause of Christ. The purpose of this Society is to carry the gospel to the many thousands of inhabitants who never hear the preached Word.

The Bible Society is doing efficient service in distributing the Word of

God everywhere. Both of these agencies of Christian service deserve and should have our continued and hearty support and co-operation.

**Young People's Work**—The church of tomorrow depends upon the training we give to the young people of today. Our young men and women with their zeal and consecration are ready for the challenge that the call to serve the King gives to them.

We must train them for efficient and capable leadership so that the church will constantly increase in power and usefulness in the earth.

Secretary Lawrence Little of the Board of Young People's Work with the various Presidents of the Conference Young People's Organizations is providing Leadership Training Courses through which we hope to prepare our young people for the duties that await them.

**New Century Service Commission**—The last session of the General Conference set up a new department by combining the office of treasurer with that of an executive secretary in charge of the promotional work of the church. That means that it will be his business to stimulate the benevolent and missionary work of the denomination through organization, through financial plans and the promotion of stewardship.

James H. Straughn, a member of our conference was elected to that newly created and most responsible office. In order that he may achieve the greatest possible results he must have the fullest cooperation of every Conference, all churches and each individual member.

The "Slogan" for this new work is suggestive: "New Century Service;" and it proclaims that we are not willing to rest upon the achievements of our hundred years but that we are entering upon the new century with a determination to serve our Lord and make the full use of our time, talents and possessions for the glory of our Savior and in the extension of His Kingdom.

## THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE INTERESTS

The emphasis sometimes is placed upon "Apostolic Succession" when it should be upon Apostolic success. The success of the Apostolic church was soul-winning. Pentecost is remembered by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the ingathering of three thousand souls. The church flourished because "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved:"—who will question that the church is in line of Apostolic succession when it has Apostolic success?

Our hearts have been made glad by the reports of great ingatherings into our churches during the Easter season and at other times during this Conference year.

One hundred and twenty-six charges report three thousand one hundred fifty-six conversions. The charges reporting twenty-five or more conversions are: Lynchburg 100, Whaleyville 98, Edmondson Avenue 93, Calvary (Baltimore) 80, Harbeson 62, Lauraville 60, Brooklyn 60, Trinity (Baltimore) 60, Cambridge 60, Lowe Memorial 52, Union Bridge 51, Northumberland 50, Glenburnie 47, St. Luke's (Philadelphia) 45, Grace (Baltimore) 44, Powellville 43, Rhode Island Avenue (Washington) 42, Milford 41, Accomac 40, Eutaw 39, Bivalve 38, Taylor Memorial (Phila-

delphia) 37, Nichols Memorial 36, Peninsula Church (Wilmington) 3  
 Starr 35, Grove 33, Bethesda (Baltimore) 30, Pittsville 30, St. John's 2  
 Hampden 28, First Church (Newark) 25, First Church (Cumberland) 2  
 Christ Church (Baltimore) 25, Deer Park 25, Violetville 25, Salisbury 15  
 Wilton Heights 30.

One hundred and thirty charges report three thousand four hundred and eighteen accessions.

The charges reporting twenty-five or more accessions are: Grace (Baltimore) 186, Edmondson Avenue 162, Lynchburg 121, Calvary (Baltimore) 118, Lauraville 86, Trinity (Baltimore) 80, Starr 72, Eutaw 69, First Church (Newark) 66, Cambridge 65, Whaleyville 64, Brooklyn 58, Taylor Memorial (Philadelphia) 58, Christ Church (Baltimore) 52, Milford 52, Peninsula Church (Wilmington) 51, St. James' 50, Lowe Memorial 50, Bethesda (Baltimore) 49, Stewartstown 43, Towson 43, St. John's 40, Northumberland 40, St. Luke's (Philadelphia) 39, Accomac 35, Glenburnie 31, Mt. Olive 31, Pittsville 30, Melvin Chapel (Cumberland) 29, Cherrydale 29, Union Bridge 29, Westminster 28, Rhode Island Avenue (Washington, D. C.) 27, Delmar 25, Franklin City 25, Harbeson 25, Deer Park 34, Violetville 36, Salisbury 117, Wilton Heights 43, St. Paul's (Baltimore) 62.

Eighty-nine charges report a total net gain of two thousand one hundred and six.

The charges reporting a net gain of twenty-five or more are: Grace (Baltimore) 166, Edmondson Avenue 145, Calvary (Baltimore) 114, Lauraville 76, Trinity (Baltimore) 70, Starr 56, Brooklyn 52, Lynchburg 51, Bethesda 46, Cambridge 46, Eutaw 45, Stewartstown 41, Towson 40, Peninsula Church (Wilmington) 38, St. James' 36, Milford 34, Mt. Olivet 31, Accomac 30, Melvin Chapel (Cumberland) 29, Pittsville 29, Bivalve 27, Glenburnie 27, Lowe Memorial 25, Northumberland 25, St. John's 25, Cherrydale 25, Deer Park 28, Violetville 30, Salisbury 87, St. Paul's (Baltimore) 52.

Thirty-two charges report a total of seven hundred twenty-six discontinued by official action. The charges discontinuing twenty-five or more are: Taylor Memorial (Philadelphia) 80, First Church (Newark) 59, Christ Church (Baltimore) 57, Lynchburg 55, North Carolina Avenue (Washington) 50, West Baltimore 49, Whaleyville 44, Mt. Nebo 43, Rowlandville 32, Caroline 30, Hampden 25, Harbeson 25.

May I call attention to the fact that the General Conference at its last session adopted a new rule with regard to the discontinuance of members from our rolls. This rule was published in The Methodist Protestant and will of course be in the revised editions of our Discipline of 1928.

## FINANCES

This Conference will be glad to learn that our charges have sent to us a financial report that is most gratifying. Sixty charges report to have raised two hundred five thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars on buildings and improvements. Thirty-six charges report to have paid fifty-seven thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars on debts.

**Pastors' Salaries**—Most of the charges had not set the salary when report blanks were returned to me. From the meagre figures available I

gleaned that twenty-two charges have increased their salaries for next year to the amount of four thousand four hundred ninety-four dollars.

**New Churches and Parsonages**—The new church at Downs' Chapel, on Clayton charge, was completed and dedicated during this Conference year.

Violetville completed its auditorium and dedicated the church early in the conference year.

Pittsville Church was enlarged and opened for service.

The church at Mariners was rebuilt and opened for worship.

The new church for the Mt. Carmel congregation, on Howard charge, at Sunshine was completed and opened for worship.

The church at Pocomoke City was remodeled and a Sunday School House built.

The new church at Maryland Line, on New Market charge, was completed and dedicated.

The new church at Georgetown, Del., was built on the site of the one destroyed by fire, and was opened for worship.

Eutaw Church, Baltimore, enlarged its auditorium and made great improvements in its church property.

South Baltimore Church was completely changed in the interior and was redecorated.

Harbeson Church was moved on the lot with the parsonage and a Sunday School addition built.

Lauraville and Brooklyn churches have built modern Sunday School houses to take up the work for the children in a more efficient way.

Delmont Church, on Marley charge, was dedicated.

Edmondson Avenue is building a new Sunday School house.

Sandy Mount Church and the parsonage, on Finksburg charge, have been repaired and renovated at a cost of about \$3,600.

The following churches were remodeled and renovated:

Liberty, on Amelia charge; Delta Church; Harmony, West Virginia; Ridgeville Church, on Ridgeville charge; New Hope Church, on Whaleyville charge; Towson Church, on Towson charge; Bay View Church, on Cecil charge; Hallwood Church and parsonage; First Church, Newark, N. J.; Laurel (Delaware) Church; St. Luke's, Philadelphia; St. Michael's Church; Chincoteague Church and parsonage; Rhode Island Avenue, Washington.

New parsonages were built for Chesaco, Kennedyville, Lisbon and Peninsula Church, Wilmington, and new parsonages were bought at Doylesburg for Concord charge and at Delmar.

A new parsonage was built for Calvary, Aurora Hills, Virginia.

A new parsonage is in process of erection for Carroll Circuit.

There are, I am sure, other churches and parsonages in our Conference district which have been enlarged, rebuilt or greatly improved, but which have not been reported to me.

In addition the following charges have raised five hundred or more dollars for improvements:

Bethesda \$560, Brooklyn \$11,000, Edmondson Avenue \$1,620, Eutaw \$7,600, Lauraville \$25,000, South Baltimore \$2,600, Starr \$3,000, Towson \$3,000, West Baltimore \$3200, Bedford \$1389, Belair \$1,200, Buckeys-

town \$500, Cambridge \$500, Cecil \$800, Chestertown \$1,500, Chincoteague \$500, Clayton \$1,139, Concord \$800, Mariners \$4,500, Melvin Chapel (Cumberland) \$900, Delta \$600, Fairfax \$502, Fawn Grove \$600, Franklin City \$700, Georgetown \$21,141, Hallwood \$600, Harbeson \$8,174, Harmony (W. Va.) \$609, Harrington \$876, Howard \$9,000, Kennedyville \$3,385, Liberty \$600, Lynchburg \$2,000, New Market \$12,800, Northumberland \$1,000, Parksley \$651, St. Luke's (Philadelphia) \$2,200, Pittsville \$3,000, Pocomoke City \$12,000, Ridgeville \$2,000, Rowlandville \$1,488, St. Michael's \$953, Sharptown \$650, Susquehanna \$1,000, Trinity Marion \$1,500, Union \$1,000, North Carolina Avenue (Washington) \$1,300, Rhode Island Avenue (Washington) \$5,000, Peninsula Church (Wilmington) \$4,100, Grace Church (Baltimore) \$8,000, Evergreen \$500, Chestertown \$1,500, Stewartstown \$650, North Baltimore \$5,000, Milford \$1,150, Violetville \$2,623, Deer Park \$500, Marley \$700, Mt. Tabor (Washington) \$1,419, Sandy Mountain (on Finksburg) \$1,500.

The following churches have paid more than five hundred dollars on debt:

Bethesda \$1,300, Brooklyn \$2,050, Calvary \$950, East Baltimore \$875, Edmondson Avenue \$2,000, Hampden \$8,175, Lowe Memorial \$1,000, S. Baltimore \$600, Trinity (Balto.) \$2,000, Violetville, \$3,000, Cambridge \$1,600, Centerville \$1,800, Clayton \$1,260, Melvin Chapel (Cumberland) \$1,300, Delta \$1,047, Franklin City \$500, Laurel \$2,000, New Market \$600, Nichols Memorial \$500, Northumberland \$1,200, Emmanuel (Philadelphia) \$650, St. Luke's (Philadelphia) \$2,500, St. James' \$600, Seaford \$500, Wallace Memorial \$705, Alexandria \$742, Calvary (Aurora Hills) \$800, Cherrydale \$1,600, Mt. Olivet \$500, Rhode Island Avenue (Washington) \$1,500, Peninsula Church (Wilmington) \$1,900, Grace (Baltimore) \$2,500, Evergreen \$500, Milford \$850, Violetville \$3,000, St. Paul's \$500.

**Centennial Gratitude Gift and Centenary Church**—The reasons for making a united effort for these two interests were set forth in my report to the Special Session of Conference held in Washington, D. C., April 11th last; it is therefore not necessary for me to restate them here.

The report that will be made concerning these causes will acquaint the Conference with what has been accomplished.

I do not wish to anticipate the frank discussion which the Conference will invite concerning the Centenary Church project when this matter comes before it at the time indicated by our Conference program.

## MARYLAND CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCISE

**Superannuate Fund Society**—The funds of this Society are invested in sound and safe investments. Mr. Thomas A. Murray, the Treasurer, has continued to give this fund his constant and most painstaking care. He deserves our grateful recognition of his faithful services.

The special committee raised by the Conference to collect as much of the outstanding subscriptions as possible is ready to report to this Conference.

Total amount subscribed as of statement March 5th, 1924, \$110,285.

Total amount paid into the fund to date is \$69,162.41, leaving an uncollected balance of \$41,122.59.

Seventy-eight pastors have paid their quota in full.

Eighteen pastors have paid 50 per cent or more of their quota.

Eight pastors have paid less than 50 per cent of their quota.

Twenty pastors have failed to make any payment on their quota.

Full information will be available to this Conference in the report of the Committee.

**The Church Extension Society**—This Society through its Board of Managers and other agencies has continued its splendid work since our last Conference session. It is seeking to help so far as possible the churches that ask their help. Only lack of resources keeps it from doing more for the extension of Christ's work throughout the bounds of our Conference district.

**Deaconess Work**—The President was authorized in connection with the Deaconess Board to study conditions, etc. at the Home and to make report to this Conference. I have done so and concur heartily in the report that will be made by that Board to this Conference.

**Our Church Home**—The Home in Westminster, Md. continues its Christ-like ministry to the aged dependents of our Church. Mr. C. W. Egan, the delegate to this Conference session from Starr Church, Baltimore, offered his services, resources and plans to provide a new home for our Church on a larger and better scale than the one we now have. The Board of Managers considered thoroughly Brother Egan's proposition and, while appreciating the splendid motives and generous impulses which prompted the offer, felt that this was not the opportune time to enter upon this project.

I would again urge those who are looking for worthy causes into which to put their money that it may work for them when they no longer need it, to remember the Home when making their wills.

**Headquarters Building**—The Headquarters Committee will submit its report, which I commend to your serious consideration.

This building can not be regarded as a business investment, as it was built primarily to house certain interests of our Church.

The President's office, the Drinkhouse Memorial Assembly Room and the Women's Home Missionary Room are ours without any rent. Other valuable space is rented to the interests of the Church at a fraction of their actual value. As a result the building is not on a paying basis, which the report of your committee will show.

The debt, originally amounting to \$145,000, has been reduced to \$130,000.

The interest on the debt, the running expenses, taxes, insurance, and \$5,000 yearly reduction on principal are more than can be provided for by the income of the building unless all of the offices are rented all the time and no loss accruing from defaulting tenants, etc. This is more than can be expected from such a venture. I am making this plain statement of the affairs of the building that the Conference may be prepared in case of an appeal at a future time for help in the finances of this enterprise.

**The Young People's Institute**—Our Annual Institute on College Hill is continuing as a great agency for the development of leadership among our young people. The standardization of the courses has made this course more valuable and desirable. Every pastor should recognize the value of this Institute and do all within his power to encourage his young people to attend the courses given under its auspices.

**The Summer Conference**—All of the conferences have been helpful and inspiring. The last one was especially so and was voted by those in attendance as "the best yet."

The attendance, while gratifying, was not what it ought to be when we consider the helpfulness of its program and the very low cost of attendance upon its sessions.

I recommend that the small sum of \$200 appropriated annually in the past by this Conference be continued for the ensuing year in order that the program and other expenses may be met.

**Mutual Relief Association**—This organization is still doing its fine work and expresses in behalf of our Conference the tangible sympathy to those bereaved.

**Benevolent Societies**—The Board of Beneficence of St. John's Church and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society have continued in giving aid to those in need. These benefactions have been a benediction to those who were aided and our conference will doubtless express its appreciation of their gifts to our brethren and their families.

**President's Parsonage**—The home of your president is comfortable and a very desirable residence.

Brother Harry K. Muller, who has been agent of the President's Parsonage died March 26th, 1928. Despite his feeble health he performed the duties incident to this position with meticulous care to the last. We miss him and mourn his departure. Our loss is his gain.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Of our 288 churches reported at our last Conference, 191 are linked in circuits and are therefore rural. The rural church problem is becoming more and more acute and serious. There are conditions in connection with the whole subject which need to be studied and worked out ad interim of Conference sessions. I therefore recommend that this Conference raise a Commission on Rural Church Problems, whose duties shall be to consult experts in this department of church work our own and other denominations, formulate suggestive programs and in every possible way seek to assist in solving the difficulties in this very vital field of our Conference life and work.

2. The Loyalty Crusade, which set the churches of Baltimore City to work last winter was such a pronounced success that I recommend that in so far as it is adaptable the same plan be tried by all of our churches in the Conference. In brief, this Loyalty Crusade combined the churches of Baltimore in a great forward movement beginning on Sunday, February 19th, and extending to Easter Sunday, April 8th. During this period a



Loyalty program was carried on by the churches with a view to increasing attendance at all church and Sunday school services, young people's meetings, men's and women's organizations, and to stimulate a large ingathering of new members at Easter.

Our Standing Committee on Evangelism is willing to undertake the campaign. The amount of money needed to provide the necessary literature, etc., will not exceed that which has been used in former years for our tent evangelism. I trust that, if the Conference approves of this plan, every pastor and all churches so far as possible will cooperate to make this Loyalty Crusade effective and successful throughout the whole Conference district in the same measure that it was in the city of Baltimore and in many other places.

3. The General Conference, as I have reported, has created a new office and has elected James H. Straughn as Promotional Secretary. He is asking all Conferences to create a committee to be known as "New Century Service Commission." The duties of this New Century Service Commission will include those formerly discharged by our Committee on Stewardship and Tithing and of the Budget Council. I therefore recommend that the Committee on Stewardship and Tithing and the Budget Council be stricken from our list of standing committees and the "New Century Service Commission" be placed upon said list.

4. At our last regular Conference session we changed the time for the meeting of our Conference from April to September. It was, in the very nature of the case, an experiment. In my travels throughout the district in these seventeen months I have heard many expressions of dissatisfaction as to the time at which we are now meeting. Many reasons have been advanced why it should be changed to a more suitable time.

Believing that if we change again we ought to do it only after the most mature deliberation of the subject and a review of the effects that such a change might have upon the churches and their interests, I recommend that a committee consisting of seven persons be appointed immediately to take this whole matter under consideration and report upon it to this Conference not later than Saturday morning.

For the many kindnesses and courtesies from the ministers, the laity and the families of both in my travels over the district, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

For the protecting care amid dangers seen and unseen, for giving me health and strength equal to each day and its tasks, I am profoundly grateful to my Heavenly Father.

May the Great Head of the Church bless this Conference session to our good and His glory.

May our fellowship be sweet; and may the Holy Spirit direct us as we plan for a larger and more efficient service in the first year of our new century.

Yours in the service of Christ and our beloved Church,

E. C. MAKOSKY,

Sept. 12th, 1928.

President.

REPORT OF  
COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 53)

Your Committee has considered the clear and comprehensive report of the President and commend him for his untiring effort and the faithful discharge of the increasing duties of the office.

We join with the President in the expression of sympathy for those bereaved in the loss of loved ones.

We approve the official acts of the President and commend him for his wisdom in handling the problems of the Church.

We note with pleasure the successful continuance of the institution of the Church.

We heartily concur in all the President has said concerning affiliated agencies. We affirm our faith in the New Century Service Commission and urge full cooperation.

We rejoice in the large ingathering of members during the year and heartily commend the plan of "personal evangelism."

We note with regret the large number of names dropped from our Church records and call attention to the action of the last General Conference relative to this matter.

We note with gratification the unusual financial prosperity of many of our churches.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We concur in Recommendation No. 1 on Rural Church Problems
2. We heartily approve Recommendation No. 2 and commend the use of the Loyalty Crusade Program in all the churches wherever practical.
3. We concur in Recommendation No. 3, providing for the striking from the list of district standing committees the committee on "Stewardship and Tithing" and "Budget Council," and the placing of the New Century Service Commission upon said list.
4. Recommendation No. 4, dealing with the change of time of meeting of the annual Conference session, we are glad to report has already been favorably acted upon by the Conference.

N. D. GIBSON,  
H. O. KEEN,  
G. A. MORRIS,  
F. G. REINICKER,  
R. G. NICHOLSON.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

(See Journal, page 55)

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—As you know, Brother Harry K. Muller, the efficient agent of your President's Parsonage, died March 22d, 1928. Since that time the President's parsonage has had no agent. The necessary things, such as the payment of water, rent, etc., has been looked after by myself. The Board of Conference Trustees makes recommendation for a successor.

The book of Brother Muller is herewith submitted and I recommend that the Committee on Audit examine same and report upon it at this session of Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MAKOSKY.

Paid on President's parsonage:

1927	Interest	Principal	Total
August 8 .....	\$191.58	.....	\$191.58
1928			
February 4.....	192.50	\$1,000.00	1,192.50
August 4 .....	164.70	.....	164.70
	<u>\$548.78</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,548.78</u>

Interest paid, \$548.78.

Principal, \$1,000.00.

Total, \$1,548.78.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MAKOSKY.

## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va.....	J. P. George	3	Grace.....	J. L. Ward	1
Amelia .....	J. R. McKeawn	1	Graceland Park.....	J. P. Adams	1
Baltimore:			Hampden.....	E. D. Stone	16
✓ Alnutt memorial..	E. W. Simms	1	✓ Keen Memorial..	C. M. Adams	1
✓ Bethesda .....	G. M. Clayton	5	Lauraville.....	J. A. Trader	3
Brooklyn.....	H. O. Keen	3	✓ Linthicum Hgts..	L. F. Warner	1
✓ Calvary.....	G. E. McDorman	3	✓ Lowe Memorial..	W. A. Melvin	13
✓ Chesaco Pk...P. M. R. Schauer		1	North Balto....	W. H. Litsinger	14
✓ Christ Church.....	N. O. Gibson	1	✓ Payson Street....	V. A. Miller	1
✓ East Baltimore.....	E. H. Jones	4	✓ South Balto....	G. H. Stocksdale	1
✓ Edmondson Ave....	J. L. Green	4	✓ Starr.....	J. N. Link	1
✓ Eutaw.....	J. A. Dudley	3	✓ St. John's.....	A. W. Ewell	1
✓ Evergreen.....	F. D. Reynolds	4	✓ St. Paul's.....	Louis Randall	1

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yr
Towson.....	P. W. Crosby	2	Frederick.....	G. R. Donaldson	
Trinity.....	B. W. White	10	Greenbackville.....	C. M. Cullum	
✓ Violetville.....	W. B. Judefind	12	Georgetown.....	M. E. Hungerford	
✓ West Balto.....	J. M. Gill	13	✓ Glenburnie.....	W. F. Wright	
✓ G. E. Wunder, Associate		1	Greenbush and		
Wilton Heights.....	G. A. Ogg	3	✓ Tasley.....	W. C. Mumford	
Bedford.....	Stephen Galley	1	Greenwood.....	Ziba Adams	
Belair-Deer Creek.....	G. E. Turner	4	✓ Grove.....	A. W. Betts	
✓ F. N. Bowers, Associate		1	✓ Hallwood.....	D. W. Anstine	
Bivalve.....	J. G. Lynn	2	Harbeson.....	L. E. Haddaway	
✓ Buckeystown.....	C. E. Dryden	2	Harmony, Md.....	to be supplied	
Cambridge.....	T. C. Mulligan	2	✓ Harmony, W. Va.....	H. L. Murphey	
Cam. Circuit.....	A. A. Pierce, Sup.	1	✓ Harpers Ferry.....	H. C. Burkins	
✓ Cannon.....	J. A. Wright	1	Harrington.....	H. B. Jester	
✓ Caroline.....	W. T. Archer		Hawley Memorial.....	to be supplied	
✓ Carroll Circuit.....	W. O. Lynch, Sup.	1	Howard.....	C. F. Cummins	
Cecil.....	M. E. Dearholt	1	Hurlock.....	L. C. Randall	
✓ Centreville.....	G. A. Morris	2	Indian River.....	Dorsey Blake	
✓ Chestertown.....	E. A. Sexsmith	1	Kempton.....	E. E. Coleman	
✓ Chincoteague.....	D. F. Galloway	1	Kennedyville.....	H. G. Hager	
✓ Clayton.....	J. W. Parris	1	Kent Island.....	G. S. Ross	
Concord.....	H. E. Hudgins	1	Laurel.....	J. E. Cummings	
Crisfield:			Laurel Circuit.....	Lee Elliott	
✓ Crisfield.....	J. L. Nichols	3	Leeds.....	K. H. Wareheim	
Lawsonia			✓ Lewes.....	W. D. Wilson, Sup.	
✓ Mariners.....	I. S. Owens	3	Lewistown.....	Lewis Bangert	
Crumpton.....	to be supplied		Supply		
Cumberland:			Liberty.....	O. G. Brewer	
✓ First Church.....	C. R. Strausburg	3	Lynchburg.....	J. H. Lynch	
✓ Fairview.....	J. F. Zimmerman	1	✓ Mardela.....	F. B. Bailey	
Supply			Marley.....	C. M. Kelser	
Melvin Chapel			Middleway.....	B. I. Barnes	
Mapleside.....	C. E. Shaw	1	Milford.....	J. F. Bryan	
✓ Dagsboro.....	L. W. Gordon	2	✓ Milton.....	D. K. Sturgis	
✓ Deer Park.....	G. W. Ports	3	Mt. Nebo.....	C. M. Jenkins	
✓ Delmar.....	J. T. Bailey	3	New Church.....	Carroll Maddox	
✓ Delta.....	B. F. Ruley	1	New Market.....	A. H. Green	
✓ Denton.....	J. W. Kirk	1	✓ Nichols Memorial.....	T. C. Jones	
✓ Dorchester.....	F. J. Phillips	2	Northumberland		
✓ Dover-Leipic.....	C. M. Compher	1	Clayborne Phillips		
✓ Easton.....	E. T. Read	9	✓ Oak Grove and Pr. Geo.		
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Balderson	9	To be supplied		
✓ Fairfax.....	H. M. McAdow, Sup	1	Oxford.....	H. W. D. Johnson	
✓ Fawn Grove.....	C. K. McCaslin	1	Parksley.....	F. A. Holland	
✓ Federalburg.....	G. E. Leister	2	Patapsco.....	F. L. Shaffer	
✓ Felton.....	O. W. Prince	1	Philadelphia:		
✓ Finksburg.....	Avery Donovan	1	Emmanuel.....	unsupplied	
✓ First Church,			✓ St. Luke's.....	C. C. Day	
✓ Newark, N. J.....	R. L. Shipley	3	Taylor Mem.....	Robt. Browne	

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Pipe Creek.....	F. M. Volk	1	Washington:		
Pittsville.....	E. C. Graham	1	Alexandria.....	G. J. Hooker	2
✓ Pocomoke City.....	E. L. Bunce	9	✓ Calvary.....	J. W. Townsend	3
✓ Poplar Springs.....	J. F. Wooden	2	Cherrydale.....	F. G. Holloway	3
Powellville.....	W. A. Donaway	3	Congress Street....	H. A. Kester	1
Quantico.....	T. C. Madison		First Church..	T. J. Turkington	3
✓ Ridgeville.....	B. A. Bryan	1	Fort Myer Heights		
✓ Rolandville.....	C. S. Marshall	2	Walkers Chapel		
Salem.....	W. S. Hanks	3		Ira M. Dinkle	1
✓ Salisbury.....	G. I. Humphreys	3	Mt. Tabor.....	J. G. Eaton	3
✓ Seaford.....	N. C. Clough	5	Mt. Olivet.....	W. H. Hodges	2
✓ Sharptown.....	A. F. T. Raum	4	✓ N. Carolina Ave.		
Smyrna.....	J. W. Ryan, Sup.	2		H. L. Schlincke	2
✓ Snow Hill.....	G. E. Brown	4	✓ Rhode Island Avenue		
✓ Snow Hill Circuit..	C. B. Linard			R. Y. Nicholson	3
✓ Stewartstown.....	F. S. Cain	1	Wesley Chapel of Kent		
✓ St. James.....	J. L. Marker	1		C. L. Dawson	4
St. Michaels.....	F. M. Clift	2	✓ Westminster.....	C. M. Elderdice	3
Susquehanna.....	C. B. Roby	4	Wilmington:		
✓ Texas.....	Edwin Keehner	1	First Church.....	E. T. Kirkley	1
Trinity.....	J. W. Baxley	4	Peninsula.....	L. B. Smith	9
Tyreanna.....	J. C. Russell	1	✓ Second Church....	W. A. Roberts	
Union.....	W. F. Bauscher	3	Whaleyville.....	C. P. Butler	10
✓ Union Bridge.....	Wm. Schmeiser	1	Wye and Queen Anne		
✓ Wallace Memorial..	C. H. Dobson	1		Russell Sapp	1
✓ Warwick.....	A. W. Simms	2			

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

✓ Contributing Editor Official Periodicals.....	T. H. Lewis.....	1
✓ President Western Maryland College.....	A. N. Ward.....	8
✓ President Westminster Theological Seminary.....	H. L. Elderdice.....	32
Editor Methodist Protestant.....	F. T. Benson.....	13
✓ Superintendent Church Extension.....	J. M. Sheridan.....	1
✓ Secretary Board of Missions.....	G. W. Haddaway....	1
✓ Treasurer General Conference.....	J. H. Straughn.....	1
Left without appointment at own request.....	J. T. Fenby.....	1

## LOANED

Board of Foreign Missions.....	Paul M. Cassen.....	4
	✓ Paul F. Warner.....	4
Board of Home Missions.....	W. L. Hoffman.....	5
	W. P. Roberts.....	3
	✓ W. M. Snyder.....	3
	✓ T. J. Betschler.....	1
Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	T. R. Woodford.....	10
Chaplain United States Army.....	J. R. Wright.....	11

## SUPERANNUATES

W. M. Strayer.....	23	L. A. Bennett.....	7
J. G. Sullivan.....	29	J. McLain Brown.....	4
F. T. Little.....	4	G. J. Hill.....	8
T. O. Crouse.....	3	P. L. Rice.....	8
G. F. Farring.....	11	S. F. Cassen.....	2
F. H. Mullineaux.....	12	J. W. Trout.....	1
G. Q. Bacchus.....	8	A. S. Beane.....	1
J. L. Elderdice.....	8	George Hines.....	1
S. W. Coe.....	6	B. W. Kindley.....	1
Dorsey Blake.....	3		

## REPORT B

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 45)

As the Committee on Credentials I report that the following charges have sent no delegate's credentials:

Cecil, Lawsonia, Crumpton, Felton, Indian River, Kent Island, Lewes, Patapsco, Quantico, Smyrna, Snow Hill Circuit.

The credentials of two charges bear the signatures of the pastors as chairmen of the meeting. One credential is not signed by any chairman but has been signed by the secretary of the meeting. Another credential has nothing to indicate whether the delegate was elected by the members' meeting or the Quarterly Conference. As these show evidence of good faith in the election I therefore recommend that they be duly enrolled.

There is a decided increase in the number of charges sending no delegate's credentials, but a very marked improvement as to the manner of election and the signatures of the presiding officers. The time of election as required by Regulation 19, Section 3, Conference Manual, has been well observed.

No excuse has been offered for the failure of the charges named in electing no delegates. Conference report blanks were sent to every pastor during the month of July and two notices were put in the Methodist Protestant concerning the matter. The fault must lie with the pastors. I hope pastors will read carefully the Conference Manual relating to election of delegates.

The Secretary of the Conference has an ambition to make the Conference minutes as perfect as possible. Last year was my first year as Secretary, and while I had been an assistant for a number of years, yet the last four or five years had been given exclusively to the Journal work, so that I was not in intimate touch with the other work. Despite my efforts to avoid mistakes and omissions, many crept into the 1927 minutes. Many of the errors, however, arise from the manner in which reports are handed in to the Secretary. Many of them are in pencil; often they are

poorly written and must be rewritten before they can be printed. We have been employing for several years a stenographer, who will gladly write the reports and papers in duplicate. It happens quite often that after a report is handed in to the Secretary that some one will come and get it, then fail to return it in person or give it to some one else to hand in for them. In this way reports are liable to get lost. The Secretary would suggest, therefore, that every committee have a duplicate of their report, so that when a report is given in it shall remain with the Secretary as his property until printed in the minutes. I am sure this will help very much in the elimination of errors.

By an oversight of the Secretary the report of the Committee on Full Time Conference Treasurer was omitted. It was recorded in the Journal but omitted from the body of reports. A copy of the report is here at hand. The names of the Lady Visitors of the Home for the Aged were also omitted. The Secretary endeavored to get the Personal Reports of the pastors so that he might have the names of these ladies for publication, but there was some confusion as to who had these reports, and by the time we found them it was too late to publish them in the minutes. The names will be published this year.

The one-day session of Conference held last April adopted by motion a resolution to have the records of that one-day Conference embodied in the Conference minutes of this present session. This will make a larger edition and increase the cost, but you will understand the cause.

The action of the 1926 Conference placed the account for incidental expenses in the hands of the Conference Treasurer. He will, therefore, make that report.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. HOOKER,  
Secretary.

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## REPORT C

# TREASURER'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 57)

Lynchburg, Va., September 17, 1928.

To the President and Members of the Maryland Conference.

Greetings: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report as Treasurer of the Conference for the period April 13, 1927, to September 12, 1928, both dates inclusive.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

CHAS. F. CUMMINS,  
Treasurer.

## CONFERENCE TREASURER

### BUDGET A—PRESIDENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSES

(Assessment \$6,375.00)

RECEIPTS—	
Balance from year 1926-1927.....	\$120.50
Received from district.....	6,463.98
Total.....	\$6,584.48
DISBURSEMENTS—	
Apportionment to President.....	\$5,737.50
Transmitted to Agent.....	569.37
Balance .....	277.61
.. Total.....	\$6,584.48

### BUDGET B—MARYLAND CONFERENCE INTERESTS

(Assessment \$49,584.00)

RECEIPTS—	
From District .....	\$44,447.61
From Thos. A. Murray.....	15,121.67
Miscellaneous .....	700.31
Interest on balance.....	199.66
Loan, Union National Bank, Westminster, Md.....	8,890.26
Deficit .....	5,198.13
Total.....	\$74,557.64
DISBURSEMENTS—	
Balance from previous year.....	\$3,590.26
Incidental expenses .....	5,028.52
Superannuates .....	31,504.87
Board of Survey and Church Extension.....	21,613.30
Our Church Home.....	7,956.13
Deaconess Home .....	3,315.78
Parsonage fund .....	1,548.78
Total.....	\$74,557.64

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

RECEIPTS—	
From District .....	\$3,315.73
Loan, Union National Bank, Westminster, Md.....	1,000.00
Lewes, Del.—Funds for 1926-1927.....	256.00
Salary—F. D. Reynolds, check canceled.....	200.00
Interest on bank balances.....	199.66
Transferred from Transportation and Entertainment Fund, 1926-1927.....	86.91
Sutcliffe Case, refund of counsel fees.....	100.00
General Conference Delegation, 1924.....	50.00



Methodist Protestant Book Concern, commission on Minutes sold .....	7.40	
Total.....		\$5,215.70

## DISBURSEMENTS—

## Committees:

Board of Survey and Church Extension..	\$57.00	
Budget .....	5.86	
		\$62.86

## President:

Office salaries .....	\$400.00	
Office expenses .....	93.53	
		493.53

## Secretary:

Office and traveling expenses.....		37.50
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## Treasurer:

Office (expenses) such as postage, regis- try fees, etc .....		137.90
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## Printing:

Minutes .....	761.01	
General and multigraphing.....	556.12	
		1,317.13

## Salaries:

Treasurer .....	\$483.33	
Secretary .....	70.83	
Steward .....	70.83	
		624.99

Summer Conference .....		400.00
Annual Conference .....		66.24
Tent hire, Grasonville, Salisbury and West- minster .....		237.50
Telephone service .....		188.55
Office equipment for Treasurer.....		53.60
Bond premium on Treasurer.....		12.50
Interest paid on loan.....		86.33
Loan, Union National Bank.....	1,000.00	
Public accountants .....		250.00
Miscellaneous .....		59.89
Balance .....		187.18

Total.....		\$5,215.70
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## DETAILED STATEMENT OF SUPERANNUATES

## RECEIPTS—

From District .....	\$9,289.58
From Thos. A. Murray, Treas.....	15,121.67

Loans, Union Nat. Bank, Westminster, Md.....	1,500.00	
Deficit .....	5,593.62	
		\$31,504.87
Total.....		
DISBURSEMENTS—		
First distribution .....	\$2,535.00	
Second distribution .....	2,535.00	
Third distribution .....	2,520.00	
Fourth distribution .....	9,815.00	
Fifth distribution .....	2,490.35	
Sixth distribution .....	4,569.24	
Specials .....	1,420.92	
Estate Ella V. Hoblitzell.....	165.00	
Premium on policy.....	3,862.36	
Interest on loans.....	92.00	
Payment of loan, Union National Bank, Westminster, Maryland .....	1,500.00	
		\$31,504.87
Total.....		

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF BOARD OF SURVEY AND CHURCH EXTENSION

RECEIPTS—		
From District .....	\$18,579.11	
Loans, Union National Bank, Westminster, Md.....	2,800.00	
Deficit .....	234.19	
		\$21,613.30
Total.....		
DISBURSEMENTS—		
Appropriations:		
Superintendent Church Extension.....	\$4,250.00	
Northumberland charge .....	100.00	
Board Managers, Calvary.....	850.00	
Bethesda, salary .....	425.00	
Evergreen, salary .....	212.50	
Edmondson Avenue, third installment.....	500.00	
Glenburnie, fourth installment.....	375.00	
Board of Managers for Edmondson Avenue....	1,500.00	
		8,712.50
Supplemental Salaries:		
Chesaco Park .....	\$425.00	
Evergreen .....	283.33	
Bedford, Pa. ....	141.67	
Bivalve .....	141.67	
Cambridge Circuit .....	425.00	
Cannon, Del. ....	425.00	
Cecil .....	283.33	

Dagsboro, Del. ....	347.92	
Greenbush and Tasley.....	141.67	
Greenwood .....	141.67	
Harmony .....	283.33	
Kempton .....	283.33	
Kennedyville .....	375.00	
Kent Island .....	175.00	
Lewistown .....	100.00	
Lisbon .....	283.33	
Susquehanna .....	354.17	
Tyrenna, Va. ....	283.33	
Union Bridge .....	283.33	
Warwick .....	425.00	
Hawley Memorial .....	135.00	
Chincoteague, Va. ....	147.00	
Greenwood, Del. ....	75.00	
Laurel Circuit .....	66.00	
		6,025.08
Interest:		
Paid to Union Nat. Bank, Westminster, Md.....	476.81	
Loans:		
Paid to Union Nat. Bank, Westminster, Md....	6,390.26	
Miscellaneous:		
Record book .....	8.65	
Total.....		\$21,613.30

### BUDGET C—GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET

(Assessment \$155,917.00)

#### RECEIPTS—

From District .....	\$92,134.36
Loan from Union National Bank, Westminster, for Centenary and Gratitude Gift .....	15,500.00
Total .....	\$107,634.36

#### DISBURSEMENTS—

Paid General Conference Treasurer for Budget.....	\$77,684.36
Paid General Conference Treasurer for Gratitude Gift.....	29,950.00
Total .....	\$107,634.36

For detailed statement of funds raised for the several interests see report of Conference Steward.

Total amount paid for Gratitude Gift to General Conference Treasurer \$30,000.00—\$50.00 was paid direct to Treasurer of General Conference by a contributor.

## FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED RELATING TO THE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

### RECEIPTS—

Amount subscribed .....\$100,036.00

Total .....\$100,036.00

### DISBURSEMENTS—

Amt. paid T. A. Murray by Chas. P. Nowlin to April 13, 1926.. \$61,543.00

Amt. paid T. A. Murray for Chas. P. Nowlin for period April  
14, 1926, to Jan. 19, 1927..... 1,634.07

Amt. paid T. A. Murray by Chas. F. Cummins, acting Treasurer,  
Jan. 20 to April 13, 1928..... 2,869.37

Expenses for campaign to April 16, 1923..... 897.63

Expenses for drive during year 1927-1928..... 81.09

Amt. paid T. A. Murray by Chas. F. Cummins, Treasurer, for  
year 1927-1928 ..... 2,509.50

Unpaid Balance ..... 30,301.34

Total .....\$100,036.00

## MARYLAND CONFERENCE CENTENARY AND GRATI- TITUDE GIFT FUND

### RECEIPTS—

From District .....\$10,155.10

Total ..... \$10,155.10

### DISBURSEMENTS—

Interest on Centenary Church lot obligation..... \$690.00

Taxes on church lot..... 52.78

Partial payment on church lot..... 8,000.00

Committee, traveling expenses, stationery, etc..... 201.88

Balance on hand ..... 1,210.44

Total ..... \$10,155.10

## STATEMENT SHOWING CONDITION OF LOAN OB- TAINED TO MEET OBLIGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH RELATION TO THE CEN- TENARY AND GRATITUDE GIFT FUND

### RECEIPTS—

From District .....\$7,996.88

Total ..... \$7,996.88

### DISBURSEMENTS—

Amount paid on loan.....\$6,000.00

Amount paid, interest on loan..... 143.75

Balance on hand..... 1,853.13

Total ..... \$7,996.88

## SUMMARY

Loan negotiated through the Union National Bank of Westminster, Md.....	\$15,500.00	
Interest on loan to July 31, 1928.....	143.75	
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Total .....		\$15,643.75
Amount paid on loan.....	\$6,000.00	
Amount paid, interest on loan.....	143.75	
Balance on hand.....	1,853.13	
Amount of deficit.....	7,646.87	
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Total .....		\$15,643.75

## TRANSPORTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND

## TRANSPORTATION

## RECEIPTS—

For pastor .....	\$1,631.90	
For delegate .....	2,310.60	
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		\$3,942.50

## DISBURSEMENTS—

For pastor .....	\$1,621.21	
For delegate .....	2,256.77	
For postage (500 2c stamped envelopes).....	10.88	
Balance on hand .....	53.64	
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		\$3,942.50

## ENTERTAINMENT

## RECEIPTS—

Amount received .....	\$2,065.04	
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		\$2,065.04

## DISBURSEMENTS—

Amount paid Lynchburg committee.....	\$2,065.04	
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		\$2,065.04

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES RELATING TO GENERAL  
CONFERENCE DELEGATION ASSESSMENT \*  
FOR THE YEAR 1928

## RECEIPTS—

From District .....	\$535.00	
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		\$535.00

## EXPENDITURES—

For pastors .....	\$144.70	
For laymen .....	46.62	
Balance on hand .....	343.68	
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		\$535.00

## SUMMARY

Amount assessed district.....	\$750.00	
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		\$750.00

Amount paid pastors.....	\$144.70	
Amount paid laymen.....	46.62	
Balance on hand.....	343.68	
Amount remaining unpaid .....	215.00	
		<u>\$750.00</u>

## REPORT D

## TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 50)

Your Board of Trustees respectfully submit the following report:

We sincerely regret to report the continued physical disability\* of the President of the Board, and are sure that the members of our Conference, everywhere, will unite in praying that the Great Physician will lay His healing touch upon him and restore him fully.

The Board, as constituted according to our charter, consists of L. F. Warner, E. C. Makosky, J. P. Dodge and T. W. Donoho, to serve until 1930; J. H. Straughn, J. M. Sheridan, Roland Watts and F. Murray Benson, to serve until 1929, and G. W. Haddaway, F. T. Little, J. H. Roberts and F. G. Usilton, whose successors are to be elected at this Conference session.

The income from the Mrs. A. S. Eversole legacy is being used for Church extension work, as directed by her will.

In the death of Brother Harry K. Muller we have lost the efficient agent of the President's parsonage. We recommend that J. Frank Brown, of 3105 Winfield avenue, Baltimore, Md., a member of Starr Church and teller of Baker, Watts & Co., be elected to fill this position.

We submit herewith the report of our Treasurer, Mr. F. Murray Benson, showing the receipts and expenditures of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate and such other monies as has passed through his hands.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roland Watts, Secretary.

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
Vice President.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR APRIL 1, 1927-AUGUST 31, 1928  
F. Murray Benson, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference.

To balance per last report.....		\$888.60
To Commission on Trust Income.....	\$108.99	
To Interest on Deposits.....	56.80	
To Refund Cash Advanced Pearre Trust.....	25.00	190.79
		<u>\$1,079.39</u>
By Expenses of Management.....	\$100.00	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	10.00	
*By Cash Advanced Corpus Radcliffe Trust.....	67.98	

*By Cash Advanced for Interest on Building Acct.....	75:75	
By Balance on Deposit to Credit Trustees.....	825.66	\$1,079.39

\*To be refunded.

#### Drinkhouse Trust Estate

To Income from Investments.....		\$1,586.76
To Balance Forwarded.....		3.15
To Interest on Deposit.....		3.47

\$1,593.37

By Amount Paid to Baltimore Book Directory, Appropriation of Income by Trustees for use of the Methodist Protestant .....	\$1,185.00	
By Amount Paid Maryland Educational Endowment Society, Appropriation of Income by Trustees.....	200.00	
By Service Charge on Bank Deposit.....	2.00	
By Trustees Commissions Credited Above to Trustees General Fund.....	79.44	
By Balance in Bank to Credit Trustees.....	126.93	\$1,593.37

F. MURRAY BENSON,  
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

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

## REPORT E

# BOARD OF FINANCE

(See Journal, page 57)

We are apportioning the various budgets to the charges by the method published on Regulation 21 of the Manual. This time it will, of course, be for nine months. We are also preparing for publication in the Minutes, as a part of our report, the totals and percentages, in relation to each other, of the three funds, namely: General Conference Budget, Maryland Conference Interests and President's Salary and Expenses.

We will also give the total financial basis and total church membership.

The Budgets are:

General Conference .....	73 1-3	\$110,000
Maryland Conference .....	23 2 3	35,500
President's Salary and Expenses.....	3	4,500

## DISTRIBUTION

	Per Cent	Amount
General Conference Budget		
Board of Foreign Missions.....	25	27,500
Board of Home Missions.....	23	25,300
Board of Education .....	23	25,300
W. F. M. S.....	12	13,200
W. H. M. S.....	6	6,600
Superannuates .....	4	4,400
Ministerial Salary Relief .....	2	2,200
Contingent Fund Ex. Com.....	2	2,200
Children's Home .....	1	1,100
Home for the Aged.....	1	1,100
American Bible Society .....	1	1,100
	100%	\$110,000
Maryland Conference Interests		
Incidental Expenses .....	7,042	2,500
Superannuates .....	25,353	9,000
Church Extension .....	42,255	15,000
Our Church Home .....	16,900	6,000
Deaconess Home .....	4,225	1,500
President's Parsonage .....	4,225	1,500
	100%	35,500
President's Salary and Expense		
President .....	90	\$4,500
Agent of President's Parsonage.....	10	450
	100	4,500
Total Financial Basis .....		555,433
Total Membership .....		34,755
Percentage for Allotments:		
\$110,000.00—Financial.....		taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita.....		taken at 40 per cent
35,500.00—Financial.....		taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita.....		taken at 40 per cent
4,500.00—Financial.....		taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita.....		taken at 40 per cent

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



## REPORT F

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND  
ORDERS

See Journal, page 50)

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders makes the following recommendations:

1. That C. M. Jenkins be ordained.
2. That W. T. Archer and Owen W. Prince be admitted on trial and that they be placed in the studies of the first year.
3. That the application of Joseph Theodore Addison for aid from the Board of Christian Education be approved.
4. That C. F. Cummins and D. F. Galloway be passed to the third year.
5. That Ira M. Dinkle and Fred N. Bowers be received into the Conference and ordained.
6. That D. F. Galloway be given license to administer the ordinances.
7. That W. D. Wilson, A. W. Betts, C. S. Marshall, B. I. Barnes be placed in the hands of the President and be given license to administer the ordinances provided they are given an appointment

J. M. GILL, Chairman.

E. L. BUNCE, Secretary.

F. T. Benson,

J. W. KIRK,

A. N. WARD.

## REPORT G

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SURVEY AND  
EXTENSION—CENTENARY CHURCH

(See Journal, page 47)

In 1925 and 1926 the President of the Conference in his annual report called the attention of the Conference to the necessity of some church extension work in Washington City, recommending that the Conference should celebrate its one hundredth anniversary by the establishing of a church in the Nation's Capital. These recommendations were adopted by the Conference and last year the plan was again indorsed and the President of the Conference, the Superintendent of Church Extension, the Board of Survey and Extension and the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society were constituted a joint body to carry forward the enterprise.

During the Conference year ending April 1, 1927, a committee was appointed from the Board of Survey and Extension to select a lot for the

proposed church. After considerable investigation a lot was selected at Connecticut avenue and Cumberland street, Northwest, Washington, containing 16,091 square feet of ground, and a verbal option secured thereon. After making application to the Washington Church Federation for the privilege of locating a church on this lot a protest was made by the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, in which other churches joined. Owing to this protest the Church Federation disapproved our location. The notice of their disapproval being received during the last session of the Annual Conference.

Immediately after the close of the last session of the Conference the Committee on Location began to look for a new site, finally securing a lot at Kansas avenue and Hamilton street, Northwest, Washington, containing 30,176 square feet, which was purchased on July 29, 1927, for the sum of \$18,000 and final settlement made on October 15th by negotiating two loans. One for \$10,000 on first mortgage and the other on the note of the Board of Managers on the Church Extension Society for \$8,000.

The Conference provided for the raising of funds for this purpose by giving the privilege of the pulpits to the Superintendent of Church Extension or other representative, and setting a suggested goal of an amount equal to the Maryland Conference budget less the President's salary as the amount to be raised. The Conference also indorsed the General Conference Centennial Gratitude Gift, accepting as their portion \$30,000. Immediately after the rise of the Conference, when plans were being made to raise these funds it became apparent that confusion and conflict would arise, and in order to prevent this it was decided by those to whom the raising of these funds was committed that it would be advisable to unite them into one appeal, the money to be divided on the basis of 3-8 and 5-8 until \$48,000 was raised, this being the amount needed to pay the General Conference Gratitude Gift and to pay for the Centenary Church lot. The balance to be given to the Centenary Church enterprise.

Many difficulties seemed to be encountered in the attempt to raise these funds, and as a result only about \$36,000 was subscribed. Of this amount \$32,505.20 has been paid in. Out of the Centenary Church portion of this amount, which is \$10,778.40, \$8,000 has been paid on the lot, which leaves a balance due of \$10,000, with a balance in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, after deducting expenses and interest, of \$1,633.74 to apply on the indebtedness, which leaves a net balance unprovided for of \$8,363.26.

The Board of Survey believes that the enterprise should be carried forward to completion, and therefore recommends (1) that the Conference undertake to raise this Conference year \$14,000 with which to complete the payment of the lot and provide funds for the erection of a chapel in which to begin the organization.

Motion of J. H. Straughn that the manner and means of raising the \$14,000 for Centenary Church be referred to the Board of Survey and Extension. It was adopted.

The Board of Survey and Extension has carefully considered all requests which have been presented relative to boundaries and also appropriations, as well as plans for building programs.

The Conference will realize that it is impossible to grant in full all

requests with the funds at our disposal. Under the circumstances we have endeavored to do the best we could for the interests of the Kingdom, and therefore submit the following:

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We do not concur in the request for change in the boundaries of Ridgeville and Kemptown charges, but recommend that the President of the Conference and Superintendent of Church Extension effect an adjustment of the interest of Montgomery Chapel Church in the Kemptown parsonage as soon as possible after the close of this session.

2. We approve the plans for enlargement and improvement of Fairview Avenue Church, Cumberland.

3. We recommend that the President of the Conference and Superintendent of Church Extension visit Clayton charge soon after the rise of Conference and arrange for an adjustment of the interest of Bethesda Church in the Clayton parsonage.

4. We approve the recommendation of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society that churches placed under their care be given special consideration in apportioning the various budgets.

5. We concur in the recommendation of the Board of Managers that the President appoint a Superintendent of Church Extension.

6. We recommend that \$15,000 be assessed on the district for Church Extension.

7. That the Treasurer of the Conference arrange to discount the appropriations made to the Board of Managers as the needs may require.

8. That we make request through the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society to the Board of Missions for an appropriation of \$10,000 toward the new unit being erected at Edmondson Avenue Church.

9. We recommend that the Holly Run Church be placed under the care of the pastor of Linthicum Heights charge, and that the property interest be cared for by the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.

10. That Fort Myer Heights Church be accepted into the Conference.

11. That Walkers Chapel, formerly with Calvary, and Fort Myer Heights constitute a charge to be known as Fort Myer Heights.

12. We recommend that Melvin Chapel and Mapleside be served by one pastor, but retain their individual character, charge to be known as Melvin Chapel-Mapleside.

13. That the Superintendent of Church Extension be made the active agent of the Headquarters Building, under the direction of Headquarters Committee, at a salary of \$50 per month, to be paid out of proceeds of building.

14. We recommend that the President of Conference and Superintendent of Church Extension visit Hawley Memorial Church as soon as possible after the rise of Conference and arrange for an adjustment of matters with this church.

### BOUNDARIES

1. We recommend that Second Church, Wilmington, be placed under the pastoral care of the pastor of First Church, Wilmington, and that he

be given an assistant, Second Church to maintain its separate Quarterly Conference.

2. We recommend that Deer Creek charge and Belair charge be placed together for pastoral supply, but retain their respective Quarterly Conferences, to be supplied by two pastors, and the matter of adjustment of salary and arrangement of services be left in the hands of the Quarterly Conferences, with the understanding that Belair Church receive services every Sunday, the pastor of Belair being considered the Superintendent.

3. We recommend that Reliance charge remain intact, with its own Quarterly Conference, but that Gethsemane Church be placed under the care of the pastor of Seaford charge; Wheatley Church be placed under the care of the pastor of Sharptown; Liberty Church be placed under the care of Federalsburg. The pastor of Seaford charge shall act as chairman of the Quarterly Conference and compile the annual report to Conference.

4. We concur in the request of Lisbon Quarterly Conference that the name be changed to Poplar Springs.

5. We concur in the request that the name of Franklin City charge be changed to Greenbackville charge.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

1—Calvary, Va., on parsonage rent, \$50 per month.....	\$600
2—Evergreen, if supplied with a married man.....	150
3—Northumberland, on debt Fairfield Church.....	100
4—Bethesda, special on salary.....	300
5—Georgetown, Del., on debt, \$1,000 in five annual installments, provided they raise \$2,000 each year.....	200
6.—Mt. Carmel Church on Howard Charge, on debt, \$100.00 provided they pay \$1,000.00 this year. ....	100
7—Glenburnie, on debt, \$1,000 in four annual installments, provided they pay \$2,000 each year.....	250
8—Lauraville, on debt, \$1,500 in three annual installments, provided they pay \$5,000 each year.....	500
9—Chesaco Park, on debt.....	250
10—To the Board of Managers of Church Extension Society for interest on debt of Edmondson Avenue, annually for five years.....	2,460
11—To the Board of Managers of Church Extension Society, for interest on debt of Calvary, Va., annually for five years.....	600
12—To the Board of Managers of Church Extension Society, for interest on debt of Fort Myer Heights.....	690
13—To Edmondson Avenue, fifth and last installment.....	500
14—Calvary, Va., special on salary.....	400
15—For salary of Church Extension Superintendent, \$3,000, with the understanding that if Recommendation No. 13 is adopted \$600 of this amount be paid by the Headquarters Committee.....	3,000
16—Bethesda on interest provided they build this year.....	500

Note—It is understood that nine-twelfths of the above appropriations are payable this year, with the exception of the fifth and last installment to Edmondson Avenue, which shall be paid in full.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, President.

E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT BOARD OF SURVEY

1. We recommend that an amount sufficient for parsonage rental at Ridgeville be appropriated and expended through the Board of Managers of Church Extension.

2. That the plans for improvements on the Fairview Church, Cumberland, approved by the Board, are hereby submitted to the Quarterly Conference of First Church, Cumberland, and Church Extension Superintendent for supervision during the time of erection.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, President.

E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.

### REPORT H

## COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES

(See Journal, page 51)

Your Committee on Superannuates, having given careful consideration to the requests of all those desiring a superannuate relationship or continuance of same, has endeavored to make as equitable adjustment and distribution of the funds at its disposal as possible, and herewith submits its report with recommendations.

We have made the distribution of the invested fund on the basis of \$12 and \$6 a year, basis adopted a year ago.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

First—We recommend that the assessment of \$7,000 be laid upon the district for the ensuing year.

Second—We recommend that, if necessary, the Treasurer of the Conference be authorized to borrow sufficient money to meet in full the appropriation for the Conference of 1928-1929.

W. B. JUDEFIND,  
LOUIS RANDALL, Secy.  
C. K. McCASLIN,  
EDWIN B. FENBY,  
T. PLINY FISHER,  
JOHN W. HASTINGS.

### APPROPRIATIONS

Name.	Invested Fund.	Collections.	Total.
G. Q. Bacchus.....	\$564.00	\$105.00	\$669.00
A. S. Beane.....	420.00	180.00	600.00
L. A. Bennett.....	384.00	255.00	639.00
Dorsey Blake.....	408.00	.....	408.00

Name.	Invested		Total.
	Fund.	Collections.	
J. McLain Brown.....	384.00	230.00	614.00
S. F. Cassen.....	528.00	130.00	658.00
S. W. Coe.....	384.00	255.00	639.00
T. O. Crouse.....	648.00	60.00	708.00
J. L. Elderdice.....	492.00	183.00	675.00
G. F. Farring.....	540.00	.....	540.00
G. J. Hill.....	336.00	295.00	631.00
George Hines.....	420.00	230.00	650.00
B. W. Kindley.....	516.00	134.00	650.00
F. T. Little.....	660.00	50.00	710.00
F. H. Mullineaux.....	528.00	.....	528.00
P. L. Rice.....	108.00	85.00	193.00
W. M. Strayer.....	576.00	95.00	671.00
J. G. Sullivan.....	348.00	10.00	358.00
J. W. Trout.....	624.00	76.00	700.00
Mrs. C. N. Alexander.....	36.00	200.00	236.00
Mrs. C. A. Arnett.....	162.00	.....	162.00
Mrs. J. S. Bowers.....	204.00	25.00	229.00
Mrs. H. C. Cushing.....	78.00	165.00	243.00
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert.....	18.00	125.00	143.00
Mrs. J. W. Gray.....	276.00	74.00	350.00
Mrs. D. L. Greenfield.....	156.00	42.00	198.00
Mrs. G. R. Hodge.....	168.00	205.00	373.00
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore.....	108.00	80.00	188.00
Mrs. F. C. Klein.....	258.00	185.00	443.00
Mrs. R. L. Lewis.....	138.00	285.00	423.00
Mrs. R. K. Lewis.....	30.00	145.00	175.00
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger.....	42.00	252.00	294.00
Mrs. A. W. Mather.....	162.00	165.00	327.00
Mrs. C. B. Middleton.....	42.00	165.00	207.00
Mrs. W. J. Neepier.....	186.00	122.00	308.00
Mrs. C. P. Nowlin.....	192.00	240.00	432.00
Mrs. J. W. Norris.....	150.00	112.00	262.00
Mrs. C. W. Sanderson.....	18.00	102.00	120.00
Mrs. W. N. Sherwood.....	90.00	125.00	215.00
Mrs. G. J. Smith.....	126.00	70.00	196.00
Mrs. S. J. Smith.....	6.00	95.00	101.00
Mrs. F. R. Stevens.....	114.00	250.00	364.00
Mrs. S. B. Treadway.....	228.00	210.00	438.00
Mrs. R. T. Tyson.....	54.00	185.00	239.00
Mrs. S. G. Valiant.....	18.00	185.00	203.00
Mrs. E. H. Van Dyke.....	198.00	185.00	383.00
Mrs. A. J. Walter.....	90.00	150.00	240.00
Mrs. E. A. Warfield.....	156.00	215.00	371.00
Mrs. R. S. Williamson.....	42.00	115.00	157.00
Mrs. J. A. Weigand.....	84.00	130.00	214.00
Mrs. H. F. Wright.....	78.00	235.00	313.00
Mrs. J. M. Yingling.....	18.00	85.00	103.00

## REPORT I

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND  
EDUCATION

(See Journal, page 50)

Realizing the vital importance of all our literary and educational interests of the Church, which are worthy of the most concentrated study and faithful support on the part of the whole Church's constituency, we would direct the mind of the Church to a sympathetic consideration of the reports submitted by the President of Westminster Theological Seminary, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, and the Baltimore Book Directory.

Your Committee, having read with much interest these reports, desires to offer the following suggestions. We are indeed gratified to have noted the continued happy growth of Westminster Theological Seminary, that its beneficial influence is more widespread than ever, enriching not only our own beloved Church but several other sister denominations as well. We regret exceedingly that the decreased proceeds of the regular budget cut down the Seminary's annual apportionment, the deficit being \$1,500. We trust that friends will come immediately to the rescue of the Seminary, that the work may not be seriously crippled this year. Inasmuch as there is no other interest of the Church more important than Westminster Theological Seminary, we regret that it appears inopportune for a campaign to be launched for an adequate Seminary endowment fund, but we feel that such a campaign should be started at the first opportune season.

We should give all the encouragement possible to Dr. H. L. Elderdice and those associated with him in the management of the Seminary. It is the one great source of ministerial supply to the Church, and more and more it becomes evident that the progressive life of the Church issues out of its influence and work.

Those in a position to make generous bequests to a worthy cause could not help a more worthy cause than the Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund. We concur in the recommendation of the Board of Governors that Dr. H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Presidency of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

We urge the fullest cooperation possible to the program of the Board of Education. Greater efforts than ever have been expended on the program for Rally Day. This service will be the first impact to be brought upon the mind of the Church with reference to the New Century Service emphasis. May all our churches plan largely for the occasion. We concur in the recommendation that the Sunday before Thanksgiving be observed as Men for the Ministry Day, and that it be made a special subject of prayer. We trust that all pastors will comply with the request that names of prospective candidate for the ministry be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, Dr. Frank W. Stephenson.

**Baltimore Book Directory**—Relative to the printing plant, we regret that this department did not show a substantial gain from this year's operation, but are encouraged that the outlook for the coming year appears more promising. We urge the cooperation of all our pastors in building up this part of the Church's business, and that wherever possible they use their influence in directing work to our own plant.

We are sorry to note that about 900 subscribers to The Methodist Protestant were lost during the year. It appears there are accountable reasons for this, but it is our conviction that we should not allow unfavorable circumstances to curtail our interest in the paper nor diminish our activities in the securing of old and new subscribers. We hope that the pastors will realize the situation and observe Methodist Protestant Day next March with renewed interest and vigor in the same fine spirit of cooperation they have shown in other days.

We hope that it may be feasible in the near future for the Board of Publication to bring about the union of our two Church papers, ordered by the last General Conference, as the present indefiniteness in the matter appears to be making it difficult to carry on a campaign for new subscriptions.

We heartily commend the idea that every pastor should see to it that nothing but our own lesson helps are used, so that Methodist Protestant ideas and ideals may be instilled in the minds and hearts of our children. It is the conviction of the committee that the policy of printing the text of lessons from both the authorized and American Standard Revision version of the Bible, which was in vogue a few months ago, should be followed now, but if it is expedient that only one text be used, that it be taken from the authorized version of the Bible.

We note with just pride and satisfaction the publication of the Centennial Memorial Volume and urge every member of Conference to purchase at least one of these volumes.

It is very gratifying that Dr. T. H. Lewis has been appointed contributing editor of our Church papers, and many of us shall look forward with eager interest to his contributions.

We are heartily pleased that the high standard of The Methodist Protestant raised by the editor, Dr. F. T. Benson, continues to be maintained by his indefatigable labors. The heart interest and unselfish work for our cause by Mr. Charles Reiner and Mr. C. Levine Price likewise cannot be too highly appreciated.

We are profoundly thankful to God for the recovery of Dr. A. N. Ward's health, that he has been spared to the Church to continue to lead the great enterprises of Western Maryland College. We rejoice in the great history of this noble Christian institution. The great work it is now doing and the encouraging promises for a larger usefulness in the future are causes for congratulations.

C. M. ELDERDICE,  
A. W. EWELL,  
CHAUNCEY C. DAY,  
DANIEL BAKER, JR.  
DR. VALLIE HAWKINS,  
W. E. BURALL.



## BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

Baltimore, Md., September 12, 1928.

To the Members of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Brethren: We submit for your information and consideration the reports of our business covering the year ending February, 1928.

## THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

Conditions surrounding The Methodist Protestant at this time are complicated by the action of the last General Conference. At that time the Conference ordered the union of the two papers, the one in Pittsburgh and the one in Baltimore, and appointed the Board of Publication to bring about the union. The Board has had one meeting and has sought to obey the orders of the Conference as far as possible. As yet nothing definite has been done, so that no one knows which paper will survive. Under these circumstances it is extremely hard to carry on a campaign for increase in subscriptions. We are sorry to say that for the first time in many years we have had a loss in subscriptions to the paper that is serious. The campaign for the Maryland Conference for this year came at an inopportune time and the pastors did not take the campaign seriously. Two thousand subscribers were asked to celebrate our centennial year, and we received the amazing total of one hundred and fifty-nine new subscribers. There were perhaps reasons for this. The Gratitude Gift was being forced with great intensity upon the churches. The call for the special session of the Conference did not give sufficient time for men to do all that was necessary to be done to meet their obligations. Under these circumstances the paper suffered. If we had received in new subscribers anything like a just share of the new members received in the churches we should have had a very much larger return. In the matter of renewals, however, we had very gratifying results. Fourteen hundred and thirty-eight subscribers renewed, but the fact remains that we have lost nine hundred subscribers during the year and a fall like that hurts. We hope the pastors will realize the situation and give us the cooperation we have had in the years past.

## PRINTING DEPARTMENT

This is the first year since this department was started that a substantial profit has not been realized from its operation; due to a large measure to the dull summer season experienced by our own as well as other printing plants. Reverses such as experienced by our printing department occasionally occur. While the plant did not lose any money, the result is somewhat disappointing. Our outlook for the coming year is more encouraging. Churches and kindred organizations are more and more availing themselves of the splendid facilities offered by our plant. Our work is chiefly among churches and religious organizations. Because of our sympathetic understanding of the needs in printed material required by such a clientele we are winning the support not only of our own, but

other denominations in and around Baltimore. We are catering solely to religious organizations for our support and it is our hope to make ours the largest and best church printing establishment in Baltimore. We need the cooperation of our pastors in building up this part of our business, and wherever possible we hope the pastors of the Maryland Conference will use their influence in directing work to our printing plant. Mr. C. L. Price, the superintendent of this department, has made a special study of ecclesiastical printing needs, and you will always find him ready to cooperate with you and render prompt service.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BOOK DEPARTMENTS

Improvements are constantly being made in our Sunday School periodicals, so that they will fit the present-day requirements of our schools. We are publishing under the International Improved Uniform Lessons eight different periodicals to meet the demands of the Advanced, Senior and Intermediate grades of our Sunday Schools. In the list of International Group Graded Series seven different periodicals are supplied to help solve the Junior and Primary problems in lesson helps. We also issue a series of three story papers, one for the Primary, another for the Junior and Intermediate scholars, and a third for Young People and Adults. In addition to these publications we also furnish the complete series of Closely Graded Lesson Helps, starting with the Beginners and running through to the Young People's Department. This series alone provides fourteen different lesson helps. With such a list of periodicals the widest selection of biblical material is available to our schools. These courses seek to safeguard, stimulate and guide the unfolding religious experience of children and young people. In our opinion we have as fine a series of lesson helps as any denomination. It ought to be the paramount duty of every pastor to see that nothing but our own lesson helps are used, so that Methodist Protestant principles may be inculcated in the minds and hearts of our children. Samples of any or all of our periodicals will be furnished free for the asking.

Our store and mail order business is growing, and an increase in sales will be noted. We aim to keep the latest and best theological books on display at all times, being ever mindful to carry only such books as will be of the greatest help to pastors and Sunday School workers. Ours is the most complete line of such books in the city of Baltimore. In addition, a complete line of church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor requisites can always be found on display, featuring the latest and best helps, devices, etc., for workers in these departments. We call special attention to the recent issue of the General Conference Journal and the Centennial Memorial Volume, both of which will be indispensable to pastors and leaders in this Conference. The Centennial Memorial Volume preserves in permanent form the great centennial celebration of our denomination in Baltimore last May. We urge every member of this Conference to purchase these volumes because of their historical and informational value.

Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., editor of *The Methodist Protestant*, has efficiently and studiously applied himself in an effort to make *The Meth-*

odist Protestant the best religious paper in the country, especially for Methodist Protestant people.

Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., our agent, thinks of his work day and night, and spares no time and effort to develop a business that is worthy of us as a church and a compliment to himself.

Mr. C. Levine Price studies every interest of the printing department and I know of no more zealous man in trying to bring about the highest possible efficiency to the work committed to his care. Indeed, we can not say too much in appreciation of the splendid spirit and cooperation of all our employees in the various departments of our business enterprise.

A splendid spirit of cooperation always manifested by the members of this Conference is a great encouragement to those in charge. You have helped us to succeed. We can only develop this, your business, through your increased and continued support and that of the churches you serve. We are here to serve you, and our effort at all times is to render the most efficient service possible.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY,  
President Baltimore Book Directory.

## THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**Student Body**—The Board of Governors reports that the Westminster Theological Seminary has passed through a pleasant and prosperous year. The enrollment has been gratifying, both because of the number and the widespread distribution of the students. Forty-two have pursued the courses of study, representing the Methodist Protestant, the Methodist Episcopal, the United Brethren and the Reformed churches. For the first time in the history of the Seminary there have been present the same year native students from China and Japan. Last commencement there were graduated eleven men, six of whom supplied Maryland Conference charges in connection with their studies in the Seminary, and two of whom are applying for admission to the Conference at this session.

**Financial Condition**—The entire Methodist Protestant Church rejoices over the fact that the Centennial Gratitude Gift enabled the Seminary to cancel its last dollar of indebtedness on the new building. But the way by which it was done seems to have been a case of "robbing Peter to pay Paul." The Board of Education was authorized to appropriate \$10,000 of the Gratitude Gift to the Seminary. The Board owed that much on its \$15,000 subscription to the Seminary Building and more than a year ago borrowed that amount to cancel its obligation, looking for reimbursement from the Gratitude Gift's allowance to the Seminary. When the Board received that amount it was used to pay the money they had borrowed. So the Seminary was out of debt and the Board was out of debt to the Seminary so far as that \$15,000 subscription was concerned. But the \$100,000 contributed to the Centennial Gratitude Gift so reduced the proceeds of the regular budget that the Board of Education failed to pay the annual apportionment, being deficient \$1,500. This compelled the Seminary to borrow for immediate needs, and unless the Board makes good that amount or some other friends come to the rescue our work will be seriously crippled this year.

**Four Calls for Help**—Four immediate needs should be brought before all our people. The \$1,500 deficit in last year's appropriation by the Board of Education must be met either by the Board individuals and churches, else the work of the Seminary will be seriously crippled the ensuing year. The Library Fund should have at least \$5,000 to meet the demands of present-day reference and research work. The Scholarship Endowment Fund needs \$10,000 to be added to the \$15,000 already invested, and the Distributive Scholarship Fund needs about \$1,500 for this year if we are to successfully compete with older Seminaries of other denominations, whose large gifts and remunerative employment are allurements hard to resist by poor young men ambitious for theological training. But most of all we need an Endowment Fund whose annual income will make financially secure our Seminary in any adverse year in the future. We were about to launch a campaign for this purpose when the Western Maryland College campaign was launched for a similar purpose. Again we were ready, but Adrian College started a campaign for a like fund, and the Board of Education was not willing to back two such enterprises simultaneously. Last commencement the President urged the launching of this movement, but both the Board of Governors and the Board of Education decided that the recent Centennial Gratitude Gift campaign, added to the two college "drives," had so burdened our people that they would resent another one in the immediate future. So again the Seminary has been sidetracked for other Church interests.

**Maryland Conference and the Seminary**—Since all our religious enterprises depend so largely upon the trained leadership of our ministry, it is well to be reminded that we cannot afford "to kill the goose that lays the golden egg." Though the Seminary is now the common property of the entire denomination, yet it makes a peculiar appeal to the Maryland Conference. Here is its cradle. Here were found its three Presidents, T. H. Lewis, its first President for four years; J. T. Ward, its second President for eleven years, and H. L. Elderdice, its third President, beginning now his thirty-second year. Last year the Maryland Conference employed one hundred and sixty-eight ministers, one hundred and twelve of whom are Seminary graduates. Since 1900 the Maryland Conference has ordained ninety-four ministers, seventy-three of whom are Seminary graduates. During the last five years twenty-eight have been ordained, twenty-five of whom are Seminary graduates. And the last three Conference Presidents, Doctors Straughn, Humphreys and Makosky, are also graduates. In view of all these intimate ties which have been multiplying and intensifying for the last forty-six years of the Seminary's history, it is an irresistible impulse which prompts these two queries in this critical hour:

1. What more would the Maryland Conference have the Seminary do?
2. What next will the Maryland Conference do for the Seminary?

The Board of Governors respectfully requests that H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Presidency of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

J. M. GILL,  
President.

J. W. KIRK.

THE BOOK DEPOSITORY  
OF THE  
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended  
February 29, 1928

Income—		
METHODIST PROTESTANT—		
Sales .....	\$9,985.54	
Suspense (collections from delinquents).....	162.55	
Advertising .....	1,295.99	
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy.....	1,110.00	\$12,554.08
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Loss, Methodist Protestant.....	\$6,884.84	
PRINTING—		
Sales .....	\$47,565.52	
Waste paper sales .....	187.70	
Commission and discount.....	222.36	
Incompleted orders, inventory 2-29-28.....	210.64	48,186.22
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Profit, Printing Department.....	74.83	
SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS—		
Sales .....		39,333.12
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Profit, Sunday School periodicals.....	\$3,426.34	
MERCHANDISE—		
Sales .....	\$87,985.63	
Discounts and purchases .....	417.21	88,402.84
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Profit, Merchandise Department.....	\$3,292.82	
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Total income.....		\$188,476.26
Net loss, transferred to Capital Account.....		2,183.40
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Total.....		\$190,659.66
Expenditures—		
METHODIST PROTESTANT—		
Paper .....	\$3,384.45	
Printing .....	9,010.00	
Salaries (proper) .....	4,960.70	
Postage, express and freight.....	623.23	
Expense .....	1,157.74	

General expense (one-third total).....	298.14	
Commission and discount.....	4.66	\$19,438.92
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## PRINTING—

Purchases ....	\$15,971.64	
Salaries ....	23,874.18	
Rent .....	900.00	
Expense .....	1,888.54	
Light and power.....	781.14	
Insurance .....	393.59	
Interest .....	121.67	
Repairs, machinery and equipment.....	528.36	
Depreciation, machinery and equipment.....	3,246.21	
Depreciation, furniture and fixtures.....	76.92	
Metal .....	99.02	
Incompleted orders, inventory 2-28-27.....	230.12	48,111.39
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS—

Purchases .....	\$27,901.78	
Salaries (proper) .....	4,700.00	
Postage, express and freight.....	1,200.22	
Expense .....	1,142.12	
General expense (one-third total).....	298.14	
Rent (proper).....	300.00	
Insurance (proper).....	94.52	
Advertising (proper).....	270.00	35,906.78
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## MERCHANDISE—

Purchases .....	\$61,751.46	
Postage, express and freight (out).....	1,577.29	
Postage, express and freight (in).....	602.95	
Salaries (propr.).....	10,170.03	
Expense .....	3,161.50	
General expense (one-third total).....	298.15	
Rent .....	2,799.96	
Insurance .....	141.79	
Advertising .....	4,606.89	85,110.02
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## OTHER EXPENDITURES—

Interest .....	\$688.86	
Depreciation, store and office fixtures.....	972.24	
Bad debts excess over reserve 2-28-27 \$10.40		
Bad debts reserve for year ended 2-29-28.....	421.05	431.45
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		2,092.55
Total expenditures .....		<hr/>
		\$190,659.66

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT BOOK CONCERN  
516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

BALANCE SHEET—FEB. 29, 1928

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS—

Cash .....		\$2,899.56
Baltimore Post Office deposit.....		50.00
Accounts receivable:		
Customers' accounts .....	\$21,052.40	
Less: Reserve, bad debts.....	421.04	\$20,631.35
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Delinquent accts. Methodist Protestant..	274.04	
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant.....	145.45	21,050.84
Bills receivable .....		41.65
Inventories, Mdse., Stock on Hand:		
Merchandise .....	\$21,853.62	
Sunday School periodicals.....	457.37	
Paper for Methodist Protestant.....	9.32	
Materials, printing .....	1,501.45	
Work in process printing.....	210.64	24,032.40
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Total current assets .....		\$48,074.45

CAPITAL ASSETS—

Printing machinery and equipt....	\$32,462.11	
Less reserve for deprec'n.....	18,145.75	\$14,316.36
Printing furniture, fixtures.....	769.15	
Less reserve for deprec'n.....	298.21	470.94
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Office and store furniture and fixtures .....	9,722.41	
Less reserve for deprec'n.....	4,343.83	5,378.58
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Total capital assets..... 20,165.88

DEFERRED CHARGES TO EXPENSE—

Insurance premiums paid in advance.....	\$230.30
Office stationery and supplies.....	630.97
Easter Catalogue (1928).....	442.03
Centenary Edition Methodist Protestant.....	5.00
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Total deferred charges..... 1,308.30

Total assets..... \$69,548.63

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES—

Bills payable .....	\$10,500.00
Accounts payable:	
Creditors' accounts .....	\$19,864.95

Subscribers Methodist Protestant, Cr. ....	\$3,122.84	
Dr. ....	1,106.84	2,016.00
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Subscribers Sunday School periodicals.....	560.67	22,441.62
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Donations for Methodist Protestant subscribers.....		46.63
Taxes accrued .....		66.16
Total current liabilities.....		33,054.41

## CAPITAL—

Capital beginning of year, 2-28-29.....	\$38,677.62	
Deduct:		
Net loss for year ended Feb. 29, 1928, per profit and loss statement.....	2,183.40	
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Net worth .....		36,494.22
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Total liabilities and capital.....		\$69,548.63

## REPORT J

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
WORK

(See Journal, page 54)

Your Committee on Young People's Work notes with pleasure the splendid work that has been done this year throughout the Conference in interest of Young People's Work.

Under the wise leadership of Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, President of the Maryland Conference Young People's Union, the work of the Union at large and especially in the splendid Leadership Training School held at Westminster has been rapidly advanced.

In the school at Westminster two advanced steps have taken place, namely, the change of name from Institute to that of Leadership Training School, and the introduction of the Standard Leadership Training Course. We feel that these mark a real step in the direction of more efficient and competent leadership in Young People's Work, much needed in all churches.

Rev. Lawrence Little, the efficient Secretary of the Young People's Department of the Board of Christian Education, has been untiring in his efforts to achieve much with the young people of the Maryland Conference. He spent the entire week on College Hill both last year and this, and much of the credit for the success of the Leadership Training School is due to the splendid program arranged by Mr. Little.



The Centennial Convention of the Young People's Work, held in Baltimore May 10 to 15, 1928, was the outstanding event of the Conference year among the young people. Delegates were in attendance from all over our denomination. There were 600 out-of-town registered delegates and many visitors. The Lyric Theater meeting held Friday, May 11, was the greatest gathering of Methodist Protestants ever held, Dr. Daniel A. Poling making the address of the evening.

We would encourage support of our churches of the various Councils of Religious Education and Christian Endeavor Unions covered by our Conference, but we respectfully call your attention to the means of support of our Maryland Conference Union of Young People's Work. Each Sunday School is expected to pay dues of 2 cents per scholar, Senior Christian Endeavor Societies at least \$2, and the Intermediate and Junior Societies \$1. These monies are necessary for the making of the program at Westminster and the carrying on of the work during the year. We note that some of our churches fail yearly to contribute to the Union's support.

We note the continued support of Rev. Paul Cassen, the missionary of the Union laboring in India, but we regret this support does not come from a larger number of our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies.

Rev. Yoshio Ito, a young and worthy member of the Japan Methodist Protestant Conference, and a member of the Methodist Protestant Church all his life, and who is now at the Seminary, is being aided in the securing of Sunday appointments that he may present his first-hand knowledge of mission work in Japan, that he might also receive a remuneration for his services, which will assist him in meeting his school expenses while in this country. The Conference Union deems this work valuable both for us and for him. We ask the co-operation of pastors and churches.

We are pleased to learn of the successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools held in a number of our churches. We recommend that all our pastors consider the benefits and blessings of such schools. We note with pleasure the establishment of Week-day Schools of Religious Education in such centers as Salisbury and Westminster. It is sincerely hoped that this form of religious instruction may be fostered by a larger number of our churches.

Again the recommendation for the employment of a full-time Director of Religious Education on the Maryland Conference District has been submitted. The Committee recognizes the need and the advantage of employing such a director, but inasmuch as a special committee was created at our last annual conference to confer on this matter, and whose report is to be submitted to this body, your Committee on Young People's Work deems it unwise and unnecessary to anticipate any recommendation or report this special committee may have to offer.

A list of the charges that have paid their dues to the Maryland Conference Young People's Union has been submitted to this committee, and will be printed in the Minutes of this Annual Conference Session, in accordance with the action adopted last year.

Certainly no work is of such vast and important proportions as that of work with and for young people. Your Committee urges every pastor

and every church to do everything within their power to properly equip themselves and their churches that the young people's work may be adequately and thoroughly carried on.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
 J. EARL CUMMINGS, Secretary  
 L. COLVINE RANDALL,  
 ROY M. REEVE,  
 W. A. WHEATLEY, JR.,  
 GUY L. FOWLER.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

The work of the Maryland Conference Union of Young People's Work needs no defining; it does need emphasis. More and more do we need to emphasize the great task of the Church in its relation to the young people.

There are several very fine pieces of work being done by the following Unions of the Conference; the Three in one Union on the Eastern Shore, the Baltimore City Union and the Washington District Union.

The outstanding efforts of the Conference Union are the Leadership Training School at Westminster and the rallies of the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. The work at Westminster has gone on from year to year, growing in numbers, increasing in interest and ever reaching toward higher goals of Religious Education. This year, in the opinion of those qualified to speak, the climax in goals and efforts has been reached. Two noticeable innovations have taken place, namely, the change of name from Institute to that of Leadership Training School. The other the introduction of the Standard Leadership Training Course. By the assistance of our most efficient Secretary of Religious Education, Rev. Lawrence Little, this Standard Course was taught in connection with the Young People's Course. These two courses, taught by a most efficient faculty, together with many other outstanding features gave us a most satisfactory school.

We wish there was as much general satisfaction with the efforts on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula as there is with the Training School at Westminster, but there is not. The three day institute plan was tried for two successive years. The first year being very satisfactory, the second very unsatisfactory, hence abandoned. This past year we returned to the one day rally plan. In some places this seemed at least worthwhile but not generally so. It seems to the officers of the Union, in view of these experiences, and in the light of what is being done by other denominations on the peninsula, that we will never give our young people the thing they need and should have, until we put on the district a full-time director of religious education. We are endeavoring to carry on a modern religious educational program by methods out-grown and discarded by other denominations.

The Union continues to support Rev. Paul Cassen as our missionary to India. The income from the Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies making contributions toward this very fine work has been ample to take care of

Brother Cassen's salary but these contributions have come from too few churches. Every Sunday School and C. E. Society of the Conference should have some part in this missionary effort.

We should be continually looking forward to a greater religious educational program for our Conference. A greater program means a greater expense; a greater expense means a greater number of churches must pay their dues.

Here's a challenge to the Conference for the coming year; the highest possible standard of Religious Education; a full-time director of religious education in the Conference; every Sunday School and C. E. Society having representation at Westminster; every Sunday School and C. E. Society paying its dues.

R. Y. NICHOLSON, President,  
RAYMOND W. WHITE,  
Secretary.

### RECEIPTS SUMMER INSTITUTE—1928

Alnutt .....	\$ 5.70	Delmar .....	11.56
Towson .....	5.00	Delta .....	6.40
Brooklyn .....	7.00	Denton .....	8.32
Calvary .....	9.50	Fawn Grove .....	7.00
Chesaco Park .....	2.00	Federalburg .....	4.00
Christ Church .....	14.00	Finksburg .....	12.00
Edmondson Ave. ....	8.18	First Church Newark .....	12.74
Eutaw .....	9.02	Hurlock .....	10.00
Grace .....	12.40	Kempton .....	2.00
Graceland Park .....	3.00	Kent Island .....	2.00
Hampden .....	79.00	Laurel .....	5.00
Lauraville .....	5.58	Liberty .....	3.00
Linthicum Hts. ....	7.76	Lisbon .....	2.00
North Baltimore .....	6.32	Lynchburg .....	4.80
Payson Street .....	7.00		
St. Johns .....	10.36		\$384.24
St. Paul's .....	9.50		
Violetville .....	6.84	Middleway .....	\$ 2.00
West Baltimore .....	13.36	Milford .....	9.00
Bedford .....	11.60	Milton .....	8.32
Bivalve .....	6.00	Northumberland .....	5.00
Buckeystown .....	5.44	Oak Grove .....	4.00
Cambridge .....	10.96	Parksley .....	6.00
Cambridge Circuit .....	2.00	St. Luke's, Philadelphia .....	10.18
Harmony Grove .....	5.00	Pittsville .....	7.00
Cecil .....	10.00	Pocomoke .....	9.48
Centerville .....	4.40	Powellville .....	8.00
Chestertown .....	5.00	Quantico .....	2.00
Chincoteague .....	2.00	Rowlandville .....	2.00
Crisfield .....	11.50	Salisbury .....	16.00
Cumberland First Church ...	6.00	Stewardstown .....	8.26

Tyreana .....	2.00	Texas .....	4.00
Alexandria .....	6.74	Harpers Ferry .....	3.00
Calvary, Va. ....	5.00	Greenwood .....	6.00
First Church, Wash. ....	3.02	Susquehanna .....	6.00
Mt. Tabor .....	4.62	Ridgeville .....	9.20
North Carolina Ave. ....	8.90	Salem .....	2.00
Mt. Olivet .....	5.80	Uniontown Pipe Creek .....	4.00
Rhode Island Ave. ....	10.40	Harmony .....	6.80
Walkers Chapel .....	3.00		
Westminster .....	7.14		\$245.98
Peninsula Wilmington, Del. ....	14.00	Harpers Ferry .....	2.00
Nichols Memorial .....	5.00	Crisfield .....	2.00
Snow Hill .....	7.46	Westley Chapel .....	2.00
Marion Station .....	4.00	Unknown .....	2.00
Hallwood .....	3.00	East Baltimore .....	4.00
Brookville S. S. ....	2.00		
Caroline .....	8.00		\$257.98
Greenbush .....	4.06		

## REPORT K

## COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM

(See Journal, page 54)

Your Committee on Moral Reform begs leave to submit the following report:

In dealing with the great issues which confront the church and nation we believe the time has come when our ministers should speak very clearly and definitely upon all the great moral and social issues affecting the life of our people.

In the judgment of your committee the 18th Amendment and Volstead Act have never had a fair chance in America and though operating against great odds thousands of people in our American homes have been greatly blessed and helped.

We feel that we can suggest nothing better for your careful consideration than the recommendation set forth and adopted by the General Conference of 1928.

1. "That the Maryland Conference, representing a constituency of more than 75,000 people, does hereby call upon its constituency throughout our conference district to steadfastly demand the enforcement of the Volstead Act and any other laws affecting the 18th Amendment.

2. That we do hereby declare that we are unequivocally opposed to the nomination or election of any candidate for any legislative, judicial or administrative office, either state or nation, who favors the repealing, modifying, or nullifying the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or who opposes its strict enforcement.

3. We call upon all our citizens to use every righteous means to secure the nomination and election of the best possible men for all public offices from the President of the United States down to the humble office of constable, thereby making impossible the election of any man who would not respect our laws, especially those laws safeguarding our nation against the damnable liquor traffic. Party affiliations should count for nothing over against a vote for a man who is known to stand for lawlessness and unrighteousness. The Christian Citizens of America should pray much. They should watch as they pray. And they should vote as they watch and as they pray."

We most heartily endorse the masterly address of Bishop James Cannon, Jr. We feel that he has sounded the keynote of this time. We agree most heartily in his findings. "That the repeal of the 18th Amendment is unthinkable."

There seems to be among our people, especially among our women a tendency not to register nor take seriously the privilege of voting, but we believe that every man and woman should feel it his or her duty to exercise the right of citizenship as a voter. Certainly every mother who has a deep interest in the growing life of her children should not only vote herself, but should instill in the minds of her children the absolute necessity for a clean and righteous ballot.

Closely akin to the giant evil of drink is the evil of race-track gambling. This gambling is not confined to one class only, but to nearly every walk of life. We may find men and women, even boys and girls, who regularly and systematically visit the book makers and there deposit their earnings in the hope of large returns, but the sad story is their losses far outnumber their gains in that they lose money, character, many times their homes and even their lives.

We feel that the Conference should lose no time either here or in our places of labor to speak out fearlessly against this great growing evil. The tragedy about this evil seems to be that those who have the authority to stop this curse pay no attention to it, but rather condone it.

Your committee would further call your attention to another very serious matter; viz, that of divorce. We hereby put ourselves on record that no member of this Conference should marry divorced persons other than the innocent parties and no ministers should accept any person as innocent until he has secured proper legal evidence establishing that fact. We further believe that our ministers should be very careful in the marrying of persons under legal age.

We desire to record our approval of the Anti-Saloon League in its great effort to elect sober and righteous men to office. We pledge our hearty support in its work. We also remember the W. C. T. U.; that great throng of God-fearing women who have fought such valiant battles against the saloon. We pledge them our cooperation and wish them God-speed in their noble work.

We view with a great deal of anxiety the encroachments upon the sanctity of the Lord's Day. In many communities the Holy Day has become a holiday. The automobile, general athletics and the open theatre seem

to claim that day for themselves. We cannot help but feel that these things are undermining the Christian character of our people.

We recommend that this report be printed by the Secretary and sent to our pastors as soon after Conference as possible, and that our pastors be urgently requested to read this report from their pulpits. It is most important that our people shall know the stand we have taken.

E. D. STONE,  
R. Y. NICHOLSON,  
P. W. CROSBY,  
DANIEL MacLEA,  
WALTER G. MONROE,  
C. W. EGAN.

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## REPORT L

# BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

(See Journal, page 49)

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies has carefully examined the report of the Board of Deaconess Work and have made the following observations: we regret that the general condition of the Deaconess Work has not improved during the past year and, while we still hope and pray for an increase in the interest of the deaconess movement, we are compelled to concur with the recommendation of the Board.

We feel that the prevailing condition is in no wise the result of the lack of labor or vision upon the part of those who have the general oversight of this work, nor for the want of enthusiasm or earnestness on the part of the deaconesses.

We desire to commend Miss De Moss for her care of the home, and Miss Johnson for her faithful full time service through the year. We are very grateful that Miss Ford has been improved in health and is ready to do part time service.

We regret to note the decease of Brother A. R. Lewis, who has given years of consecrated labor to this splendid work.

The report of the treasurer of the Board indicates receipts for the year of \$4,463.05, with expenditures of \$3,515.21, leaving a balance on hand of \$947.84, with all bills paid.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the Deaconess Home as such be closed, and that board be secured for the deaconesses.
2. We recommend that the Board of Managers be authorized, if in their judgment it is wise, to sell the present property, invest the money and use the interest for the support of the Deaconess work.
3. We recommend that the appropriation for the deaconess work be reduced from \$2500.00 to \$1500.00 for the ensuing year.

In making the above recommendations your Committee wishes to call attention to the fact that we are not closing out the work of the Deaconess Board, but simply suggesting the disposal of the home.

### MARYLAND TRACT SOCIETY

While we have had no definite information concerning the work of the Maryland Tract Society, yet we feel reasonably sure that this splendid organization has been continuing its evangelistic visitation campaign, and pray for the continued co-operation of our churches.

### NEAR EAST RELIEF

Your Committee has been informed unofficially that the work of the Near East Relief will be completed in one year's time, and that America will have proven true to her task in the near east. We ask that our churches continue to the last in this noble relief.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN,  
A. F. T. RAUM,  
N. C. CLOUGH,  
MRS. GEORGE B. POTTER,  
THALEIS DISNEY,  
MRS. S. E. WALKER.

### REPORT OF TREASURER OF DEACONESS BOARD

#### Receipts:

Balance from Conference, 1927 .....	\$1,940.00
Interest on deposits .....	6.76
Received from employ of Deaconess .....	182.80
Several divisions from Conference Treas. ....	2,333.49
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	\$4,463.05

#### Disbursements:

April 13, 1927, Note Baker Watts & Co. ....	\$ 399.80
July 1st, 1927, J. H. Roberts, mortgage .....	520.00
Salaries for three Deaconesses .....	1,020.00
Board .....	1,080.00
Coal .....	183.50
Water rent .....	16.26
Fire Insurance .....	26.50
Gas, Electricity, repairs and clothing .....	269.15
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	\$3,515.21

Total Receipts .....	\$4,463.05
Total Disbursements .....	3,515.21
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Balance .....	\$ 947.84

W. A. MELVIN,  
Treasurer Deaconess Board.

To the Maryland Conference:

Your Board of Deaconess Work would report as follows. The board has been meeting regularly during the year to properly take care of the work.

Financially, the board was never in better condition. The property at 2512 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., is owned by the conference, free of all encumbrance, in fee. The treasurer, as his appended report will indicate, has a balance on hand with every bill paid.

We report the same number of deaconesses as last year—three. Miss Johnson has been working faithfully in full time service all through the year. Miss DeMoss continues to work as a deaconess and at the same time to take care of the home. We again wish to commend her for the splendid co-operation with which she has worked with the treasurer in running the home in a most economical manner. Miss Ford, who has been sick for several years, reported to us at our last meeting that she was improving in health and was ready to do part time service.

There have been no applications received during the year, and in view of the general condition of the work, your board after much prayer and deliberation at its last meeting decided to make the following resolution to the Conference. To quote from the minutes:

1st. "It was moved that the Deaconess Home, as such, be closed, and that board be secured for the deaconesses. Carried."

2nd.\* "Upon motion we recommend to conference that the Deaconess Board, or whatever other committee the Conference might deem wise, dispose of the property to the very best advantage and turn the proceeds over to the treasurer of the Church Extension Society." Carried.

3rd. "That we recommend that the appropriation for the deaconess work be reduced from \$2500.00 to \$1500.00 for the ensuing year." Carried.

We regret to report to you the passing of one of our most faithful and interested members during the year—Mr. A. R. Lewis, and his successor will have to be elected at this Conference.

The terms of the following members of the board expire with this conference and their successors must be elected: J. L. Ward, A. W. Beam, Arthur W. Richmond, Mrs. W. C. Shriver, Mrs. Rose Beebe.

G. W. HADDAWAY, President,  
WM. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.

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\*Note: See recommendation (2) in Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies. The Board was re-elected.

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## REPORT M

# COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

(See Journal, page 57)

Your committee has given careful and prayerful thought to the reports and communications that came before it. It submits the following summary of its work:



## PERSONAL REPORT STATISTICS

Forty-one (41) charges secured no new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant.

Thirty-four (34) pastors reported that their charge had not done what they could to furnish disciplines for all the members received during the year.

Sixteen (16) charges did not elect a Lady Visitor for our Church Home.

Eight (8) charges report that the Churches constituting those charges have not been incorporated.

Twelve (12) ministers reported that they had not met their obligations to the Board of Ministerial Education.

## PARTIAL REPORTS ADOPTED

1. Your committee has considered the request of Rev. C. M. Compher that he be received back into the Maryland Annual Conference. His request being made within the three years specified in the Discipline, Section V, Paragraph 13, Page 54, and being accompanied by a certificate of transfer from Dr. S. W. Taylor, president of the North Carolina Annual Conference, we recommend that he be received and that his name be inserted at the proper place on the Conference Roll.

2. Early in the work of your committee it became apparent that a great deal of confusion had arisen because of the action of the recent General Conference directing that monies be distributed on a percentage basis.

After some deliberation the following partial report was made to the Conference and adopted: "In view of the action of the General Conference, which became effective June 1st, to the effect that all monies are to be sent to the General Conference Treasurer and there to be distributed on a percentage basis to the interests represented in the General Conference Budget, we therefore

Recommend, that all charge and churches raising for general interests an amount equal to total assessments for those interests shall be declared on the Honor Roll."

The financial standing of the charges has been computed in the light of the above recommendation.

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF CHARGES

1. Eleven (11) charges report that they have paid more than their Annual Conference and General Conference Budgets and are entitled to places on The Gold Star Honor Roll: Edmondson Ave., Eutaw, North Baltimore, Towson, West Baltimore, Cambridge, Chestertown, Chincoteague, Melvin Chapel, Mt. Olivet, Rhode Island Ave.

2. Twenty-five (25) charges and eight (8) churches have paid 100 per cent of their annual Conference and General Conference budgets and are Honor Roll charges: East Baltimore, Evergreen, Grace, Starr, St. John's, Buckeystown, Delmar, Denton, Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, First Church Newark, Finksburg, Hallwood, Indian River, Laurel, Leeds,

Lynchburg, Salisbury, Sharptown, St. James', Susquehanna, Union Bridge, Calvary (Va.), Westminster, Peninsula, Union Church (supplied by pastor of Salisbury), St. Luke's Church (on Hurlock charge), Portsville Church (served by the pastor of Laurel), Quinton Church (served by the pastor of Pocomoke), Bates Memorial Church, Snow Hill charge, Stewartstown Church (on Stewartstown Charge), Hebron Church (on Union Charge), Wesley Chapel (on Wesley Chapel of Kent charge).

3. Seven (7) charges paid their annual Conference budget in full and 75 per cent of their General Conference budget, and are therefore entitled to "Honorific Mention": Bethesda, Lauraville, Linthicum Heights, Marley, New Church, Snow Hill, Wesley Chapel of Kent.

4. Sixty-six (66) charges and one (1) church paid 100 per cent of their Maryland Conference budget: Amelia, Calvary, Christ Church, Hampden, Keen Memorial, Lowe Memorial, Payson Street, South Baltimore, St. Paul's, Trinity, Violetville, Belair, Cambridge Circuit, Cannon, Caroline, Cecil, Centreville, Clayton, Fairview, Deer Park, Delta, Dorchester, Dover, Easton, Elizabeth, Frederick, Georgetown, Greenwood, Grove, Harbeson, Harmon, Harrington, Howard, Kemptown, Leipsic, Lewistown, Liberty, Lisbon, Mardela, Milton, Milford, Mt. Nebo, New Market, Nichols Memorial, Oxford, Emmanuel, St. Luke's, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke, Powellville, Queen Anne, Seaford, Salem, Stewartstown, St. Michael's Trinity, Union, Wallace Memorial, Alexandria, Cherrydale, First Church (Washington), Congress Street, Mt. Tabor, First Church (Wilmington), Wye, Harmony Church (supplied by Dr. T. O. Crouse).

5. Allnut Memorial paid ninety-one (91) per cent of its Maryland Conference budget and eighty-two (82) per cent of its General Conference budget. North Carolina Avenue Church paid eighty-eight (88) per cent of its Maryland Conference budget and eighty-nine (89) per cent of its General Conference budget.

6. Fifty (50) charges, having failed to pay the Maryland Annual Conference budget in full and having paid less than twenty (20) per cent of the General Conference budget, are listed as delinquent charges: Accomac, Allnut Memorial, Brooklyn, Chesaco Park, Graceland Park, South Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Bedford, Bivalve, Carroll, Concord, Crisfield, Bivalve, Carroll, Concord, Crisfield, Mariners, First Church (Cumberland), Mapleside, Dagsboro, Deer Creek, Fairfax, Felton, Franklin City, Glenburnie, Greenbush and Tasley, Grove, Harpers Ferry, Hawley Memorial, Hurlock, Kennedyville, Kent Island, Laurel Circuit, Middleway, Mardela, Mt. Nebo, Newmarket, Northumberland, Oak Grove and Prince George, Parksley, St. Luke's (Philadelphia), Taylor Memorial, Quantico, Reliance, Rowlandville, Ridgeville, St. Michaels, Texas, Tyreanna, Warwick, North Carolina Avenue, Walker's Chapel, West Wilmington, Whaleyville.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that Rev. T. R. Woodford, D. D., Rev. W. L. Hoffman, Rev. W. P. Roberts, Rev. T. G. Betchsler, Rev. W. M. Snyder, Rev. Paul F. Warner and Rev. Paul M. Cassen be loaned to the Board of Missions.

We recommend that the request of Rev. J. Tracey Fenby to be left without appointment for one year to attend school, be granted.

We recommend that Rev. J. R. Wright be continued as Chaplain of United States Army.

We recommend that every pastor acquaint himself with the provisions of Section IV, paragraph 13, page 75 of the Discipline, as amended by the General Conference of 1928, which becomes operative, according to a ruling of the President of the Maryland Annual Conference, at the 1929 Conference. In order that this revised item may be easily accessible to every pastor, we incorporate it in our report:

"13. Should any pastor fail to collect the assessments apportioned to his charge, he must appear before the Committee on Official Relations of the Annual Conference and explain the cause of his failure. If the committee is satisfied with his explanation, they shall report this fact to the Conference. If this should occur a second time, or if the explanation should not be satisfactory, the committee shall call it to the attention of the Stationing Committee for advice or admonition. If for the third time the same thing occurs, and still no satisfactory explanation is forthcoming, it shall be the duty of this committee to report to the Stationing Committee that this pastor's official character is not passed, and that he should be left without appointment for one year."

Through this committee the Conference desires to express its deepest appreciation for the many courtesies extended to it by the pastor and officials, the members and friends of the Conference Church, for the lunch provided daily by the ladies of the church, for the exceptionally fine music provided by the organist and choir, for press reports given by the Lynchburg News, the Daily Advance and the Baltimore Sun, and for every other courtesy that has helped to make this a most delightful and profitable Conference session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. LINK,  
B. F. RULEY,  
H. L. SCHLINCKE,  
WM. F. CHEW,  
R. D. FLECKENSTINE.

## PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

In view of the action of the General Conference, which became effective June 1, to the effect that all monies are to be sent to General Conference Treasurer and there to be distributed on a percentage basis to the interests represented in the General Conference budget, we therefore

Recommend, That all charges and churches raising for general interests an amount equal to total assessment for those interests shall be declared on the Honor roll.

J. N. LINK,  
R. D. FLECKENSTINE.  
WM. F. CHELL.

## REPORT N

# COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

(See Journal, page 49)

The greatest work of the Church is its missionary enterprises. The Church must believe and be busy in missions, if it is to save the world and even if it is to save itself. Missionary activities are needed to keep the Church from going wrong and to keep it always strong. And these are not the days for a backward step but for a forward step in missions. If current events have any interpretative significance. We must not retrench. The world must be won to Christ as speedily and as effectively as possible. And the winning of the world to Christ must be linked closely to the winning of America. America must lead in a program of worldwide evangelization. The primary base of operations is the home base. Stripped of needless verbiage, the fundamental purpose of the Church is to make Christ known to every individual, to develop Christian civilization in every community. This is missions in the truest sense, and it matters little whether one's vision simply takes in the home field or reaches to the uttermost part of the earth.

The Church is endeavoring to take a broader view from every angle of the missionary field. At our last General Conference the spirit of union was very much in evidence and all the missionary units of the Church were merged. Here are two items from the General Conference Journal, showing what action was taken in the matter of union. Report of Joint Committee on Missionary Consolidation submits—"recommendations which incorporate the plan of organization which has been adopted in consolidating the two foreign missionary units. The plan of organization which is recommended in this report is simply an expansion of the unification of the foreign missionary units so as to incorporate also the two home missionary units of the Church, and we recommend that any points of the previous action of this Conference covering foreign missionary unification which may not harmonize with the recommendations contained in this report we are now submitting shall be so adjusted as to harmonize therewith, the recommendations covered by this report to take precedence and be considered Conference action in lieu thereof."

"That nothing in these recommendations shall be so interpreted as to immediately interfere with the present method of organization and work of the local auxiliaries and branches of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society, but that both of these women's societies amend their constitutions so as to correspond with these recommendations and effect this unification in the Branches and Auxiliaries as soon as practicable."

((General Conference Journal, 1928, pages 59, 60.)

The committee heartily indorses the action of the General Conference on the merger of the mission boards and recommends that the Annual Conference place itself on record as giving to the Board of Mis-

sions its whole-hearted support in putting on an united and successful missionary program.

In harmony with the action of the General Conference, we are urging our local churches to get behind this program in a whole-hearted way and that the various missionary units, the Branches and Auxiliaries of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, as early as possible, effect the merger according to the plans now being outlined by the Board of Missions.

We realize the tremendous task that is before the new Executive Secretary, Dr. G. W. Haddaway, and the Associate Secretary, Mrs. Marie Thompson, of the Board of Missions, and to assure them of our heartfelt interest and cooperation.

We suggest that our pulpits be opened for the representatives of the Board and for our missionaries on furlough, that the missionary interest may be quickened and deepened, so that the churches may be encouraged to raise the whole missionary budget.

We would emphasize the new and more generous missionary giving. We have not yet touched the money resources of the Kingdom in any self-respecting and self-denying way. The missionary objectives of the Church should be a great challenge to our faith, loyalty and sacrifice.

The committee received the reports from the Women's Foreign and Women's Home Missionary Societies of the Maryland Branch and notes with pleasure that the Foreign Society has 57 auxiliaries, 2,084 members, and raised \$8,497.59; also, the advanced steps taken by the Branch in the organization of the work on the Eastern Shore; and also the Home Branch reporting 57 auxiliaries and raised \$4,112.89.

The committee expresses its appreciation of the fine work of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies and the spirit of cooperation they are now manifesting toward the new plan of Missionary work.

(Signed)

L. F. WARNER,  
E. T. KIRKLEY,  
GEORGE A. RICHARDSON,  
SETH H. LINTHICUM,  
J. H. BAKER.

## REPORT OF 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 Lynchburg, Va.

We render unto our Heavenly Father our grateful acknowledgment of His divine guidance during the past year, and heartfelt thanks for the many blessings which have been showered upon us.

The year 1927-1928 was a most satisfactory one. Our work at Pine Ridge has always appealed to the women of our Church, and as the work has grown and prospered so has the interest increased all over the Conference district. Our apportionments were raised and all financial obligations were met in a most gratifying manner.

The Girls' Home of the Methodist Protestant Church, which has for many years been a dream in the heart of Maryland Branch, has during the year become a reality. The home is situated at 1009 St. Paul street, Baltimore, a most convenient location for girls who are employed in the city. It is comfortably and tastefully furnished and everything has been done to give it a real home atmosphere. There are ample accommodations for twenty girls, and in a few weeks we are expecting it to be filled.

Believing that caring for the girls of today is building a firmer foundation for the church of tomorrow, we ask your prayers that our Heavenly Father's blessing may be upon this work which we have undertaken in His Name.

#### STATISTICS—

Number of auxiliaries.....	57
Number of Young People's Societies.....	8
Number of Home Circles.....	12
Number of Buds of Hope.....	254

#### FINANCIAL—

By dues (active members).....	\$1,306.20
By thank offering.....	554.50
By Young People's Societies.....	222.00
For scholarship.....	1,163.01
Life, memorial and perpetual members.....	220.00
Other money raised.....	647.18

Total sent to Executive Treasurer.....\$4,112.89

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. E. CRAIG,  
President.

MRS. J. A. LINTHICUM,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE MARYLAND BRANCH WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society closes another year of faithful work, as is shown by the statistical report, that is as follows:

Japan	China	India
Scholarships ..... 6	Scholarships ..... 5	Scholarships ..... 19
Native workers ..... 11	Native workers ..... 1	Native workers..... 1

We have 57 Auxiliaries and 2,084 active members.

Young People's Societies—Precious Jewels, 9; Sunshine Circle, 1; Mission Bands, 3; Young People's Auxiliary, 1

Total amount of money raised during the year, \$8,497.59.

One advance step that we are glad to report is the districting of the Eastern Shore. As is rarely possible for the women of the Eastern Shore to attend the quarterly meetings held in Baltimore, we have divided

that area into districts in order that the women may get together in quarterly meetings for mutual help and inspiration, and may also reach out to organize new societies in churches where there are none.

In the light of the action of the General Conference in uniting all missionary agencies under one Board, the Foreign Branch is looking toward union with the Home Branch.

As there is a possibility that this may be the last report, we feel it is fitting to close with a tribute to the faith and constancy of the devoted women who 34 years ago organized the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. ARMSTRONG,  
President.

MRS. J. E. LITSINGER,  
Corresponding Secretary.

The Maryland Annual Conference:

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church requests the loan of Rev. T. R. Woodford as Superintendent of Pine Ridge Mission for another year.

MAUD K. CRAIG,  
Secretary Central Committee.

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## REPORT O

# COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED

(See Journal, page 54)

One can not fully appreciate the splendid work being done by the Board of Managers, the Board of Lady Superintendents and the Treasurer of our Home for the Aged without visiting the Home and seeing for himself. No finer or more efficient planning and administration is being done in any church or for any cause.

It is only natural that their report this year should reveal an increasing interest on the part of the churches of the Conference because they continually add to the beauty and comfort of the home. It has frequently been remarked that when our aged friends enter the Home they seem to take a new hold on life, and almost invariably live to an advanced age.

The report of the Board shows "more donations were received than ever before; fifty-four churches and many individuals sent gifts. A number of the churches remembered us not only once, but several times during the year, and in some instances three or four different organizations of the same church sent separate gifts."

To quote again from their Report, referring to Visitors' Day during the Summer Conference, "We are reaping the result of these visits, not only in larger and better donations but in the increase of personal interest in the Home family."

The Board reports an unusual amount of sickness and death, and that several are in frail health, but when we recall the very advanced age of these it only emphasizes the splendid character of the care given them.

The Treasurer reports that the Invested Fund, including the cash balance on hand, is \$46,365.42, and as compared with last year's report of \$38,121.98 shows an increase of \$8,243.44. There has been an increase of \$897.16 in receipts from the Conference appropriation this year. Last year they borrowed \$2,900 to meet current expenses. This year \$1,700 was borrowed, showing a gain here of \$1,200. This is very clear evidence of the excellent care and management of our Board.

In his Report the President of the Conference called attention to the offer of Mr. C. W. Egan, of Starr Church, Baltimore, of his services, resources and plans for a new Church Home on a larger and better scale than the present one, and that the Board of Managers carefully considered the proposition, but while appreciating the splendid motive and generous impulses which prompted the offer, that it was not opportune to enter upon the project at this time.

Your committee felt that some mention should be made of this fine and rather unusual proposition, and that we express hearty appreciation.

We also join with the President of the Conference in urging "those who are looking for a worthy cause into which to put their money, that it may work for them when they no longer need it, to remember the Home when making their will."

We recommend that the annual appropriation of \$6,000 for the Home be continued. Adopted.

We recommend that the admission fee for entrance into the Home be raised from \$400 to \$500. Adopted.

We recommend that a complete list of the Board of Managers be included in the published volume of the Conference minutes for the use of those who need it. Adopted.

We call attention to the expiration of the terms of the following members of the Board of Managers, with this Conference, namely, Rev. S. F. Cassen, J. N. Link, Messrs. T. A. Murray and Milton Zollickoffer.

J. L. NICHOLS,  
T. C. MULLIGAN,  
J. T. BAILEY,  
J. A. BUCHANAN.

March 30, 1928.

To the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

The Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged, of Westminster, Maryland, request that the annual appropriation of \$6,000 for the Home be continued.

The situation in the Home, both as to finances and the general routine, are fully set forth in the reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents.

At our annual meeting it was voted to recommend to the Conference that the admission fee for entrance into the Home be raised from \$400 to \$500. We urge that such action be taken by your body.



It was also voted to request that the complete list of the Board of Managers be included in the published volume of the Conference minutes for the convenience of those who have need of same.

We call your attention to the expiration of the terms of the following members of the Board of Managers with this Conference, namely, Rev. S. F. Cassen, Messrs. T. A. Murray and Milton Zollicoffer.

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 22, 1928.

We regret to report an unusual amount of sickness and deaths in the Home family the past year. Mrs. Annie Rickey passed away February 12, Miss Mary Scharf February 23, and Mr. John Rosen February 25. Several of the guests are quite ill, suffering from the infirmities of age and requiring constant attention. Our three nurses, Miss Marley, Miss Vial and Mrs. Lockard, take turns in looking after the sick, and we heartily commend them for their faithfulness in every respect; but at times during the past month they were nearly worn out, and we were compelled to employ an extra nurse to relieve them at night. If the condition of Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. McDowell and Mr. Ogg should become any worse it would be necessary to secure some one to assist the nurses and the matron.

The Home Physician has been kept busy also, and we wish to take this opportunity of acknowledging our debt of gratitude to Dr. L. K. Woodward for his constant care of the sick in the Home, and to thank him for his donation of one-half the bill for his services.

One applicant has been admitted, Mr. Augustus Watkins, of St. John's, Baltimore. We have one vacancy and two applications on the waiting list.

The Annual Donation and Visitors' Day was held as usual during the meeting of the Summer Conference. Many of our Church members who were attending the Conference visited the Home for the first time. They expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the surroundings and enjoyed meeting with the family. The young people especially were delighted with the Home and said that they were going back to their churches and tell the members about their visit, interesting them in this important work of the Church.

We are reaping the result of these visits, not only in larger and better donations but in the increase of a personal interest in the Home family. Churches, organizations and individuals are not simply sending donations; instead they bring them and spend the evening with the old folks, giving most enjoyable entertainments and a treat of ice cream and

cake. Every week the College girls and Seminarians give of their time and talents to bring sunshine to these shut-ins.

More donations were received than ever before. Fifty-four churches and many individuals sent gifts. A number of the churches remembered us, not only once but several times during the year, and in some instances three or four different organizations of the same church sent separate gifts.

We would call your attention to two very beautiful improvements, the brick steps at the front entrance and the sign in gold leaf, the latter the gift of Mr. Thomas A. Murray. We have also placed in the cellar a small stove for heating water during the summer months, and have had things freshened up with new paint. Suitable markers have been put up at seven graves in the Home lot at the cemetery, and now both lots are in fine condition.

These necessary improvements have depleted our treasury, as you will see by the following report, and we are now asking for cash donations to renovate the dining room and kitchen, trusting that the loyal friends of the Home will respond to our call for help.

We have recently had made a group picture of the Home family, which we are sending out with each "thank-you" note. The suggestion was made to us by several interested persons, who felt that more interest could be aroused in this manner.

In grateful appreciation of the faithful services of our matron, Miss Murray, we recommend that her salary be increased to \$50 per month, to take effect at once.

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

#### Receipts

Cash on hand March 1, 1927.....		\$13.95
Cash donations .....	\$291.56	
Net receipts on Visitors' Day.....	188.95	
Contribution box.....	8.68	
Cash for renovating sign.....	30.40	
Miscellaneous .....	30.10	549.69
Total.....		\$563.64

#### Disbursements

Chickens .....	\$17.08
Radio .....	18.55
Paints .....	63.67
Dental work .....	24.00
Door and steps .....	136.58
Markers for graves.....	100.00
Window shades.....	13.50
Painting sign .....	30.40
Christmas treat .....	51.90
Printing pictures .....	7.75
Freight and hauling.....	15.98

Miscellaneous .....	19.27	498.68
Balance in bank March 1, 1928.....		\$64.96
Respectfully submitted,		

BOARD OF LADY SUPERINTENDENTS,

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR,  
 President,  
 MRS. CLARA S. BILLINGSLEA,  
 Vice President,  
 MRS. W. R. McDANIEL,  
 Cor. Secretary,  
 MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH,  
 Rec. Sec. and Treas.  
 MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER,  
 MRS. J. PEARRE WANTZ,  
 MRS. FRANK Z. MILLER.  
 Westminster, Md., March 15, 1928.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF  
 HOME FOR THE AGED

President Maryland Annual Conference, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir: 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, 1928:

Balance on hand March 15, 1927.....	\$244.41
Amount received from Conference Treasurer.....	6,653.73
Interest and income from invested fund.....	2,170.54
Cash from Lady Board of Managers.....	207.94
Borrowed from Union National Bank.....	1,700.00
Cash delivered after death of one of the guests.....	98.07
Cash donation from Ridgeville Church.....	6.00
Cash donation from St. James' Church, Chestertown.....	21.40
Cash donation from St. John's Church, Baltimore, Md.....	100.00
Cash donation from Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md.....	20.00
Total.....	\$11,222.09

Disbursements

Bills paid for supplies for table use.....	\$3,395.55
Bills paid for help and labor.....	1,965.76
Bills paid for necessary expenses.....	2,126.91

Special expenses .....	3,729.23
Balance cash on hand.....	4.64

Total.....\$11,222.09

I also beg to advise that the stocks and bonds which are the property of the Home as its invested fund have been appraised and the appraised value of these securities including the cash balance on hand is \$46,365.42.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PEARRE WANTZ,  
Treasurer

We the undersigned committee appointed by the President to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, Jas. Pearre Wantz, beg to report that they have completed that duty and have found the accounts correct and supported by the proper vouchers, and the securities belonging to the invested fund are correct as stated.

C. M. ELDERDICE,  
GEORGE MATHER,  
OBER S. HERR.

### LADY VISITORS OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED

Accomac .....Miss Carrie Barnes.....Hopkins, Va.

Amelia

Baltimore:

Alnutt Memorial..Mrs. Seward.....2943 Guilford Ave., Balto.  
Bethesda .....Miss Adelaide McCleary....603 Harford Rd., Balto.  
Brooklyn .....Mrs. John Stoll.....Brooklyn Pk., Brooklyn, Md.  
Calvary .....Mrs. E. Alexander.....3107 Fleet St., Balto.  
Chesaco Park .....Mrs. Scott Duvall.....Raspeburg, Md.  
Christ Church ...Mrs. W. F. Chew.....Pikesville, Md.  
East Baltimore ...Mrs. E. B. Fenby.....1223 N. Caroline St., Balto.  
Edmondson Ave. Mrs. F. S. Sudman.....2905 Belmont Ave., Balto.  
Eutaw .....Mrs. R. C. Brodie.....2106 Erdman Ave., Balto.  
Evergreen .....Mrs. F. DeMoss.....Alpine Rd., Roland Park, Md.  
Grace .....Mrs. C. C. Sanner.....2032 E. 30th St., Balto.  
Graceland Park ..Mrs. B. Harrison.....Colgate, Md.  
Hampden .....Mrs. G. L. Bayer.....850 W. 36th St., Balto.  
Keen Memorial ...Mrs. Emma Crist.....3027 Remington Ave., Balto.  
Lauraville .....Mrs. M. C. Hartman.....2800 Louisa Ave., Hamilton,  
Md.  
Linthicum Hgts. Mrs. S. H. Benson.....Linthicum Heights, Md.  
Lowe Memorial .Mrs. Ella Maddox.....137 E. Randall St., Balto.  
North Balto. ....Mrs. W. C. Scott.....St. George's Rd., Balto.  
Payson Street ....Mrs. Piquitt .....3507 Keen Ave., Balto.  
South Balto. ....  
Starr .....Miss F. Brown.....225 N. Calhoun St., Balto.  
St. John's .....Mrs. Da'L. MacLea.....4003 Charles St. Ave., Balto.  
St. Paul's .....Miss Elizabeth Richardson 2722 Ashland Ave., Balto.  
Trinity .....Miss Bessie Ensor.....1011 Falls Rd., Balto.

Towson		
Violetville	Mrs. J. W. Cox.....	1044 Pine Hgts Ave., Balto.
West Balto.	Miss Laura Young.....	3512 Clifton Ave., Balto.
Wilton Hgts.	Mrs. F. M. McDonnell.....	5253 St. Charles Ave., Balto.
Bedford.....		
Belair.....		
Bivalve	Miss Maud Heath.....	Jesterville, Md.
Buckeystown.....		
Cambridge	Mrs. Joseph Walker.....	Cambridge, Md.
Cambridge Circuit	Mrs. Ella Linthicum.....	Madison, Md.
Cannon	Mrs. M. W. Priestly.....	Cannon, Del.
Caroline	Mrs. C. Kerren.....	Denton, Md.
Carroll Circuit	Mrs. M. Grimm.....	Woodbine, Md.
Cecil.....		
Centreville.....		
Chestertown	Mrs. J. D. Bacchus.....	Chestertown, Md.
Chincoteague	Mrs. L. Wimbrow.....	Chincoteague, Va.
Clayton.....		
Concord	Mrs. J. Campbell.....	Doylesburg, Pa.
Crisfield:		
Crisfield	Mrs. B. Laud.....	Crisfield, Md.
Lawsonia.....		
Mariners.....		
Crumpton.....		
Cumberland:		
First Church	Mrs. N. Perrin.....	Balto. Pike, Cumb'land, Md.
Fairview		
Mapleside		
Melvin Chapel	Mrs. Ethel Golden.....	43 Marion St., Cumb'd, Md.
Dagsboro	Mrs. L. W. Gordon.....	Dagsboro, Del.
Deer Creek		
Deer Park	Mrs. Hill.....	Westminster, Md.
Delmar	Mrs. Nettie Williams.....	Delmar, Del.
Delta	Mrs. Pete Smith.....	Delta, Pa.
Denton	Mrs. T. P. Fisher.....	Denton, Md.
Dorchester.....		
Dover	Mrs. John Bell.....	Dover, Del.
Easton	Mrs. R. L. Roberts.....	Easton, Md.
Elizabeth	Mrs. L. Wanamaker.....	219 Franklin St., Eliz., N.J.
Fairfax.....		
Fawn Grove	Miss Elizabeth Blain.....	Fawn Grove, Pa.
Federalsburg.....		
Felton.....		
Finksburg.....		
First Ch., Newark	Mrs. R. T. Goerke.....	634 Clinton Av., Newark, N.J.
Frederick	Miss M. E. Jones.....	New Market, Md., R. D.
Georgetown	Mrs. John Wilson.....	Georgetown, Del.
Glenburnie	Mrs. J. F. Johnson.....	Glenburnie, Md.
Greenbush and Tasley.....		

Greenwood .....	Mrs. Wm. Radcliffe.....	Greenwood, Del.
Grove.....		
Greenbackville.....		
Hallwood .....	Mrs. S. C. Hall.....	Hallwood, Va.
Harbeson .....	Mrs. L. F. Mason.....	Harbeson, Del.
Harmony, Md. ....		
Harmony, W. Va.....	Mrs. George Drake.....	Falling Waters, W. Va.
Harpers Ferry .....	Mrs. W. E. Benjamin.....	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.
Harrington .....	Mrs. Will Potter.....	Harrington, Del.
Hawley Memorial ....	Mrs. L. Cummins.....	Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.
Howard.....	Mrs. A. Linthicum.....	Clarksville, Md.
Hurlock .....	Mrs. H. C. Harper.....	Hurlock, Md.
Indian River .....		
Kempton.....	Mrs. Charles Riggs.....	Monrovia, Md.
Kennedyville .....	Mrs. A. S. Redmile.....	Kennedyville, Md.
Kent Island.....		
Laurel .....	Mrs. E. Yingling.....	Laurel, Del.
Laurel Circuit .....	Mrs. Sallie Chipman.....	Laurel, Del.
Leeds .....	Mrs. J. F. Blake.....	Childs, Md.
Leipsic.....		
Lewes.....		
Lewistown .....		
Liberty .....	Mrs. S. Sweadnor.....	Libertytown, Md.
Lynchburg .....	Mrs. R. C. Wood.....	Fort Hill, Va.
Mardela.....		
Marley .....	Mrs. W. Stegman.....	Curtis Bay, Md.
Middleway.....		
Milford .....	Mrs. J. F. Bryan.....	Milford, Del.
Milton.....		
Mt. Nebo .....	Mrs. E. H. Bull.....	Whiteford, Md.
New Church .....	Mrs. J. C. Kelley.....	New Church, Va.
New Market.....	Mrs. E. Standiford.....	Maryland Line, Md.
Nichols Memorial .....	Mrs. Dora Downs.....	Odenton, Md.
Northumberland ....	Mrs. C. Phillips.....	Burgess Store, Va.
Oak Grove and Prince George.....		
Oxford .....	Mrs. W. H. Myers.....	Oxford, Md.
Parksley .....	Mrs. John Hopkins.....	Parksley, Va.
Patapsco.....		
Philadelphia:		
Emmanuel .....	Mrs. W. F. Heckenberger.....	513 Parrish St., Phila., Pa.
St. Luke's .....	Miss A. Ferguson.....	1212 W. Lycoming St.,
Taylor Memorial .....		
Pipe Creek .....	Mrs. M. D. Smith.....	Union Bridge, Md.
Pittsville .....	Mrs. R. Smith.....	Pittsville, Md.
Pocomoke City .....	Mrs. E. W. Veasey.....	Pocomoke City, Md.
Poplar Springs .....	Mrs. J. E. Fleming.....	Mt. Airy, Md.
Powellville .....		
Quantico .....	Mrs. A. L. Dorman.....	Quantico, Md.
Reliance.....		

Ridgeville .....	Mrs. J. Molesworth.....	Mt. Airy, Md.
Rowlandville .....	Mrs. E. C. Boyd.....	Glen Mills, Pa.
Salem .....	Mrs. W. W. Fontaine.....	Manokin, Md.
Salisbury.....		
Seaford.....		
Sharptown .....	Mrs. F. Collison.....	Sharptown, Md.
Smyrna.....		
Snow Hill .....	Miss Lucy Stag.....	Snow Hill, Md.
Snow Hill Circuit		
Stewartstown.....		
St. James .....	Mrs. C. R. Skirven.....	Chestertown, Md.
St. Michael's		
Susquehanna .....	Miss M. Walker.....	Aberdeen, Md.
Texas .....	Mrs. Charles Kone.....	Towson, Md.
Trinity .....	Mrs. H. N. Miles.....	Marion Station, Md.
Tyreanna.....		
Union.....		
Union Bridge.....		
Wallace Memorial ..	Mrs. Annie Hovey.....	Hampton, Va.
Warwick		
Washington:		
Alexandria .....	Mrs. Thos. Travers.....	201 S. Royal St., Alex., Va.
Calvary .....	Mrs. O. Blankenhorn.....	Aurora Hills, Alex., Va.
Cherrydale .....	Mrs. A. Donaldson.....	Cherrydale, Va.
Congress Street ..	Mrs. Hettie Clevon.....	610 9th N. E., Wash., D. C.
First Church .....	Mrs. W. J. Brewer.....	421 6th S.E., Wash., D. C.
Mt. Tabor .....	Mrs. M. L. Myers.....	327 Webster St. N.W., Washington, D. C.
Mt. Olivet .....	Miss Lillian Comley.....	E. Falls Church, Va.
N. Carolina Ave..	Miss E. Hess.....	1350 E. Capitol, Wash., D.C.
Rhode Island Ave.	Mrs. J. P. Dodge.....	1908 1st St., N.W., Wash., D.C.
Walker's Chapel ...	Mrs. M. Hardy.....	Rosslyn, Va.
Wesley Chapel		
of Kent .....	Mrs. M. Maslin.....	Rock Hall, Md.
Westminster .....	Mrs. Denton Gehr.....	Westminster, Md.
Wilmington:		
First Church .....	Mrs. D. A. Hay.....	1914 West St., Wilm., Del.
Peninsula .....	Mrs. Mary Keatly.....	803 Shipley St., Wilm., Del.
West Wilmington		
Whaleyville.....		
Wye and Queen		
Anne .....	Mrs. Wm. Jester.....	Ridgely, Md.

REPORT P  
 COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

(See Journal, page 55)

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Society, the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, the Treasurer of the President's Parsonage, and the Treasurer of the Maryland Conference Young People's Institute, and find their accounts correct in every detail.

G. E. LEISTER  
 C. M. KELSER,  
 E. C. GRAHAM,  
 M. G. DAVIS,  
 W. H. HARRISON.

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REPORT Q  
 THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(See Journal, page 44)

The Program Committee met in the Book Rooms, Baltimore, Md., on July 5, 1928. The conclusions of the committee are found in the printed programs which will be distributed among you.

Your committee has tried to be fair to all the interests of the Church and Conference and, as far as possible, has allotted sufficient time for all discussions involved.

Your committee recommends the suspension for this session of Rule 7, Section 1, Conference Manual on Order of Business, relative to the devotional services, and that after Wednesday the devotionals be held each day from 9:50 A. M. to 10:20 A. M.

The committee has given special attention to the evening services. Matters of vital interest to the church and to the nation at this time are to be considered. On Wednesday evening the service will be in the interest of Temperance and Judge James J. Britt, of Washington, D. C., and Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be our speakers. On Thursday evening the service will be devoted to the interest of World Peace, and Dr. Dice R. Anderson, President of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, of this city, will be the speaker. The Lynchburg Church, in which we are now meeting, is 100 years old; therefore Friday evening will be given over to the Conference church and a very fine program has been arranged by them for that evening. We urge your attention upon these special features for the evening sessions.



The work of seeing the printed program through the press was done by E. C. Makosky, the President, to whom the committee desires to express its thanks.

This report is now offered for your consideration and adoption.

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
G. J. HOOKER,  
F. T. BENSON.

Note—Judge Britt was unable to attend on account of illness.

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## REPORT R

# THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

(See Journal, page 46)

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society reports that its last election of officers and other members of the Board of Managers resulted as follows: President, H. L. Elderdice, Secretary, F. T. Benson, and Treasurer, George K. Mather. N. O. Gibson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of F. T. Little, whose failing health prevented continuance in the office which he has filled so long as President. The other member elected was C. H. Slater.

Our report shows that the only funds which came into the channels of the Society for distribution were the annual income from the Henrietta Gibson Fund and the annual appropriation from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, made by the Trustees of the Maryland Conference, and these have been donated to young men preparing for the ministry in the Westminster Theological Seminary, in harmony with the two bequests of E. J. Drinkhouse.

H. L. ELDERDICE,  
President.

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## REPORT S

# THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 54)

Two sessions of the Summer Conference have been held since the last regular meeting of the Annual Conference. They brought inspiring programs, participated in by our own members and distinguished visitors. One fine service rendered by the Conference is the opportunity afforded to meet and hear Christian statesmen of the times. No effort

is spared to make the Conference serve its purpose and the number who attended this last summer, following so closely the General Conference meeting and at a date so near that of the Annual Conference, testifies to the place this institution has come to hold in the esteem of our ministers.

It has been the custom to enroll members each year at the time of meeting and to collect dues from those who attend or who, not being able to come, send the amount by letter. We desire to have, as provided by the constitution, a more permanent membership and such a support as the regular annual dues will secure. Members of this Conference, all of whom are eligible to membership in the Summer Conference, will be given the opportunity to enroll during the present session, and we desire that all shall avail themselves of the privilege.

Expense of organization is kept at a minimum and program cost has been very small, considering the caliber of speakers we have had. The high program standard set must be maintained.

WM. H. LITSINGER,  
President.

J. LEAS GREEN,  
Secretary.

#### SUMMER CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS REPORT OF TREASURER RECEIPTS

Aug. 3, Received from former Treasurer, S. F. Cassen.....	\$36.86
Aug. 3, Maryland Conference appropriation.....	200.00
Aug. 3, Dues .....	110.00
Aug. 3, From L. T. S. Treasurer on program.....	140.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$486.86</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Aug. 3, Program expenses.....	\$447.37
Aug. 3, Miscellaneous expenses.....	12.67
Aug. 3, Printing of programs.....	15.00
<b>Total disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$475.04</b>
Aug. 6, 1928, balance, \$11.82.	

J. EARL CUMMINGS,  
Treasurer.

#### REPORT T

### THE COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE COLLECTION OF SUPERANNUATE FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS

(See Journal, page 51)

Your committee reports as follows:

First. Immediately upon the rise of the last Conference the President of the Conference called together in Starr Church this committee and the group chairmen of the various groups into which our Conference district

is divided, to consider ways and means by which we might hope to collect as much of the outstanding subscriptions as possible. It was suggested that the subscription cards in the possession of the Treasurer be separated according to churches and these churches be assigned to each group chairman that he may supervise, through the pastors, the collection of the amounts subscribed.

We adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in the Book Room for division of cards and final instructions.

Second. The committee and group chairmen met on Tuesday, April 26, 1927, the Conference Treasurer had all cards in packages for churches and these were taken by the group chairmen to be given personally to the pastors of each group at a meeting called for the discussion of plans how best to accomplish results.

A specified time was given when the work was to be completed and returns be made.

As the time was nearly up it was seen that some had not completed the canvass, and the President therefore sent a night-letter telegram to each of the group chairmen extending the time and urging that every effort be made to complete the task and report the results to the Treasurer of the Conference at once.

Third. The President met with the Superannuate Fund Society to advise with them how your committee might continue its efforts to accomplish the task assigned it.

We concluded that the only means still untried would be to get one of our more active ministers on the Superannuate List to go into the field and by personal effort collect as much of the outstanding subscription as possible.

The President undertook the task to enlist one of our brethren to do this work. For various and good reasons no one was found who was able to venture into this field of endeavor.

I am submitting for your careful consideration the detailed statement of the Treasurer of this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
President.

See motion by G. I. Humphreys relative to the unpaid balances on this fund. Page — of the Journal of 1928.

Chincoteague, Va., Sept. 11, 1928.

Dr. Eugene C. Makosky,  
516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Makosky: Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the Superannuate Fund collections and subscriptions, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following data:

Total number of subscribers.....	4000
Total amount subscribed.....	\$110,285.00
Amount received by Bro. C. P. Nowlin, Treas.....	
Paid T. A. Murray.....	63,177.07
Expenses .....	897.63

Amount received by Charles F. Cummins, Acting Treasurer....	2,869.37
Amount received by Charles F. Cummins, Treas., from April 13, '27, to Aug. 31, '28.....	2,304.34
Unpaid balance .....	41,036.59
Status of Pastors—	
89 Pastors paid in full a sum aggregating.....	9,036.00
11 Pastors paid 50 per cent or more now owe.....	328.50
16 Pastors paid less than 50 per cent now owe.....	675.00
21 Pastors failing to make a payment now owe.....	1,612.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. CUMMINS,  
Treasurer.

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## REPORT U

# COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

(See Journal, page 51)

Service, such as the appointment of men to assist in revival meetings and the supplying of tents to all desiring them, has been cheerfully given to all. Tents were furnished for five localities and fourteen men served under the direction of the committee. We are submitting no report regarding the number of conversions and accessions, since the reply to the President's questionnaire will give figures more correct than any we could secure.

Our committee feels keenly the loss of the services of T. Raymond Matthews. For several years he served as Treasurer. He was faithful in attendance and always made a valuable contribution to all our meetings. We mourn with the Conference in the passing of this consecrated Christian layman.

Men of the Conference are finding it increasingly more satisfactory to themselves arrange for the speakers at their special services; as is evidenced by the lone appointment made by the committee this summer. For the sake of efficiency the committee would like to be relieved of this responsibility. The furnishing of tents possibly can still be better performed by the committee.

For the last two years the present members of the committee have seriously been seeking a manner in which some constructive contribution might be made to a Conference-wide program of evangelism.

We hail with delight the renewed emphasis placed on evangelism at the Centennial Session of the General Conference, which culminated in the creation of a Commission on Evangelism. This Commission on Evangelism met in Baltimore September 4th and adopted a definite program covering the period from early fall to Pentecost. Features of the program are as follows:

1. Fall—
  - a Calling attention of pastors to the need of personal preparation for evangelistic work.
  - b Special session of Official Family to discuss need of this great work.
  - c Survey of community.
2. Midwinter—
 

A series of home prayer meetings, group prayer circles and instruction classes in personal evangelism.
3. Pre-Easter—
 

A Loyalty Campaign culminating in one week's intensive personal visitation effort and an ingathering at Easter.
4. Easter to Pentecost—
 

Conserving of results with a continuation of endeavor until Pentecost. Laudable goals were suggested in our report last year, but we fear they remained as fine-sounding phrases, since there was no organized effort made to obtain them. To effect the kind of evangelistic program your committee would like to see established a full-time director of the project would be required. We do not feel the Conference is in a position to take such a step at the present time. As a substitute your committee therefore suggests that this Conference approve the launching through the mails of an evangelistic effort. It is proposed that goals be suggested, methods submitted, programs outlined, inspirational literature furnished, and that a constant effort be made to keep the ideals of his work before our men.

By this method we hope to intensify the program of our general commission above referred to.

If the Conference approves such a procedure we request the authorization of an expenditure of \$300 for this work; in addition to granting the privilege of sending tents free to all who apply for same.

Respectfully,

J. L. WARD,  
Chairman.  
J. A. TRADER,  
Secretary.  
W. A. MELVIN,  
C. C. SANNER,  
WM. E. REDDING,  
SAMUEL T. ENSOR.

## SUGGESTED PROGRAM COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### Objectives—

I—Our first objective is the revival of the spiritual life of the local church.

First—That each pastor give himself to an examination of his own heart and that through prayer and study of the Word, he prepare himself to lead his people to new heights in spiritual achievement.

Second—That the pastor gather around him in special meetings his whole official church family, for instruction in the denominational program of evangelism, and for prayer for divine aid in fitting in thereto.

Third—We recommend that in each department of the church activities this program of prayer and preparation for spiritual growth be carried out.

Fourth—We recommend that the pastor and Official Board organize very definitely each department for the carrying out of the above recommendations.

Fifth—We recommend that the ultimate objective of all our prayer and study and instruction in this division of our program be to interest every member of the church in the strengthening of the spiritual life.

II—Our second objective is the securing for membership in our Church of those in the neighborhoods who regard themselves as Christians but are not active in any church organization.

To this end we recommend a careful Church survey in the neighborhoods where our churches are located.

III—Our third objective is the salvation of the unsaved.

To this end we recommend:

First—The making of a responsibility roll, containing the names of those who are unsaved and are in any way related to the local congregation or any of its organizations.

Second—To provide a place in the Church survey blank for the registration of the names of those who are non-professing Christians in your neighborhood.

Third—Since there are many types of evangelism now being used to good advantage, such as missionary evangelism, pastoral evangelism, personal evangelism, lay-visitation evangelism, we would recommend that the pastor and his official family study their local situation intensively with a view to deciding what type (or types) promises best results for them.

Fourth—Since the General Conference has recommended a campaign of at least six consecutive days of lay-visitation evangelism during the six weeks preceding Easter, we recommend the adoption of this plan and would urge the most careful preparation leading up thereto.

As the commission believes sincerely in the value of the old-fashioned protracted meeting and in every pastor being his own evangelist, giving the invitation at the close of his sermon to confess Christ.

We would recommend the holding of special meetings as early as possible in the Conference year.

Recognizing the value of simultaneous effort, we would recommend that these meetings, as far as possible, be held in November.

Whatever plan of evangelism is adopted, we would recommend the most intensive preparation beforehand, such as arranging prayer lists, holding neighborhood prayer meeting, conducting personal workers' classes, etc.

As a definite means of preparation for the pre-Easter campaign, we would suggest that the month of January be devoted to holding group prayer meetings as frequently as the local church program will permit.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, in its program of evangelism, suggests adding to our pre-Easter program a Pentecostal program. We heartily concur in the suggestion and would recommend

that we protract our Easter program to include the Pentecostal period which in 1929 ends May 19.

We expressly desire that the churches in the rural sections give serious consideration to these recommendations, and adapt such as will meet their local needs.

**Suggested Helps—**

First—Church Attendance Month.

Material can be secured free from the church management magazine, Cleveland, Ohio, for use in this campaign.

The following books on Evangelism will be found helpful:

Pastoral Evangelism, by Charles L. Godell.

Every Member Evangelism, by Dr. Conant.

Visitation Evangelism, by A. Earl Kernahan.

Real Evangelism, by L. S. Chafer.

Any of these books can be secured from either of our publishing companies.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON  
EVANGELISM

For stamps, etc.....	\$3.00
For the rental of 3 tents.....	185.03
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	\$188.03
Balance in Treasurer's account.....	\$ 88.60

W. A. MELVIN,

Treasurer.

## REPORT V

# THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

(See Journal, page 47)

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren: The Board of Management of the Headquarters Building reports:

First. That we have met from time to time as occasion demanded and have attended to the multifarious business connected with so large an enterprise.

Second. The Board has carefully studied the assets and liabilities of the Headquarters Building and offers the following facts for your consideration:

(a) That the building cannot be regarded as a business investment, for it was built primarily to house certain interests of our Church.

(b) That the President's office, the Drinkhouse Memorial Assembly Room and the Women's Missionary Room are ours without any rent whatever. Other valuable space is rented to the various interests of the Church at a fraction of their actual value.

(c) We are paying each year \$5,000 on debt and have reduced the debt from \$145,000 to \$130,000. In a few more years we will have the debt at such a figure as to enable us to look after the building, and still have a balance in our cash account.

Third. We respectfully call attention to the fact that by your action at last Conference session, you made the term of office of this board from Conference session to Conference session. It is therefore incumbent upon you to elect their successors in office at this session.

Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., the Agent of the Book Concern, has served without any compensation as Agent for the building. The duties are manifold and require considerable time and energy. The Conference should register its appreciation of his faithful and efficient services.

The detailed account of receipts and expenditures is submitted herewith.

Signed,

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
T. W. DONOHO,  
H. E. GILBERT.

BUILDING ACCOUNT, 516 N. CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE,  
MARYLAND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 17 Months ending August  
31, 1928.

## Receipts

Balance April 1, 1928.....	\$2,399.84
Rent .....	31,851.93



Discounts .....	13.85	
Total receipts.....		\$34,265.62
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Hauling ashes .....	\$76.50	
Coal .....	467.13	
Expenses .....	1,607.31	
Janitor service.....	4,440.00	
Light .....	1,108.70	
Insurance for 3 years in advance.....	1,316.50	
Taxes and water rent.....	5,695.41	
Profit and loss (Schleuter & Lynch).....	722.53	
Advertising .....	31.80	
Interest .....	11,289.70	
Paid on mortgage.....	7,500.00	
Painting building (inside).....	199.25	
Total disbursements.....		34,454.83
Balance short.....		\$189.21
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash .....	\$580.80	
Accounts receivable .....	2,032.13	
Property fixtures .....	802.77	
Bills receivable .....	243.50	
Deferred charge (half taxes and water rent).....	1,851.59	
		\$5,510.79
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Bills payable .....		5,700.00
Liabilities over assets.....		\$189.21

CHAS. A. REINER,  
Agent.

## REPORT W

### GROUP INSURANCE

(See Journal, page 50)

For two years the Conference has carried group insurance under the plan offered by the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, N. J., which was accepted at the 1926 Conference session. Our relations with the company have been satisfactory in every respect. They have been prompt and courteous in settlement of all claims and in making proper adjustment premiums.

We gratefully record the fact that there has been no death among those covered by the policy during this Conference year.

We express our appreciation that 140 of the members of the Conference have cooperated in the plan by joining and making payment of their portion of the premium, which amounts to \$10 per member as per Conference action of 1926, but call attention to the fact that not all of the active members of the Conference are participating, as directed by the action of 1926 session, and therefore most earnestly urge them to join the group at this session.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the amount of \$2,000 be added to the Super-annuate assessment for the payment of the Conference portion of the premium.

2. That the Treasurer of the Conference shall arrange to discount the appropriation for this purpose in order that the money may be available for the payment of the premium falling due on April 16, 1929.

A financial statement is herewith submitted showing the entire transaction.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total premium, covering 140 members.....	\$3,434.06	
Expenses—Postage, etc. ....	6.90	
		\$3,440.96
Total cost.....		\$3,440.96
Amount paid by members participating at \$10 per member .....	1,400.00	
Amount paid by Conference Treasurer from approp'n .....	2,040.96	
		\$3,440.96
Accumulated dividends 1927.....	\$394.80	
Accumulated dividends 1928.....	725.27	
		\$1,120.07

E. A. SEXSMITH,

Agent Appointed by Conference President.

### REPORT X

## CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN

(See Journal, page 55)

The Conference Library is adequately housed in the Headquarters Building, 516 North Charles street, and is in excellent condition. Photographs of ministers and laymen prominent in the affairs of our denomination and this Conference have been arranged so as to be easily viewed by all who may care to do so. The Conference Librarian is greatly indebted to Dr. Louis Randall, who so splendidly performed this service.

For a detailed report of the number of volumes in the library and the arrangement of the same you are referred to the report found on page 122 of the Conference minutes of 1925.

Now that our Conference is entering upon the threshold of our second century it seems to your librarian that we ought to be more solicitous than ever to preserve our historical records. 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 denominational significance.

J. EARL CUMMINGS.

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## REPORT Y

# BUDGET COUNCIL

(See Journal, page 46)

With the limited time at its disposal, the Budget Council, as far as possible, has endeavored to cooperate with the President of the Conference and the Budget Council of the General Conference. This cooperation has consisted chiefly in communications to the Methodist Protestant, in letters to pastors, emphasizing the opportunities of special days, the raising of the whole budget, with each interest having its full share and the prompt payment of same. Each year has shown a larger amount paid on the budget. The Council has had several meetings during the year. If time and money were available for the work, there is much that could be done in the circulation of literature, in the inspiration of group meetings and in a more definite and effective organization in local churches. With the beginning of a new quadrennium and with a General Conference Secretary of Promotional Work in the field, there is a conviction on the part of the Budget Council that many of these ideals can be worked out and a more vigorous service rendered in this advanced step to create a wider interest and to raise the whole budget.

L. F. WARNER,  
R. Y. NICHOLSON,  
N. O. GIBSON.

## NEW CENTURY SERVICE—AN OUTLINE OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY SUGGESTED TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES

To the Maryland Conference:

Dear Brethren: The last session of the General Conference set up a new department by combining the office of Treasurer with that of an Executive Secretary in charge of the promotional work of the Church. That means, of course, an effort to stimulate the benevolent and mis-

sionary work of the denomination through financial plans and the extension of stewardship.

All of us have felt that the Church is capable of a larger service than we have been rendering, and while the secretary for this new field of endeavor has been chosen and is at work, we feel that the task is that of the whole Church, the business of us all.

Without question the big business of the Church is to win people for Christ Jesus. The second great endeavor is to keep people saved after they have made the great confession. The field of service is large, many kinds of things to be done, and ample room for all. But the major expression of that service is through the stewardship of property when once the stewardship of life is acknowledged; that through it the lives of Christians reach out in far places, and providing a God-blessed opportunity for the Church to keep faith in Christ. The General Conference budget is the principal medium for the combined or group activity of our people. The needs of the Church's undertakings requires our fullest measure of support.

To this end we have been laying our plans and ask of the Church its completest cooperation.

1. Our new slogan for the \$500,000 budget is "New Century Service."

2. The office at 516 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md., is prepared to assist pastors and churches in making their plans, furnishing posters, literature, speakers, and the like.

3. We want the Annual Conferences to raise up a "New Century Service Commission" of three or five members, which shall have charge of the promotional activities within the Conference and to cooperate with the general office. We shall through this commission work along these lines:

a. Ask each church to establish a "New Century Service Commission" with three departments or committees, the pastor of the church being the chairman: Educational Committee, Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee. This Commission to be appointed by the Quarterly Conference and to work under its supervision.

b. The creation of a Woman's Auxiliary in every church, which shall put itself behind the entire "New Century Service" program of the church.

c. A survey of the Conference which shall reveal the actual financial conditions and responses of the churches, and that through charts each church's record may be made clear.

d. The holding of a series of group or district meetings over the Conference as soon as possible in order to bring actively and in detail further provisions and implications of this program.

Admittedly, this program is not final. It is, however, a very definite step towards a fuller realization of our task and has in it a certain promise. To this end the Conference is asked to adopt this procedure, that we may make it uniform throughout the church. And further, this office pledges itself to the most loyal service.

Submitted at the direction of the Executive Committee.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN,  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

## REPORT Z

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE NEED OF A  
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(See Journal, page 55)

Your Committee to study the need of a Director of Religious Education, after very careful and thorough study of the field of young people's work of the Conference, begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That a standing committee of five members, two of whom shall be President of the Maryland Conference Union and one other a member of the Executive Committee of said Union, be appointed, the President of the Conference ex-officio a member. This committee to be known as Committee of Religious Education of the Maryland Conference.

2. That said committee shall have authority to secure and employ a full-time Director of Religious Education.

3. This committee shall further have authority to arrange for and secure the funds necessary for the support of said Director.

G. W. HADDAWAY,

L. B. SMITH,

R. Y. NICHOLSON.

## REPORT AA

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER  
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
MEETING DATE

(See Journal, page 52)

We have given the question referred to us careful study. We approached it with open minds, and made as the primary consideration not personal preference, convenience, or comfort, but the interest of the Church and the Kingdom. A brief statement of the method of reasoning employed is here set forth that the conclusion might be clearly understood.

The change to September was made last year in order to remove from Easter and its vital activities the distraction of an Annual Conference session. This arrangement is found, however, to be prejudicial to financial interests. Many charges which have met their financial obligations this time have done so only after strenuous effort, and others have been unable to do so in spite of such effort. Reports last Conference showed 24 charges delinquent, while at this Conference 51 charges have failed by the same standard of judgment. Conference meeting in Sep-

tember interferes with the making of Church year programs. Too large a number of pastors and churches will not be able to plan next year's work before much of its opportunity has passed. This is a serious consideration.

The resolution proposing the first Wednesday in May and referred to us has been carefully considered. Such an arrangement would break into the Church year at a time when its activities should not be suspended, or in any way interfered with. May is an excellent Church month and affords opportunity for the establishing of those who come into the Church at Easter, a consideration as important as bringing them in.

A date during the early part of June was suggested in the committee. Such a meeting time would remove Conference far enough from Easter not to interfere with its contribution to the church and kingdom. Children's Day might always be held before-hand. The tendency would be to keep work going in full force until the end of the church year, and there would be opportunity to make plans and preparations for the fall and winter work. The weather might be warm but that is not a primary consideration. Moreover,

"What is so rare as a day in June,  
Then, if ever, come perfect days."

We therefore recommend that the second Wednesday in June be fixed as the Annual Conference Meeting-date.

WM. H. LITSINGER,  
G. I. HUMPHREYS,  
L. B. SMITH,  
WM. E. CAIN,  
JULIAN P. DODGE,  
F. W. WHITAKER.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OVERTURES

To the Maryland Annual Conference,  
Methodist Protestant Church,

Greeting:

The following overtures are submitted to your Conference for action:  
Article IV, Paragraph Three, Page 20:

"Each church shall have power to purchase, build, lease, sell, rent, or otherwise dispose of church property for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church, when authorized by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the qualified members of the church; provided that said vote be given in person at a meeting publicly called for the purpose four weeks in advance, or any adjournment from time to time thereof."

Page 28:

Under paragraph which speaks of Station and Circuit Stewards, place the following:

### "TREASURERS.

"Each church shall elect a treasurer who shall have charge of the funds of the church, and who, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of the quarterly conference.

"Where two treasurers are needed one may hold the funds of the local church, while the other may care for the Benevolences."

As soon as action is taken on these overtures, please notify the Secretary of the General Conference of the result.

May the Lord abundantly bless you in the deliberations of your session, and set your faces toward the greatest year in your history.

Fraternally yours,

C. W. BATES, Secretary.

NOTE: Overtures were adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS

### NO. 1—PRINTING OF CONFERENCE SERMON

(See Journal, page 47)

Resolved: That Rev. T. O. Crouse be requested to present the manuscript of his sermon for publication in the Conference Minutes.

B. F. RULEY,

J. L. WARD.

### NO. 2—ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH

(See Journal, page 54)

Whereas, we now celebrate the "One Hundredth Anniversary" of our great church, and thanking Almighty God for His manifold blessings, and

Whereas, our efforts of the past Conference year have been rewarded with over two thousand souls for Christ,

Be it therefore Resolved, That entering upon our new era the Program Committee be instructed to set apart the Conference Sunday Evening as a special evangelistic service for the purpose of winning souls for Christ.

Signed,

J. G. LYNN,

J. L. WARD,

L. B. SMITH.

Note: Referred to the "New Century Commission and Program Committee.

### No. 3—RECOGNIZING WORK M. E. HUNGERFORD

(See Journal, page 55)

Whereas: Following the destruction of our church by fire in Georgetown, Delaware, the same have been replaced by a larger and more modern structure; and the work accomplished in the face of many limitations:

Therefore be it resolved: That this conference here-by recognizes the great work done by M. E. Hungerford; and the most excellent manner in which he has managed the affairs in connection therewith; by the adoption of this resolution, and the spreading of the same on our conference minutes.

JOHN T. BAILEY,

G. I. HUMPHREYS,

J. M. SHERIDAN.

### No. 4—AFFECTING PASTORS' REPORT BLANKS

(See Journal, page 56)

Resolved: That the Pastor's Report Blank affecting General Interests be arranged in only four columns:

1st. President's Salary

2nd. Maryland Conference Budget.

3rd. General Conference Budget.

4th. Miscellaneous General.

RAYMOND W. WHITE,

CHAS. F. CUMMINS.



Substitute by J. H. Straughn: That the tables showing receipts for the various budgets shall be continued so as to agree with the general practices of the denomination. Adopted.

#### No. 5—COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

(See Journal, page 56)

Resolved: That Resolution No. 10, recorded in the Minutes of 1927, page 121, with reference to employing Public Accountant, be amended to read as follows:

That the accounts of the Treasurer of the Maryland Conference be audited by a standing committee of two ministers and two laymen to be appointed by the President of the Conference, said audit to take place two months prior to the meeting of the Annual Conference and that the committee be directed to submit a report to the President of the Conference as to its findings.

That said committee also be directed to report to the following Conference session a statement as to conditions and methods relating to this office.

That they be authorized to employ a certified public accountant, if in their judgment such action is deemed advisable.

That this committee be given authority to direct the destruction of all unnecessary papers that may now be on hand or shall hereafter accumulate with the Treasurer.

And that the expense of audit be paid out of the funds of the Maryland Conference.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,  
E. A. SEXSMITH.

#### No. 6—ON CONFERENCE FISCAL YEAR

(See Journal, page 56)

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Conference that the current fiscal year shall begin September 1, 1928, and end May 31, 1929.

That the salaries of pastors for the year 1928-1929 shall be computed from September 1, 1928.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,  
E. A. SEXSMITH.

#### No. 7—ON STIPEND OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

(See Journal, page 56)

That the Conference Treasurer shall be paid an additional \$100 for the conference year ending September 3rd.

That the stipend of the Conference Treasurer shall be increased to \$500 for the ensuing year; 9-12 of this amount to be paid for year ending May 31, 1929.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,  
G. Q. BACCHUS.

No. 8—REQUEST FOR SUPERANNUATION  
(See Journal, page 57)

Resolved: That ministers of the Conference who have reached the age of 65 or have given 40 years of service in the ministry requesting superannuate relationship, shall have their request voted upon without discussion, and that with proper wording the substance of this resolution be inserted in the proper place in the manual and superannuate Fund regulations.

Signed,

G. W. HADDAWAY,  
W. H. HODGES,  
L. B. SMITH,  
H. B. JESTER,  
G. A. MORRIS,  
C. C. DAY.

No. 9—PRINTING CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
(See Journal, page 57)

Resolved: That the Program Committee be and hereby is requested to publish the tentative Conference Program in the "Methodist Protestant" at least two weeks before the beginning of the Conference session.

C. M. ELDERDICE,  
E. A. SEXSMITH,  
FRANK S. CAIN,  
J. MATHIAS,  
GEO. A. RICHARDSON.

No. 10—UNPAID BALANCE ON C. G. G.  
(See Journal, page 57)

That the President of the Conference appoint a Committee of five, two ministers and three laymen to work out a program and methods for raising the unpaid balance on C. G. G. with special reference to those churches not having paid their quotas.

J. H. STRAUGHN,  
G. I. HUMPHREYS,

PRINTED FOR CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND "CONFERENCE EXAMINERS  
AND EXAMINATIONS"

(Page 18, Conference Minutes 1927)

Section 1—Beginning with the Conference of 1929 the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders shall consist of the present chairman and the four ministers who serve as Examiners under subjects (a) in the Preparatory Course and each of the three succeeding years. Provided further, that after the year 1930 the minister serving as examiner under (a) in the Third year shall be chairman of the Committee and that examiner under (b) in the third year shall also be a member of the committee.

Section 2—The four examiners in the Preparatory Course shall be appointed annually by the President of the Conference and announced at the Conference preceding the Conference for which they shall serve. In announcing their appointment the President shall designate one of them to examine applicants for the itinerancy on (a) the English Bible, (b) Christian Graces and Gifts for the Ministry, (c) one on systematic theology, and (d) one on the law and usages of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The result of these examinations shall be reported by the examiners to the committee on Itinerancy and Orders with a recommendation in each case. No person shall be considered by the Conference for admission into the itinerancy until he shall have been subjected to these examinations and recommended to the Conference by the committee.

Section 3—The four ministers designated as examiners in the Preparatory Course shall continue to serve under the same designated divisions for the First, Second and Third Year Classes successively, accompanying the same class through the entire course. 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.

Section 4—The Examiner under (a) of each year shall be the chairman of the examiners of that year, and shall announce through the church paper the time for the examination for that year.

Section 5—The examiners of each year shall through their chairman report the results of their examination to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Section 6—The Chairman of the examiners for each year shall have charge of the textbooks for that year. The texts shall be furnished by the Conference.

#### COURSE OF STUDY

Under (b) in Preparatory Course add, the applicant shall also be examined on Elderdice's "The Preacher's Problem."

The second sentence of Section (e) under First, Second and Third Year shall be made to read: "The examination shall be conducted by the chairman of the examiners, but any examiner may participate.

Under (c) of the First Year the clause "and Elderdice's 'Preacher's Problems,' shall be stricken out."

W. H. HODGES,  
W. B. JUDEFIND.

Note: The above resolution was deferred for one year. (See Journal page).

## CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

### CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Church Extension Society convened on Monday, September 17, 1928 with J. F. Wooden, president presiding.

Report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society was read by the Secretary, E. A. Sexsmith.

Substitute, offered by the Secretary, to article 11 of the report was adopted. Report as amended, adopted.

The following officers were elected: President, J. F. Wooden; First Vice President, G. E. Brown; 2nd Vice President, J. L. Nichols; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg; Treasurer, Daniel MacLea.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Laymen: T. A. Myers, W. C. Scott, Daniel MacLea, Henry Gilligan.  
Ministers: W. H. Litsinger, E. D. Stone, P. W. Crosby, R. Y. Nicholson.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

Society adjourned.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society submits the following summary of its activities during the conference year.

**BETHESDA:** This church was started about four years ago in a suburban section of Baltimore on the Harford Road beyond Hamilton. During the past year the street has been improved making it one of the principal boulevards leading out of Baltimore and according to plans already approved by the city, another boulevard will cross the Harford Road about one block from the church making it a very desirable location. This improvement of the city has caused the community to develop rapidly.

The church has had a very commendable growth. They now have 158 members with a Sunday school enrollment of 316.

They have paid the balance of \$1300.00 indebtedness during the year. It is very important that steps be taken as soon as possible for the erection of a permanent church building if we are to maintain our hold on the community and provide adequate facilities for carrying on the work. Brother Clayton has done faithful and efficient service in this growing field.

**DELMONT:** Since the last session of conference this church has paid the balance of its indebtedness and has been dedicated and the title of the property transferred to the local Board of Trustees.

**MARLEY PARSONAGE:** The Board of Managers endorsed a note to make possible the completion of the building which has been reduced at intervals leaving a balance of \$2725.00 indebtedness. The title to this property is vested in the Church Extension Society.

**TIOGA HEIGHTS:** After many attempts we have finally effected a settlement of our claim against this church. They have paid the balance due and have left the denomination.

**GRACELAND PARK.** This church has not had a rapid but healthy growth. It was feared that its future was rather uncertain by an influx of a foreign population and that a relocation might be advisable, but a survey made since the last conference revealed that this is inadvisable and that the field gives promise for future success. They have reduced their indebtedness \$200.00 this year. They have a membership of 83 and a Sunday school enrollment of 149.

**BUTLER WILL CASE:** A number of attempts have been made looking to a final settlement with the estate but we have not been able to do so. The residue of the estate which the Church Extension Society inherits through the will of Mr. Butler upon further investigation amounts to \$3,975.70 and is invested in a second mortgage which cannot be foreclosed without probable loss to the Society. The interest is being paid semi-annually. It would seem advisable to continue to hold the investment until such a time as satisfactory settlement may be made.

**EMMANUEL-PHILADELPHIA.** This enterprise has met with a number of reverses until it does not seem possible for them to meet the heavy expense which would be incurred with the completion of the church building and they do not seem to be able with their present equipment to make much impression upon the community. This with a survey of the community which was not favorable has caused the Board of Missions in conjunction with the Board of Survey to appoint a special Committee to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the enterprise. This committee will report to the Board of Survey its judgment and the Board will make whatever recommendation to the conference it deems wise.

The title to the property is vested in the Board of Home Missions, our relation being only advisory.

**CHESACO PARK PARSONAGE.** After the close of the last conference session it seemed impossible to secure a suitable home for the pastor of this charge and at the request of the president of the conference the Superintendent took up the matter of erecting a parsonage. After several meetings held with the Quarterly Conference it was decided to locate the parsonage near Jones Memorial Church. A lot consisting of one-half acre of ground was donated by the Stevens-Baker Corporation and over eleven hundred dollars was raised for the building by the superintendent of Church Extension outside of the community. They now have a nice 8 room Dutch Colonial home which makes very comfortable quarters for the pastor.

**GRACE CHURCH-BALTIMORE.** Owing to the rapid growth of this church during the last year they have found it necessary to provide enlarged facilities and as the first step toward the same have purchased the dwelling next to the parsonage property making it possible to enlarge the present church building by removing the two dwellings and erecting an addition where they now stand. This property was deeded to the Church Extension Society as is the balance of the property. The church, however, assumes all financial obligations in the transaction.

**LAURAVILLE:** During the year the educational unit of their new church has been erected at a cost of about \$48,000.00. It is one of the most modern buildings for Sunday school work in the conference consisting

of three stories and so arranged as to give the second floor for an auditorium for church service until the entire church is erected. This church has had a remarkable growth and promises to become one of the strongest organizations in the conference. They now have a membership of 280 and a Sunday school enrollment of 230.

This Board has endorsed their mortgage for \$10,000.00 and also a short term note for \$5000.00 with the agreement that all obligations shall be met by the church.

**CENTENARY CHURCH.** At the last annual Conference we reported the selection of a lot at Connecticut Ave., and Cumberland St., N. W. Washington. Owing to a protest from the Wesley M. E. Church in which others joined, the church Federation of Washington disapproved our location on the ground it was too near the Wesley M. E. Church which made it necessary for us to give up this location. After conference we found another location at Kansas Ave. and Hamilton St., N. W. which is in a new community with splendid possibilities for building up a strong church organization. We purchased this lot which consists of 30,176 square feet of ground at a cost of \$18,000.00 and financed it by securing two loans, one of First Mortgage for \$10,000.00 from the Real Estate Trustee Inc., of Baltimore and the other on the note of the Board of Managers for \$8,000.00 from the National Central Bank of Baltimore. Through the offerings of the Centenary Gratitude Gift we have paid the note of \$8,000.00 leaving only the mortgage against the lot.

We had hoped the entire amount of the goal of \$35,000.00 set as the offering from the Conference would have been reached, making it possible for us to complete the payment for the lot and giving a balance for starting the work. As this was not done we had no available funds with which to begin the work. We tried to rent a building in which to start a Sunday school but were unable to do so, therefore it has been necessary to defer any activity toward the organization of a Sunday school or congregation.

The Board of Survey will make recommendations to the Conference for carrying out this enterprise.

**CALVARY CHURCH—WASHINGTON:** This church is having a very commendable growth being located in an excellent new community not far from Washington known as Aurora Hills and Virginia Highlands. The time however, has come when they must have an adequate church building to meet their needs. Plans have been secured for the erection of the first unit of an attractive colonial type church which will cost about \$25,000.

The Board of Missions has made a donation of \$2500.00 and agrees to loan them \$2500.00 at 2% interest making available \$5000.00 from that Board.

The Board of Survey will make recommendations for appropriation to finance the new enterprise which will be under the supervision of this Board as the title is vested in the Church Extension Society.

**FORT MEYER HEIGHTS.** This organization was started during the year largely through the influence of Mr. Frank Follansbee who erected a very attractive church building in a desirable location on the Wilson Blvd. between Washington and Ballston, Va. We undertook the organization of

the church under an agreement with Mr. Follansbee in which we were given the use of the church building from November 1, 1927 to the meeting of this conference session for the consideration of \$467.50 which has been paid and provided that if at this time in the judgment of the Board of Survey the results justified the continuance of the work we would purchase the building at a cost of \$14,500.00. The organization gives promise of becoming a good church. They have now 28 members and a Sunday school enrollment of 50. The community has been canvassed and indicates a very good field for a Methodist Church.

In the purchase of the property it is agreed that we assume a mortgage of \$6,500.00 which is now on the property and also pay \$5,000.00 in cash, the balance of \$3,000.00 will be carried by Mr. Follansbee at 3% interest.

The Board of Survey in its meeting of August 30th voted to continue the work and recommend to the Conference an appropriation to cover the interest and requested the secretary to see if a smaller cash payment may be effected.

EDMONDSON AVE. This church has grown during the past two years much faster than any one anticipated. They now have a membership of 345, and a Sunday school of 400. They have received 162 members during the conference year. This large increase in membership and the growth of the Sunday school makes it necessary that enlarged facilities for carrying on the work be provided.

After favorable action from the Board and the Board of Survey meeting in joint session it was decided to enlarge the present building by extending it to the back of the lot and adding an educational building 40 by 45 feet which will be three stories and arranged for modern Sunday school work. Plans have been drawn and approved by the Board of Survey and the contract awarded at a cost of \$40,000.00.

The Board of Survey will recommend an appropriation to take care of the interest charges in excess of what the church is able to provide. This is one of the most promising fields in the Conference and justifies the most hearty financial support of the conference. The financial obligations will be large but can be met with the support of the conference. The results already attained justify this larger investment.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR RECOMMENDATION 2 OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

2. That Article II of the By-Laws of the Church Extension Society be amended by striking out the entire article and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"The Board of Managers shall organize at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Society by the election of a president, and a secretary who shall serve for one year and until their successors are chosen.

The Board of Managers shall have all the powers and may exercise all the authority conferred by the charter upon the Society and shall have the oversight of the funds of the Society during the recess of the Con-

ference, and, in conjunction with the Treasurer, invest all monies paid to the Society for investment, collect the interest on all investments, and pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Society, and report the condition of the Society to the Annual Meeting and recommend, in its discretion to the annual conference the appointment of a Superintendent of Church Extension.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Finance shall give special consideration to the churches under the supervision of the Board of Managers in their apportionment of the Budget to the same.

That Article II of the By-Laws of the Church Extension Society be further amended by adding after the words "Board of Managers" the following: "shall organize at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Society by the election of a president, and a secretary, who shall serve for one year and until their successors are chosen.

The Board of Managers shall have all the powers and may exercise all the authority conferred by the charter upon the Society and"

That Article II be further amended by adding at the end of the article the following words, "and recommend, in its discretion, the appointment by the President of the Annual Conference, of a Superintendent of Church Extension."

3. We recommend to the Board of Survey the following appropriations to be paid through the Board of Managers:

Edmondson Ave., for interest on debt.....	2,460.00
Calvary Va., for interest on debt.....	600.00
Ft. Myer Heights, if received into the Conference for interest on debt ....	660.00

4. That the President of the Conference appoint a Superintendent of Church Extension.

5. The Board of Managers has learned of the desire of Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Superintendent of Church Extension, to be assigned to a pastorate at the coming session of the Annual Conference. While we are in thorough sympathy with the reasons that impel him to ask for this change in his activities, we deeply regret to lose his services and by resolution the Board has instructed that this expression of our appreciation of his faithful and efficient administration of the office be included in the Annual Report.

T. A. MYERS, President,  
E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## ASSETS:

Cash balance in Bank.....	\$	24.93	
Centenary Church Fund.....		1,633.74	
Butler Will legacy.....		3,975.70	
Mortgage, Keen Memorial.....		1,000.00	6,634.37

## Property Holdings:

Graceland Park Church.....	\$10,000.00	
Grace Church, Balto.....	75,864.00	
Grace Church Parsonage.....	6,000.00	
Edmondson Ave., Parsonage.....	8,500.00	
Edmondson Ave., Church.....	60,000.00	
Marley Charge Parsonage.....	6,000.00	
Arundal Cove Church.....	3,000.00	
Galvary Church, Washington, D. C.....	4,000.00	
Centenary Church Lot.....	18,000.00	191,364.00
	Total	\$197,998.37

## LIABILITIES:

*Mortgage, Graceland Park.....	\$	1,400.00	
*Marley Charge Parsonage, *Note of Trustees endorsed for.....		2,700.00	
*Lauraville Church *Mortgage endorsed for .....		10,000.00	
*Note of Trustees endorsed for.....		5,000.00	
*Grace Church Mortgage.....		23,800.00	
Centenary Church Lot, Mortgage.....		10,000.00	
*Edmondson Ave., Parsonage *Mortgage, Eutaw Savings Bank.....		4,500.00	
*Note, Elkton Banking & Trust Co.,.....		2,000.00	
Edmondson Ave., Church *Mortgage, Eutaw Savings Bank.....		19,000.00	
Note, Union National Bank.....		5,000.00	
Note, National Central Bank.....		5,000.00	
Note, Third National Bank, Chestertown.....		8,500.00	
Note, Ella Martin .....		1,000.00	
Note, Ella Martin .....		2,000.00	
*Loan on Mrs. Eversold Legacy.....		1,000.00	\$100,900.00
	Total		\$100,900.00

\*These Mortgages and notes are being paid by the Churches named, leaving the interest on \$31,500.00 to be provided for by Conference appropriations.

A legacy of \$2,000.00 from the Grace Lee estate will likely come to the Society during this Conference year.

T. A. MEYERS, President,  
E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.

## TREASURERS REPORT

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST  
PROTESTANT CHURCH TO THE MARYLAND AN-  
NUAL CONFERENCE

## RECEIPTS:

1927		
Apr.	1—To Balance .....	\$ 111.96
	4—Layman Fund W. B. Int. 6 E. S.....	15.00
	4—J. Leas Green—3rd Instalment Md. A. Conf.....	500.00
	8—Md. Annual Conf.—C. F. Cummins.....	1000.00
	11—Layman Fund W. Balto.—Rev. Dorsey.....	15.00
	11—Md. Annual Conf. Emanuel Cr. Ph.....	500.00
June	6—Md. Annual Conference Cal. Church, Va. Parsonage	300.00
	6—Md. Annual Conference Int. Edmondson Ave.....	500.00
	12—3rd National Bank Chestertown.....	8500.00
	21—Edmondson Ave. M. P. Church.....	200.00
	27—A. R. Lewis, Edmondson Ave. Church.....	30.00
July	1—Baker Watts. Co. Interest.....	2.50
	18—Edmondson Ave. Int. Eutaw Savings Bank.....	550.00
	27—Int. on Buttler Estate.....	150.00
Aug.	4—Md. Annual Conf. Cal. Va. Parsonage.....	300.00
	11—Layman Fund W. Balto. Church.....	10.00
	23—Edmondson Ave. M. P. Church—A. R. Lewis.....	60.00
Sept.	26—Md. Annual Conference Edmondson Ave. Church.....	500.00
Oct.	8—J. H. Baker Church Ex. Centenary Gift.....	500.00
	13—National Central Bank.....	8000.00
	31—Tioga Heights Church—Int. to Dec. 31-27.....	64.50
1928		
Jan.	3—Edmondson Ave. M. P. Church (Bernard Ridgely)....	45.00
	4—Chas. F. Cummins, Treas. Conf. Centenary Fund.....	270.00
	13—Chas. F. Cummins, Treas. Conf. Appropriation.....	500.00
	14—Frank D. Caulk (Layman's Fund).....	10.00
	18—Edmondson Ave. M. P. Church A. C. Gruber, Treas.....	100.00
		Carried Forward: \$22,733.76
Brought Forward: .....		22,733.76
1928		
Feb.	6—A. C. Gruber, Treas. Edmondson Ave. Church.....	100.00
	24—J. E. Leonard, Int., Butler Will Case.....	50.51
Mar.	13—A. C. Gruber, Treas. Edmondson Ave. Church.....	100.00
	15—Colonial Trust Co. Philadelphia, Pa. Balance due from Tioga Heights Church.....	607.50
Apr.	11—A. C. Gruber, Treas. Edmondson Ave. M. P. Church	282.50
	11—Chas. F. Cummins, Conf. Treas. Cent. Fund.....	270.00
	13—Chas. F. Cummins, Conf. Treas. Calvary Church Exp.	100.00
	13—Chas. F. Cummins, Conf. Treas. Taxes on Cent. Lot..	52.78
	30—Chas. F. Cummins, Conf. Treas. Calvary Church.....	150.00
	30—From note to Ella J. Martin.....	2000.00

	30—For Ft. Myer Heights Church from:	
	Daniel Baker, Jr.....	50.00
	J. P. Dodge.....	50.00
	C. Slater .....	25.00
	W. F. Chew.....	25.00
	Harry Gilbert .....	25.00
	J. R. Grinstead.....	5.00
	30—Int. from Fidelity Trust Co. for Deposits.....	180.00
		1.30
May	21—A. C. Gruber, Treas. Edmondson Ave. M. P. Church	200.00
June	18—J. H. Baker, Jr., Ft. Meyer Church.....	100.00
	29—John R. Grinstead (for Ft. Meyer Church).....	5.00
July	6—W. O. Atwood.....	10.00
	6—Chas F. Cummins, Conf. Treas. Cent. Lot.....	8150.00
	20—Edmondson Ave. Church—Int. on Mortgage.....	550.00
	20—Edmondson Ave. Church Principal Mortgage.....	1000.00
	20—Butler Will Estate—J. E. Leonard Ex.....	119.27
Aug.	27—W. C. Scott.....	25.00
	Total of Receipts.....	36,787.62
	Less Disbursements .....	36,762.69
	Balance .....	24.93

## DISBURSEMENTS:

1927		
Apr.	5—Elkton Trust Banking Co.....	30.00
	12—Henry Gilligan, Expense.....	7.50
	12—P. W. Crosby, Expense.....	4.50
	14—Carrol Maddox, Emmanuel Church.....	500.00
	16—Baker Watts Co.....	1000.00
	27—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
May	23—Eutaw Savings Bank.....	123.75
	23—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
June	9—McComas Krob Insley Co.—Bond.....	12.50
	12—Int. on Loan 3rd National Bank Chestertown.....	255.00
	15—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
	16—Wm. H. Kleinfelter—Balance on note.....	4000.00
	16—Wm. H. Kleinfelter—Interest on note.....	80.00
	16—National Central Bank Interest.....	103.33
	16—Ella Martin on Note.....	500.00
	16—Ella Martin 12 mon. Interest on note.....	90.00
	16—Ella Martin on Note.....	2000.00
	16—Ella Martin Int. on \$2,000.00 Note.....	156.66
	21—Edw. J. Turner.....	50.00
	21—Edw. J. Turner.....	2500.00
	27—Union National Bank West. Int.....	75.00
	30—Equitable Trust Co.....	3.00
July	15—Elkton Bank Trust Co.....	30.33
	27—E. A. Sexsmith, Exp.....	93.40
	30—Eutaw Savings Bank Int. on \$20,000.00 Note.....	550.00

	30—Stockton Press.....	12.00
	30—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
Aug.	15—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
	20—A. R. Lewis Int.....	60.00
Sept.	15—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
	28—Union National Bank Interest.....	75.00
	28—Rev. E. A. Sexsmith Expense.....	36.92
Oct.	1—Elkton Trust & Banking Co.....	30.66
	11—Henry Gilligan—Expenses .....	7.50
	13—Int. on Loan National Central Bank \$8,000.00.....	121.33
	13—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage.....	50.00
	14—District Title Ins. Co. Wash., D. C.....	7500.00
	14—District Title Ins. Co. Wash., D. C. Expense.....	39.85
	14—Howard Emmons Search Title.....	175.00
	14—United States Savings Bk. 1st Pay. on Wash. Lot and Expenses .....	507.50
	17—National Central Bk. Int. on \$5,000.00 Note.....	102.50
	22—E. A. Sexsmith .....	24.00

Carried Forward: 21,208.13

Brought Forward: 21,208.13

## 1927

Nov.	15—E. A. Sexsmith. Expenses.....	39.45
	15—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage Rent.....	50.00
	15—Henry Gilligan, Expense.....	2.50
	23—Eutaw Savings Bank, Int.....	123.75
Dec.	10—3rd National Bank Chestertown Md. Int. ....	255.00
	15—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage Rent.....	50.00
	30—Union National Bank Interest.....	75.00

## 1928

Jan.	3—Elkton Banking & Trust Co. Interest.....	30.66
	10—National Central Bank Int. Note Cent. Lot for \$8,000.00 .....	121.33
	14—Real Estate Trustee Inc. Int. on Cent. Lot Mortg., \$10,000.00 .....	150.00
	14—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage Rent.....	50.00
	18—Eutaw Savings Bank Int. on Edmondson Ave. Ch. Mortgage .....	550.00
Feb.	16—Henry Gilligan, Expenses .....	5.00
	17—National Central Bank Int. on \$5,000.00 Note.....	102.50
	25—J. W. Townsend, Parsonage Rent.....	50.00
Mar.	14—Arthur S. Richmond Account.....	5.00
	14—E. A. Sexsmith Exp.....	20.26
	18—Baker Watts and Co. Service Charge.....	1.00
	30—J. W. Townsend—Conf. App. for House Rent.....	50.00
	30—Harry Gilligan—Exp. to Bd. Meeting.....	2.50
	30—Union Nat. Bank—Int. on \$5,000.00 Note.....	75.00
	31—Collector Taxes D. C.—Taxes Centenary Ch. Lot.....	51.45

Apr.	5—Elkton Banking & Trust Co. Int. on \$2,000. Note for 3 months .....	30.33
	10—Nat. Central Bank—Int. on \$8,000. Note 3 mo. Cent. Lot .....	121.33
	11—Fidelity & Deposit Co. Bond for \$5,000 on Treas.....	12.50
	13—Real Est. Trustee Inc. Int. on \$10,000 Note Cent. Lot	150.00
	13—E. A. Sexsmith—Exp. to Supt.....	31.86
	17—J. W. Townsend—Conf. App. for House Rent.....	50.00
	30—Estate of A. K. Lewis—Principal on Note.....	2000.00
	30—Estate of A. K. Lewis Int. on note.....	83.00
	30—Ella J. Martin Int. on note.....	60.00
	30—Frank Follansbee—Ft. Meyers Heights Church.....	250.00
May	21—Eutaw Savings Bank—Int. on note.....	123.75
	26—J. W. Townsend—Conf. App. for House Rent.....	50.00
	29—E. A. Sexsmith—Exp. to Supt.....	22.36
June	11—Third Nat. Bank of Chestertown—Int. on note for Edmondson Ave. Church.....	255.00
	18—National Central Bank of Balto. interest on note for Edmondson Ave. Church .....	102.50
	18—J. W. Townsend—Conf. App. for House Rent.....	50.00
	30—Union Nat. Bank Westminster—Int. on note.....	75.00
	28—Frank Fallonsbee—Ft. Meyer Heights Church.....	217.50
	29—Equitable Trust Co.—Safe Deposit Box Rental.....	3.00
July	6—Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Int. on Mortg.....	30.33
	9—National Central Bank of Balto., Cent. Church Lot....	8000.00
	9—E. A. Sexsmith—Expenses .....	13.20
	13—Real Estate Trustee Inc. 3 mo. int. on note, Cent. Lot	150.00
	20—Eutaw Savings Bank—Mortg. on Edmondson Ave. Ch. ditto .....	Principal 1000.00
	Interest .....	550.00
	28—Harry Gilligan—Bd. Meeting Exp.....	2.50
Aug.	27—Central Fire Ins. Co.,—Ins. on Edmondson Ave. Ch....	160.00
	27—J. W. Townsend—2 mos. House Rent.....	100.00
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		\$36,762.69

## MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Mutual Relief Association met in the Methodist Protestant Church, Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 13, 1928. W. H. Litsinger, president in the chair.

The Secretary-Treasurer read his report which was adopted subject to audit.

The Executive Committee reported that the reason the new constitution and by-laws were not carried out was that the Group Insurance had taken the place of this fund and it was thought best for this association to work under previous rules.

Officers for ensuing conference year were elected as follows: President, W. H. Litsinger; First Vice-Pres., Louis Randall; Second Vice Pres., C. E. Dryden; Secretary-Treasurer, G. A. Ogg.

On motion of J. F. Bryan, a rising vote was given expressing appreciation of the efficient work of the Secretary-Treasurer.

The conference Committee on audit reported as follows:

Your committee has carefully examined the accounts of the secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Conference Mutual Relief Association and find them correct.

CHAS. M. KELSER, Committee.

## SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1927—September 1, 1928

### Financial

On hand April 1, 1927 for beneficiaries.....	\$301.00	
For expenses .....	37.00	
		<u>\$338.00</u>

### RECEIPTS—

Collected back cases, exp. fund.....	\$32.00	
Case 87 .....	2.00	
Case 88 .....	8.00	
		<u>42.00</u>
Total col. for exp. fund.....	\$42.00	
Received for beneficiaries, case 87 for 88.....	24.00	
Case 88 for 89.....	200.00	
Case 89 for 90.....	197.00	
Interest.....	6.48	
		<u>469.48</u>
		<u>\$807.48</u>

### EXPENDITURES—

April 20, 1927—To Mrs. Mather.....	\$46.00	
To Dr. Hanks.....	18.00	
To Mrs. Klein.....	12.00	
To J. M. Hoblitzel.....	30.00	
To Mrs. Nowlin.....	38.00	
To Dr. Litsinger.....	200.00	
To J. W. Gray heirs.....	200.00	
To rebinding Sec.-Treas. book, sta. and postage..	2.00	
To Daily Record Co., 100 postal card blanks.....	15.00	
		<u>561.00</u>
In National Central Savings Bank of Baltimore.....		<u>\$246.48</u>

## 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  
 Coleman, E. E. and wife  
 Crosby, P. W. and wife  
 Crouse, T. O. and wife  
 Cullum, C. M. and wife  
 Cummings, J. Earle and wife  
 Cushing, Mrs. Clara P.  
 Dawson, C. L.  
 Day, C. C.  
 Dearholt, M. E.  
 Dobson, C. H. and wife  
 Donovan, Avery  
 Donoway, W. A.  
 Dryden, C. E. and wife  
 Dudley, J. A. and wife  
 Eaton, J. G. and wife  
 Elderdice, J. L. and wife  
 Elderdice, H. L.  
 Ewell, A. W. and wife  
 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  
 Green, A. H. and wife  
 Green, J. Leas and wife  
 Greenfield, Mrs. Kate  
 Haddaway, G. W. and wife  
 Haddaway, L. E. and wife  
 Hanks, W. S.  
 Hill, G. J.  
 Hines, George and wife  
 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. Sarah R.  
 Jones, E. H.  
 Jones, Thomas C.  
 Judefind, W. B. and wife  
 Keen, H. O.  
 Keehner, Edw.  
 Kester, H. A.  
 Kindley, B. W. and wife  
 Kirk, J. W. and wife  
 Kirkley, E. T. and wife  
 Klein, Mrs. Mary E.  
 Leister, Guy E.  
 Lewis, T. H. and wife  
 Link, J. N.  
 Litsinger, Mrs. Adele C.  
 Litsinger, W. H.  
 Little, F. T. and wife  
 Lynch, J. H.  
 Makosky, E. C. and wife  
 Marker, J. Lee  
 Mather, Mrs. Sallie B.  
 McCaslin, C. K. and wife  
 McCready, Mrs. Mary C.  
 McKeawn, J. R.  
 Melvin, W. A. and wife  
 Mumford, W. C. and wife  
 Murphey, H. L. and wife  
 Mulligan, T. C. and wife  
 Neepier, Mrs. A. S.  
 Nichols, J. L. and wife  
 Nicholson, R. Y.  
 Nowlin, C. P. and wife  
 Ogg, G. A. and wife  
 Owens, I. S.  
 Parris, J. W.  
 Ports, G. W. and wife  
 Randall, L. C. and wife  
 Randall, Louis and wife  
 Raum, A. F. T. and wife  
 Read, E. T. and wife  
 Reynolds, F. D. and wife  
 Rice, P. L. and wife  
 Roberts, W. P. and wife  
 Robey, C. B.  
 Ross, G. S.  
 Ruley, B. F.  
 Sanders, W. B.  
 Sapp, R. W. and wife  
 Schauer, P. M. R. and wife  
 Schlincke, H. L. and wife  
 Schmeiser, Wm.  
 Sexsmith, E. A.  
 Shipley, R. L. and wife  
 Sheridan, J. M.  
 Simms, E. W. and wife

**Members Mutual Relief Association—Continued**

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.  
Townsend, J. W. and wife  
Trader, John A.  
Tredway, Mrs. Cornelia  
Trout, J. W.  
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  
Woodford, T. R. and wife  
Wright, J. A. and wife  
Wright, W. F. 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 (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 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

The meeting was called to order by Second Vice-President J. W. Kirk. The report of the Treasurer of the Society was read and accepted with thanks.

The following officers were elected: First Vice-President, J. W. Kirk; Second Vice-President, W. B. Judefind; Third Vice-President, C. K. McCaslin; Recording Secretary, J. A. Dudley; Corresponding Secretary, Louis Randall; 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, E. B. Fenby, E. J. Paige. Society Adjourned.

J. A. DUDLEY, 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 emergency fund for the year:
8. The Ministers of the Conference who have reached the age of 65, or have given 40 years of service in the ministry, requesting a superannuated relationship shall have the privilege of their request being voted upon without discussion. (See Resolution 8—Minutes of 1928).

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?

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer,  
In Account with

SUPERANNUATED FUNDSOCIETY

PERMANENT FUND

To balance per last Report.....	\$6,218.80	
To amounts received from Conference Treasurer:		
May 1, 1928.....	\$191.50	
July 16, 1928.....	24.50	
Aug. 16, 1928.....	26.50	242.50
		\$6,461.30
By amount invested per order of Board.....	\$4006.12	
By Balance .....	2455.18	\$6,461.30

INCOME ACCOUNT:

To Income from Investments to date.....	\$4586.55	
To Interest on deposit to June 30, 1928.....	45.37	\$4,631.92
By Interest paid Mary C. McCready.....	\$ 10.00	
By Interest paid Wm. H. Martin.....	20.00	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5.00	
By Treasurer's expense account .....	175.00	
By Recording Secretary's expense acct.....	2.75	
By amounts remitted to Conference		
Treasurer:		
July 18, 1928 .....	\$2500.00	
Check herewith for		
balance .....	1919.17 4419.17	\$4,651.92

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as per above statement. Income from Securities properly accounted for, and Securities deposited in Safe Deposit Box of the Society at the Baltimore Trust Company.

W. B. JUDEFIND,  
E. J. PAIGE,  
Auditing Committee.

# THE MEMORIAL ROLL

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"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day."—2 Tim. iv:7, 8.

Name	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 Alexander 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 McFeeley 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	Born	Entered		Died
		Conference		
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell .....	1865	1889		1908
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D. ....	1828	1853		1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D. ....	1836	1866		1909
John Bayley Jones .....	1833	1860		1909
Benjamin Parker Truitt .....	1861	1887		1910
Solomon Ashbury Hoblitzell .....	1836	1859		1911
John David Kinzer, D. D. ....	1841	1863		1911
William Sherman Phillips .....	1868	1889		1912
Herbert F. Wright .....	1866	1896		1912
Robert Semple Rowe .....	1832	1865		1912
Charles Smith Arnett .....	1852	1875		1913
Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D. ....	1854	1877		1913
James Ernest Litsinger .....	1879	1904		1913
Jacob Ezra Nicholson .....	1844	1881		1913
William James Dillon Lucas .....	1849	1873		1914
James Earle Maloy .....	1834	1859		1914
Charles Walter Sanderson .....	1879	1911		1914
George Roberts McCreedy .....	1850	1880		1915
John Carter Poston .....	1833	1913		1916
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens .....	1866	1895		1916
Robert Thomas Tyson .....	1867	1908		1916
Thomas H. Wright .....	1840	1895		1916
Silas Baldwin Tredway, D. D. ....	1846	1872		1917
David Lee Greenfield, D. D. ....	1848	1868		1917
John Lee Straughn .....	1848	1870		1917
George Robert Hodge .....	1862	1889		1917
Edwin Oliver Ewing .....	1851	1884		1917
Joseph Augustus Weigand .....	1847	1874		1918
Charles William Cole .....	1837	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
William N. Sherwood .....	1876	1900		1926
Augustus Webster Mather .....	1845	1866		1926
Frederick C. Klein, A. M., D. D. ....	1857	1879		1926
Charles Price Nowlin, B. D. ....	1864	1893		1926
Wm. S. Simms .....	1849			1926
James William Gray .....	1840	1861		1928



# OBITUARIES

## REV. JAMES WILLIAM GRAY

Rev. James William Gray, son of John and Lydia Gray, was born in Lancaster County, Pa. on the 12th day of March 1840, and entered the spiritual world April 1st, 1928. Brother Gray had the conviction in his youth that his mission in this world was to preach the Gospel, consequently in March 1861 he presented himself before the Maryland Annual Conference, of The Methodist Protestant Church, and asked to be received as an itinerant preacher. His request was granted, and in March 1863 he was ordained an elder in that body where he served faithfully, and efficiently until advanced age made it necessary for him to accept a superannuated relation in his conference. In November 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Joanna E. Foster, a most estimable young lady of Baltimore County, Maryland, who survives her beloved and honored husband. The married life of Brother and Sister Gray, was ideal and happy. They were congenially suited to each other, and hence lived and worked harmoniously and successfully together in the service of the Master. Brother Gray made no mistake in his choice of a wife, for Mrs. Gray was as popular among the parishioners and as devoted to all the interests of the church, as was her consecrated husband. Five children were born into their home, each increasing its happiness, and adding to its importance as a home. William (the eldest) full of ambition and determination has made for himself an enviable reputation in the business world, being assistant manager of the Texas Oil Company, with offices in New York City. Emery, is a successful business man and contractor in Brooklyn, Md. He is a devoted member of the church of his parents, and is frequently chosen to represent Brooklyn at the annual conference. Stella, (Mrs. Williams) is the popular and efficient head of the Brooklyn post-office, a station of Baltimore City. Clinton, died in Philadelphia while his father was pastor of St. Luke's in that city. Edgar, (the youngest) is with his oldest brother in the employ of The Texas Oil Company. Thus is this sainted father honored in his children, and they have brought honor to themselves by walking in the ways of their godly parents. Brother Gray is survived by two sisters, viz—Mrs. Mary C. Seward, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cann, both of Wilmington, Del.

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### FROM J. M. SHERIDAN

My acquaintance with brother Gray dates back to the spring of 1875, when he became pastor of Baltimore Circuit and moved to Towson. At the same time I was received into the Maryland Conference and appointed assistant pastor of Howard Circuit. Baltimore Circuit had been without a regular pastor for most of the previous conference year and I vividly recall with what interest and joy Brother Gray was received at the first Sunday service of Towson Church. He soon found a place in the hearts of his parishioners which he held, not only during the term of his pastorate, but through subsequent years.

He was a frequent visitor at my father's home. The entire family held him in high esteem. Later he conducted the funeral obsequies of the members of the family as the family circle was again and again broken by death.

Brother Gray was a man of unblemished christian character and beautiful spirit. He held the confidence of all with whom he was associated. He was a very effective evangelical preacher of the Word. His exposition of the scriptures was always clear and forceful, and presented with a warmth of spirit that deeply impressed his hearers. I am thankful for my association with this man of God, and wish to express my appreciation of the Christian affection which existed between us for so many years. He was faithful to every trust committed to him and after a long and useful life has entered upon his eternal reward.

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BY GEORGE F. FARRING

For fifty seven years Brother Gray was to me a friend of great worth. He was my pastor for two years and took a special interest in my spiritual welfare. His blessed and loving ministrations were very helpful and I feel that I owe Brother Gray a debt of gratitude I can never repay.

As a pastor he was faithful, he knew how to minister to the sick, comfort the bereaved and enter into the sympathies and feelings of his people and in the true spirit of Christ lead them into the glorious experience and work the gospel enjoins.

Brother Gray served Brooklyn Church three times as pastor and each time was successful. He won the esteem and affection of the people and had a host of friends here who were attached to him by the strongest ties. His godly life, his genial and kindly nature made it pleasant to be with him.

When Brother Gray retired, he located in Brooklyn, he was loyal to this church and to the pastor and engaged in the activities of the local church when health would permit.

He was called upon to preach on Anniversary occasions of the churches he had served and to hold prayer meetings or experience meetings. These were seasons of refreshing.

For several years he was invited to preach at Linthicum Heights church on the occasion of the anniversary of his entrance into the Conference. The people looked forward to these sermons and were greatly blessed.

Brother Gray knew how to reach the hearts of people. The great revival of Brooklyn in 1921 began by Brother Gray making an appeal after the sacramental service; six men were converted. It was an occasion of great joy; the meeting continued until over one hundred souls were converted.

Two weeks before his departure he informed me that he was longing to go home. He talked of the heavenly home and of the loved ones there and said, "I am ready."

## FROM H. O. KEEN, Pastor.

Rev. J. W. Gray was one of the outstanding men of our Conference. I can vividly recall the impression he made upon me, thirty-three years ago, when I with fear and trembling stood before the conference seeking admission.

There were two men that deeply impressed me, Rev. W. J. Floyd and Rev. J. W. Gray. They were the young preacher's friends, and they took the trouble and interest to let you know it. My, how I appreciated their friendliness. But I never was in close touch with Brother Gray until I was his pastor. Here, we were near neighbors, living in easy calling distance. I saw him nearly every day, and never any change in his interest in me, from the first time I met him as an examiner in the Conference course.

The same sympathetic and charitable friend. It has always been a source of great embarrassment to stand before ministers. Somehow I get unduly nervous when I speak before my brethern but there was something about dear Brother Gray that helped you to preach, rather than hindered you. I don't know how well I preach, but I do know that I always preached with greater freedom, when Brother Gray was sitting at my side. We always felt he was earnestly praying for us. He was regular in his attendance upon Divine worship. We looked for his coming, and when his sainted form was seen slowly coming down the aisle, and seating himself on the platform, he brought with him a spirit of worship and Holy reverence. We often called upon him to dismiss the congregation, and in the spirit of the service he would preface the benediction with an earnest prayer, lifting us all a little nearer heaven and God. On the day of the opening of the new Sunday School building Brother Gray was given the honor of preaching the first sermon. His message was clear, forceful and in the power of the Spirit; reading the scripture without glasses and preaching without manuscript or notes. It was my privilege to be near him in his last illness. We hardly felt he was going to leave us. He seemingly had been much iller before; yet he seemed to think that his race was about run. We were with him just a day before he left. Seemed better, he was sitting up in bed, reading the paper, his mind clear and memory alert. Upon leaving, we bowed in prayer, and prayed the best we could for a dear friend we loved. We took him by the hand, and he said to me, "If I don't see you here again, I will see you up There. Preach the Word. Its all right." We could not doubt it. It was not long after that, that the dear Lord came down and sweetly and tenderly rocked that weary, tired body to sleep, and bore his faithful spirit to the Home-Land. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yet saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14:13.

Brother William J. Brewer, 664 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C., a most intimate friend of Brother Gray for fifty years, and a member of the obituary committee, sends the following tribute: "I have known Brother Gray for fifty years, and the opinions I formed of him in our early acquaintance, and the impressions he made on me in my boyhood have not

been changed, but they have been strengthened. These opinions, and impressions, were something like this, he was my ideal of a real man, and he was what I considered a faithful pastor and preacher. The thoughts of his sermons were interesting and instructive to me, and the admiration I had for him soon gave him a place in my heart, and I realized that I was his friend, and was proud to own him as my friend. On account of our mutual regard for each other I found it very pleasant to be often at the parsonage, and there I learned to know the man of God whom I admired better. I found him to be a devoted husband, and a loving father. A boy has a keen observation, and among the things I observed in the domestic life of Brother Gray, was his cheerfulness, as husband and father.

"As a preacher Brother Gray's sermons were instructive and inspiring, and I never heard him preach one of an uncertain sound. The Bible to him was God's Word and therefore he preached it as such. He also regarded himself as God's servant, and evinced that conviction in the life he lived. I am not surprised as I now put these things together in the man who was my pastor of former years, that I felt my religious strength increase under his ministry. The greatest testimony given to any preacher that I have ever known, was given to Brother Gray, viz—that of being called to serve two pastorates in two places, and three in another. This shows the esteem in which he was held by the people.

"An old clipping from a historical sketch of First Church, Washington, D. C., reads as follows: 'Rev. J. W. Gray has the honor of serving this charge in a second pastorate after an interval of fourteen years.' He was in labors abundant in both of these pastorates, and won a place in the hearts of the people second to none. He is widely known, and beloved by the people of southeast Washington. 'Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord, they rest from their labors, and their works, follow them.'"

Rev. H. B. Jester, a former pastor of Brooklyn charge, writes somewhat after the following manner. "I esteem it a great honor to have been Rev. J. W. Gray's pastor for five years. It was my pleasure to be in his home many times, and he always greeted me with brotherly affection, and cheerfulness. My life is better, and richer, because of his friendship, and advice. To say that our brother was a perfect man would not be true, but to say that he was a man of 'faith, hope and love' in the christian sense, is the whole truth. Brother Gray was a man of large christian influence in the church and in the community. No one questioned his integrity, and this made him a tower of strength as a pastor.

"As a preacher, he was thoughtful, clear, and convincing, and his life demonstrated that he believed in the Gospel he preached. He was popular and magnetic as a preacher, and people were glad of the privilege of hearing him preach when the opportunity presented itself. Brother Gray, was a Bible student, and was fond of using Scriptural texts in social conversation to the edification of those with whom he conversed. He had a wonderful retentive memory, and preached best when he depended upon the function of the Spirit, and his good memory. It may be said, that he was active to the last, having preached a most helpful sermon only a few weeks before his decease, without the use of a note. We look in the places where

we have been accustomed to see him, but he is not there, for God hath taken him. "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also." And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself."

J. W. TROUT,  
J. W. SHERIDAN,  
G. H. FARRING,  
H. O. KEEN,  
H. B. JESTER,  
W. J. BREWER,  
F. C. STOLL,  
CLAUDE THOMAS,  
WM. DUMPHY.

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MRS. RACHEL ANNIE LUCAS

Mrs. Rachel Annie Lucas, the widow of our honored brother, Rev. W. J. D. Lucas, for many years a member of the Maryland Annual Conference, died September 30, 1927, in Denton, Md., at her home. She was born October 5th, 1859.

A year ago she suffered many months with a severe attack of rheumatism. When she recovered from this illness, she was left weak, and uncertain as to her health, but as the summer drew on, she became much improved, and was able to frequently attend church, both Sundays and week days. Very suddenly however, and to the shock of the community, she was attacked with trouble of the heart, from which she never rallied, and after a few days passed out of life.

Her maiden name was Rachel Annie Fluharty, She was married to W. J. D. Lucas on the 19th of March, 1879, immediately upon the close of the Conference session, held in Centerville, by Rev. S. B. Southerland, D.D.

She was living at Grove, Caroline County at the time she met and married Brother Lucas, and lived there as a bride in the parsonage. Six children were born of this marriage: Lelia, Mrs. Anna Fisher Smith, both of whom live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and a son, Bates, of Owasso Michigan. The other three children died.

Mrs. Lucas was a helpmeet in six charges of the Conference, and shared with her husband the work of his churches. When her husband retired from the active work of the pastorate because of ill health, Denton was made their home in 1898. For sixteen years, she tenderly cared for him, and never a word of complaint ever passed her lips as to any strain put upon her. Her home was often the resort of young life, and many a joyous and happy word might to-day be spoken by certain ones who partook of her hospitality and the cheerful opening of her home. The universal tribute of the people of Denton is that she was happy and joyous in nature, never finding fault, never complaining, always helping and always cheerful. Warm friends were made in the town, and deep sorrow was felt over her illness and death. Funeral services were held in the home in Denton

conducted by the pastor and Dr. T. O. Crouse. Her burial was in Denton cemetery.

Rev. C. E. Dryden writes as follows: "I am very glad of the opportunity to add a small tribute of praise to sister Lucas. I knew her and Brother Lucas intimately during my two years in the pastorate of Denton. I think I can safely say that sister Lucas was to me the most patient and kindhearted woman that I have ever known. At the time of my pastorate there, the children were small, and Brother Lucas was practically an invalid, and required laborious attention at times, both night and day, and yet, I never saw her otherwise than cheery and in a good mood. She was exceptionally a good woman, a good mother, a good wife. It is a cherished thought that I will meet Sister Lucas in Heaven some day."

Rev. H. W. D. Johnson expresses himself in the following: "I first met Mrs. Lucas in 1896 the year before the building of a Methodist Protestant Church in Denton. During that year and the two following years, I spent much time in the Lucas home. Living those years over again, as I sometimes do, I am impressed with the strength of the ties which bound together the little band who had it in their hearts to build a church in Denton. Just what the friendship and hospitality of the Lucas family meant to me and my associate, Brother C. E. Dryden, cannot be expressed in words. If, as the Master has said "the truly great are those who minister," that same Master has said of Sister Lucas, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Rev. T. O. Crouse, D.D., writes this tribute: "Although I had met Mrs. Lucas casually some years before, my real acquaintance with her began when I became pastor of Denton Charge, in the spring of 1915. Through the five years of my pastorate I had opportunity to observe her life in the church, the home, and the community. One can scarcely speak too highly of her excellent character and genuine worth in all the relations of life. In the church she was loyal and deeply interested; never a leader, she was an efficient and faithful helper, and one so amiable and pleasant that it was never difficult to find a place and co-workers for her. In the home she was industrious and self-sacrificing, giving of her best to her children and setting them an example of unostentatious but consistent piety, that they cherish as a precious memory. Her home though modest in its appointments, was always attractive because of its neatness, and especially because of the cordiality and cheerfulness of her greeting to her visitors. Few ladies in the community had more friends than she; and I have seldom visited her home without finding one or more callers enjoying her quiet and unaffected hospitality. Speaking to one of her most intimate friends I asked for one word or one sentence that would fittingly describe her character, and the answer was, "Kindness." She was kind to all, having a pleasant smile and word for all, and never speaking ill of anyone. Summing up all in one sentence: She was a good woman, loved in life by all who knew her and remembered with tender affection by her neighbors and church associates.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust,"  
 Calmly now the words we say,  
 Left behind we wait in trust  
 For the Resurrection Day,  
 Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
 Leave me now Thy servant sleeping."

Mr. T. Pliny Fisher writes the following: "I knew Mrs. Lucas intimately for many years, and she was one of the most lovable women I ever knew. Life was not always sunshine with her, but she was the personification of cheerfulness ever showing the bright smile, and forgetting self for her loved ones. She gladly bore all her own burdens as well as sharing largely those of husband and children. Quiet, retiring, unassuming, yet everybody loved her."

J. W. KIRK,  
 T. O. CROUSE,  
 C. E. DRYDEN,  
 H. W. D. JOHNSON,  
 T. PLINY FISHER.

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#### MRS. AMELIA CAROLINE LITSINGER

In the northern part of Anne Arundel county, Maryland, in the old homestead where her father was born, Amelia Caroline Litsinger first saw the light of this world November 26, 1850.

**Childhood.** The child was well bred. The Hawkins homestead was associated with the highest traditions of state and the holiest records of the church. William and Leah Hawkins bequeathed to their daughter a legacy of memory and influence "one well might wish to hold in fee." For many years her father held the honorable and responsible position of a Judge of the Orphans' Court of his native county. He recognized his duties to God as well as to Caesar, as illustrated by his long and prominent membership in the Holly Run Methodist Church, one of our first denominational monuments—still standing and honored by yearly pilgrimages. The oldest ministers of the Maryland Conference remember well his frequent appearances in that body as the delegate from his local church and his loyal speaking and voting for the highest welfare of all the churches in the district. Not strange that under such religious training the daughter early in life entered into fellowship with the church of her father and in that fellowship grew into beautiful Christian womanhood.

**Wifehood.** Reared in a home whose hospitality was extended to all classes, but especially to itinerant preachers, she had rare opportunity to meet many ambassadors of Christ and by the time she was nineteen years of age she had the wisdom to select as her husband Rev. W. D. Litsinger and their marriage was celebrated March 16, 1869. During the more than half century they lived together as man and wife many a parsonage was the scene of the unflinching faith, the constant love and the efficient service of this devoted helpmate of one of our most beloved ministers who entered

the Heavenly Home about five years before her arrival. The Mistress of the Manse played so well the role of hostess to her parishioners, her friends, and even strangers, that all who tarried at her fireside bear glad witness to a friendship unsurpassed—tender, systematic, loyal, and hospitable; and they unite in their tribute to her quiet, unassuming manner and her character so gentle, refined and Christ-like.

**Motherhood.** Beautiful in girlhood, lovely in wifehood, her greatest contribution to the highest welfare of her fellows was in the role of mother. Her eight children have meant much, still mean much and shall forever mean much to all whom they have touched. Two daughters survive: Mrs. E. E. Coles, Jr., and Miss Miriam, both of Baltimore. In the same city remains a son, Arlington L. Another son, Vernon L., is a practicing physician of Farnham, Virginia. Another son was once a physician but is now in the presence of The Great Physician. And there is the unique record of three sons entering the ministry; J. Ernest, now reaping his reward in The Church Triumphant; R. Stanley, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Mt. Washington, Baltimore, and William H., pastor of the North Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore. To look upon two sons ministering to the bodies and three sons ministering to the souls of men must have been comforting and ample compensation for all her pain, patience, toil and sacrifice in mothering them. Not only do her sons and daughters know that in her home she reigned a queen, but all who crossed her threshold learned and appreciated the sway of her gentle scepter. Her mother heart was a refuge for all in temptation, doubt and sorrow. Her devotion, industry and unflinching resourcefulness in every hour of need were a marvel even to those who knew her best and loved her most. Like Samuel and Timothy praising Hannah and Eunice, so "her children shall arise and call her blessed."

April 16, 1927, from her home in Roland Park, Baltimore, she passed on to greet those of her family circle who had preceded her to the Heavenly Mansions, and there she will welcome those who follow.

H. L. ELDERDICE,  
 F. T. LITTLE,  
 J. M. SHERIDAN,  
 MRS. HAMPTON JOHNS,  
 H. C. STALEY,  
 J. W. CHAPMAN, JR.

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#### MRS. LIDA HUBBARD ANSTINE

Mrs. Lida Hubbard Anstine, was born near Chateau, Dorchester County, Maryland, January 24th, 1864, and passed into the spiritual world from Madison, Dorchester County, Md., June 1st, 1927.

Her parents were the late William T. and Fannie Hubbard, honored citizens of Dorchester County, Maryland. She is survived by one brother (Mr. O. W. Hubbard) of East New Market, Md. Mrs. Anstine was the mother of seven children, two of whom were gathered into the visible



presence of the heavenly Father, in their infancy, while five with their beloved and honored father, are still sojourning in this present world. Hammond and Quitman (the two sons) are residents of Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Clarence Higgins (the eldest daughter) resides in Vienna, Dorchester County, Md. Mrs. Richard Harris (the second daughter) is a resident of East Falls Church, Va., while Miss Clementine (the youngest) lives with her father in Madison. The popularity of Brother Anstine's pastoral life was largely due to the efficiency and congeniality of the woman whom he chose for his wife. These characteristics combined with her loving nature, and patient spirit, made the home happy, and the parsonage popular. Every one in the parish enjoyed visiting the parsonage.

Mrs. Carrie L. Robinson, of Madison, Dorchester County, Md., a member of the committee, writes, "I deem it a sacred duty to pay this tribute to my dear friend Mrs. Anstine. She was a lady of exalted christian character, a follower of Him who said, 'Learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart.' Mrs. Anstine, for a number of years, was a great sufferer because of impaired health, but notwithstanding this fact, she was always the same loving wife, the same devoted mother, and the same true friend; she was also the same consistent christian. When suffering the intense paroxysms of pain to which she was subject, a shadow might overspread her countenance, but no word of complaint or murmuring was ever heard from her lips. Her life was patient and exemplary while she dwelt among us in the flesh, and now that the Lord has promoted her to a place in the spiritual world, her memory will always be a beacon to loved ones, and those who knew here here."

The following is the tribute of Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, of Riverdale, Md. I first knew Mrs. Anstine, as Miss Lida C. Hubbard, of East New Market, Md., when I was pastor of Dorchester Circuit. She frequently visited the parsonage, which at that time was situated in East New Market. She was a bright sweet girl of sixteen years, full of life and sunshine and we were always delighted to have her as our guest. She began her educational career at Wesleyan Seminary in Wilmington, Del., and while a student there was converted, and united with Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. During my pastorate on Dorchester Circuit, I received her into the membership of Shiloh Methodist Protestant Church. I also accompanied her to Westminster, Md., where she matriculated as a student in Western Maryland College. On the 28th of October, 1884, in Broadway Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore, Md., I united her and Rev. D. W. Anstine of the Maryland Annual Conference, in Holy matrimony. That was forty-three years ago, and through all of these years our families have lived in the closest bonds of loving friendship. Mrs. Anstine was a splendid woman, quiet in disposition, and some what retiring in manner, but whole-hearted, and hospitable to a wonderful degree. Guests in her home were made to feel, that it was a real pleasure for her to have been there, and especially was this so with the preachers of the Maryland Conference. She was a woman of noble spirit, gentle as the evening zephyrs that rock the roses to sleep. She has gone from her earthly home which she graced so beautifully and well, to the heavenly mansion prepared for her by her Lord; she has crossed over to the other

side and there awaits the coming of her loved ones. We are accustomed to say "good night," to loved ones here, but I thank God that when we meet loved ones on the other side, it will be "good morning," for "there is no night there." Her departure was peaceful, and full of trust. Those watching by the bed side saw her eyelids close gently as to a night's repose like flowers at set of sun.

"Sweet it will be in that beautiful land,  
So free from all sorrow and pain,  
With songs on our lips and joy in our hearts,  
To meet one another again."

Bro. A. E. Tull, of Marion Station, Md., says, "I was most favored to know Mrs. D. W. Anstine, to be intimately acquainted with her was to learn her true value. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also praiseth her."

Rev. Leonard B. Smith, A. M., D. D., pastor of Peninsula Methodist Protestant Church, Wilmington, Del., says, "I have known Mrs. Anstine practically all my life. Her father, and my father were close neighbors, and most intimate friends. From my earliest childhood memories, I glean the impression made on me by this quiet christian woman. Her devotion to her family, her gentle disposition, and her evenness of temperament, with her good life through all the years, have made me think of her as one of the faithful witnesses of Christ, of whom the church would be greatly profited, if there were many more."

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MRS. W. S. SIMMS

Mrs. W. S. Simms was the widow of the late William S. Simms, one of our own beloved ministers of the gospel. For some years she was a most loyal, active, efficient and spiritual member of Starr Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Maryland, as well as a warm personal friend of the pastor. Also she was a great President of the Ladies' Aid Society. The people loved to work with her and follow her leadership.

After a brief illness she passed from the church on earth to the church in glory on March 21, 1928. She was well prepared to go. Her funeral was conducted by the writer the third day after death and in the midst of a great display of floral designs and a house filled to the limit with friends and loved ones, all as the sincerest expression of friendship and love. To her children we extend our warmest sympathy and

commend them to the God of their parents for guidance and power to keep them until all shall meet in Heaven.

Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., a former pastor, has the following to say, "Forty-two years ago, on the twenty-second of last April, I received Mrs. W. S. Simms into the membership of the Broadway Methodist Protestant Church. She immediately entered into all the social, financial, and devotional activities of the Church and the few surviving members of that day still hold her in grateful memory.

"When her husband, Rev. W. S. Simms, whom I received into the Broadway membership the same day his wife joined, started the Burke Street Mission, she was deeply interested in that enterprise and rejoiced with him that I received from their fold 29 members to add to the Broadway roll of members.

"When he joined the ranks of itinerant preachers in the Maryland Conference, she became his associate pastor in every good word and work. As wife and mother, friend and helper, her name is still held in high esteem on all the charges where she lived, loved and labored. Her children have the rich legacy of blessed memories of what she was and what she accomplished."

Rev. F. T. Benson, D.D., adds the following: "Mrs. W. S. Simms was a woman of indefatigable energy. She knew no weariness in well-doing. She was full of the sunlight of a Christian life, and had a word of cheer to every pilgrim she met along the way. As a pastor's wife she was ideal. She entered heartily into all the affairs of the church over which her husband presided. She was the mother of a large family and they loved her with a heart's devotion. A strong, sunny, pious woman she was, and has left the imprint of her gracious service upon the world out of which she has gone."

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MRS. WALTER R. GRAHAM

Mrs. Walter R. Graham was born Sarah Matilda Smith, in Kent county, Maryland, June 22, 1852, married to Rev. Walter A. Graham in Chestertown, Md., September 30, 1875, took up the life of an itinerant's career, and followed it faithfully and successfully for nearly forty-five years, and died at the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Dale Atkins, in Salisbury, Md., June 24th, 1928, a widow for eight years. She leaves three sons, Walter M. Graham of York, Pa., Harold G. Graham, of New York City, and J. Newell Graham, of Baltimore, and two daughters, Mrs. Colonel Manley, of Chicago, and Mrs. E. Dale Atkins, of Salisbury, Md., and a large circle of friends to mourn her departure.

Mrs. Graham was peculiarly adapted to be a Methodist preacher's wife. A bright, active intelligence, and a remarkable social habit, made her a delightfully agreeable personality. She was one of those successful pastor's assistants, not always found in preachers' wives. For although bearing and raising six children, she found time and pleasure in interesting herself in the homes of her people. She changed her home twelve times in her itinerancy of forty years, and it is safe to say that no pastorate ever saw her move away without regret. She was deeply pious, and of that practical sort which delighted in the Church work of the ordinary Christian. She was one of the most regular attendants upon the services of the Church, and brought up her children to a like regularity. And of those whom God gave here she lost not one.

At last, after seventy-six years, she rests from her labors, and her works do follow her. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The two ministers joined with me in preparing this obituary by appointment of the President of the Conference, both of whom knew her intimately through long years, Rev. J. W. Trout, D.D., and Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, add, each a tribute of their own, and the three laymen, each representing a pastorate she served, adopt these expressions of love and esteem as their own.

Dr. J. W. Trout says:

"I became acquainted with this excellent lady about fifty years ago, and our friendship increased as the years multiplied. Many times have I enjoyed the welcome of her hospitable home, for she was the wife of my ministerial "chum," and always did her part in making my visits welcome and happy. Mrs. Graham was a superior woman: congenial christian principles constituted her personality, and made her a proper companion for the man whom God had called to preach the Gospel. She was religious in disposition, exemplary in words and acts, and moral in her influence. Her friendship was enjoyable, because there was so much of what we call "heart" in it. She was the product of an honored family on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, whose custom it was to spare neither attention nor expense in making its guests comfortable, and happy. From this home she inherited the art of entertainment as a hostess, and there are many that can testify how splendidly and graciously she maintained the tenets of her inheritance. But hospitality was not her greatest grace. She was a preacher's wife, and as such filled her position with remarkable ability, both in the parsonage, and in the parish. Her devotion to the interests of the church, was both sincere, and wise, and consequently was respected, and appreciated by the membership. Mrs. Graham was a prudent and loving mother, and the devotion she gave her children makes it easy for them to rise up and call her blessed.

Rev. G. Q. Bacchus writes thus:

"I have known Mrs. W. R. Graham from childhood. We were both born and reared in Chestertown. Playmates, school mates, both of us were converted under the ministry of Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, Chestertown, during a great Revival and joined the church at the same time. It was my great pleasure to introduce

her to Rev. W. R. Graham who was at the time associate pastor of Kent circuit. She sometime afterward became the bride of Dr. Graham. Mrs. Graham had a sunny disposition and carried sunshine and happiness wherever she went. She was a born optimist. Always looked on the bright side of life's picture. It was a delight to be entertained in her hospitable house. She was kind and gracious and made everyone feel welcome. I am glad she lived to a green old age. Some of us now are in "the sere and yellow leaf" and it will not be long before we will "step down from the stage of action." Manhood looks forth with cheerful glance, time steadily flies the oar while old age calmly waits to hear, the keel upon the shore." "I cannot say, and will not say, That she is dead, she is just away." She has just gone home. I am glad to pay this tribute of respect to my life long personal friend whose spirit was as gentle as the evening, perhaps that rocks the roses to sleep."

Mr. W. E. Sheppard adds this note of appreciation:

"My acquaintance with Mrs. Graham began in the spring of 1909 when her husband, Dr. Graham, was appointed pastor of Bethesda Church, Salisbury. Their stay here was for a period of three years, and during this time we came to know Mrs. Graham both in the church and at the parsonage.

Mrs. Graham made and kept friends. Congenial, cheerful, cultured, she made a lasting impress on those who came within her circle, both in the home and in the parish. Devoted as a mother, as a preacher's wife, loyal to the interest of the charge, winsome as a friend, she is remembered and honored in this community by those who came to know her nearly twenty years ago.

A daughter, Jessie, having married and settled in Salisbury, Mrs. Graham became a frequent visitor here after Dr. Graham moved from this charge. Always she was welcomed by many friends. It was here that her last illness and death came—she went "to be with Christ which is better."

Of her we can say, respected in life and honored in memory."

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A RICH CHURCH

REV. T. O. CROUSE, D. D.

But thou art rich.—Rev. 2:9.

This is Christ's testimonial to a church. Few, if any, of my hearers need be told that it is found in the message the risen and glorified Son of Man sent by His servant John to the church at Smyrna, one of the seven churches of Asia Minor. There is a world of meaning in this short sentence. It was certainly high and blessed commendation, and especially significant and precious because it came from Him who judges righteous judgment.

We are familiar with the phrase "a rich church" and its antithesis, "a poor church." We hear these designations and descriptions applied to different churches again and again. And we have quite definite ideas as to what men mean when they speak of rich and poor churches. They mean that in the membership or constituency of one church there are men and women possessed of substantial material wealth; men and women who can give large sums of money for the support of the organization and for any enterprise or benevolence in which that church wishes to engage. Men's estimate of "a rich church" is based upon the financial resources or the social standing of its constituency. On the other hand a church is styled poor if its members are few, its financial resources meager and its members come from the humble and obscure classes of society. But we know this could not have been the basis of Christ's encomium of this church in Smyrna. A glance at the context settles that. Let me read the entire verse from which the text is taken. "I know thy works and tribulation and poverty"; then comes the blessed parenthesis, "but thou art rich." The church in Smyrna was a little church, oppressed, trampled upon and, judged by human standards, destitute and powerless. As its name implies, it was the church of myrrh, or bitterness. Its history was one of tribulation and bitter persecution; its trials and sufferings arose from two sources, from blaspheming Jews and intolerant pagans.

The fact is, all the churches of that period in the Christian era were poor in material or worldly wealth, and were gathered from the humble and obscure ranks of society. There were few, if any, aristocrats or social leaders among them. They were mainly people from the peasant class—craftsmen, small tradesmen, slaves, and for the most part social nobodies. You will recall that memorable passage from the First Epistle to the Church in Corinth, in which Paul portrays the personnel of the church: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God chose the foolish things of the world, that He might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that He might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world, and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are; that no flesh should glory before God."

Manifestly we must look to other qualities and characteristics than material wealth and high social rank and prestige for the basis of Christ's testimonial and tribute to this church in Smyrna. And this suggests the theme for our present meditations and inquiry: What constitutes a rich church, and is ours one?

Speaking in this presence and in this centennial year of our denominational history, and at the opening of the one hundredth session of our Conference, I cannot refrain from a brief reference to the Methodist Protestant Church. I shall attempt no historical sketch, and content myself with but a glance at our distinct governmental polity. Others far better qualified than I have in recent months given to the Church and the world a resume of the history and achievements of our Church during the one hundred years of its existence. But thinking of our Methodist Protestant Church in the light of my text, I make bold to say that in some important respects it is unquestionably a rich church.

1. It is peculiarly rich in its governmental principles and ideals. Quoting the language of Bishop McConnell, "Out of the French Revolution which set the cause of human welfare ahead by a vast stride, came the watchword, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Out of the American Civil War came another compelling word, "Government of the people, by the people and for the people." The principles embodied in these memorable sayings finds fullest concrete expression in the elementary principles and constitution of our church. "Liberty." All the liberty a conscientious and God-fearing man can rightfully desire is secured to him in this Church. One of the elementary principles of our Church is, every man has the inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow men. What greater liberty can any man desire or claim. Methodist Protestants are loyal to the Bible and devoutly recognize it as the ultimate rule of faith and conduct; but they stand squarely upon the great Protestant principles of liberty in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. We are not free-thinkers, in the sense in which that term is usually understood; but we are seekers after the truth; we welcome light from whatever quarter it may come. We recognize that the truth of God is one thing, and man's mode of viewing and presenting it is another. Therefore, while holding with tenacity all that God has clearly revealed, we hold with a loose grasp "the doctrines and commandments of men." There are no doubt differences of opinion among us about certain phases of truth, but not such antagonistic views as interfere with the unity of the Spirit or weaken the bonds of our fellowship in Christ Jesus. e. g. Some may read the Genesis story of creation with an absolutely literal interpretation and believe that God made the world in six literal days of twenty-four each; others believe that He made the world in six indefinite periods of millions of years each. But I know no man among us who does not believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. Some may believe that God created man by an act of supernatural intervention, forming his body literally of the dust of the ground, much as a human artist might produce an image or statue of clay, breath-

ing into his nostrils the breath of life; others may believe that He created man by an evolutionary process, bringing him up through all the lower forms of life; but I know no man among us who does not devoutly acknowledge God as the former of our bodies and the Father of our spirits. We all agree that we came from God, and, with Augustine, we believe that God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Him. We live in the spirit of the noble motto, "In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity."

Along with this principle of liberty is the law of equality. Not only are all elders in the Church equal in all the rights and privileges of the office, but every adult layman and lay-woman has the right to vote and be represented in every Church meeting, from the local gatherings regulating the affairs of individual congregations up to the Annual and General Conferences, dealing with the larger interests of the denomination and making laws for the government of the entire Church. There is no official position from which the humblest member or minister is debarred by constitutional restriction, and there is no officer who holds his position with a life tenure. I know that all this is so familiar to your ears as to be almost trite, and some may wonder that I have given it a place in this address. But I do not need to do more than remind you that when our fathers conceived these democratic ideals of church government and sought to incorporate them in the organic law of the Church they loved and labored for, they were counted as revolutionists, schismatics, disturbers of the peace of the Church, dreamers and defamers of the ministry, and so abnoxious to the ruling powers of their day that they were driven from the Church "as the only method left to extirpate a movement which it was found logically impossible to meet." I have no disposition to revive memories of the sharp controversies out of which emerged the Methodist Protestant Church; and certainly I would say nothing that can interrupt the fraternal and cordial relations that exist today between ourselves and the great Church from which our fathers separated one hundred years ago. Indeed, my desire, my hope and my prayer has long been that the day may come and, please God, some soon, when all the scattered sons of John Wesley shall present a solid phalanx for the overthrow of wickedness, to spread Scriptural holiness over all lands and establish the kingdom of Christ in all the world. It can not be, however, inconsistent with this hope and prayer to restate the facts that account for our existence as a separate family of Methodism, and to say that the principles and ideals for which our fathers contended are so consonant with the teachings of the New Testament, so agreeable to the practice of the primitive church, so in accord with the institutions of our country and so congenial to the genius of our National Government that you and I may glory in our heritage and justly claim that in the matter of organic law ours is a rich church.

2. It is rich in the character of its founders and pioneers. One can not read with unprejudiced mind the story of the Reform movement of 1820 and '28 and withhold his admiration and veneration for the heroic, unselfish, enlightened devotion to principle exhibited by our fathers.



Among them were distinguished and honored ministers of the Church and laymen of intelligence and commanding influence, all of them of unimpeached and unimpeachable moral character, intensely loyal to the doctrines and customs and forms of worship of the people called Methodists, but impelled by a vision of and a desire for the mutual rights of ministers and laymen they sought modifications in the discipline of the Church, and at the cost of expulsion or voluntary separation from the churches they had helped to build and at whose altars they had found pardon and peace and consecrated themselves to Christian service, they set up their banners on which they inscribed the Scriptural legend, "One is your Master, and all ye are brethren," and organized the Church we lovingly and proudly call our own. Are we not rich in our ecclesiastical heritage? I beg leave to quote the language of Dr. Lewis, for I confess my inability to frame sentences that so truly express my own feelings and convictions: "I declare to you when I think of the opposition, the slender resources and the solemn responsibilities our fathers faced, I am amazed at their audacity, their faith, their devotion to principle and their determination to make their contention good before an unfriendly generation. I will not suffer them to be called whimsical faddists. The light they saw was no ignis fatuus. They blazed the trail for a free Methodism, for a truer conception of Christian brotherhood, and for a more responsive, because a more responsible, laity." Shall we not hold in grateful and admiring reverence the names and labor of our forefathers? Shall not their devotion, their faith, and their sacrifices inspire us to greater faithfulness, to greater zeal, and be a stimulus to a truer and fuller consecration to the tasks assigned us?

But interesting, even important, as these things may be to us as members of this truly democratic church, they are not the supreme marks of a rich church; and certainly they were not the characteristics that drew forth Christ's tribute to the little church in Smyrna. We must look for other and more intrinsic qualities and graces if we are to find the marks of a rich church; they must be found in the realm of the spiritual, the vital and essential qualities without which there can be no church worthy of the name. I do not engage to list here all the elements or features of a rich church. but I venture to name what seems to me to be most vital, even indispensable.

1. The first mark of a rich church is faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God, and this apostolic dictum is as true for a church as for the individual. Indeed, without faith there can be no church. A church is a society of Christian believers bound together by a covenant or confession of faith for Christian worship, instruction, fellowship, testimony and service. If a man does not believe the great fundamental facts and teachings of the Holy Scriptures he has no place in a Christian church. But when I speak of faith in this connection I am not thinking of faith in dogmas or formulas of doctrine, such as make up our systems of theology. There is no reason to think that the Christians of the day when this message was delivered had been indoctrinated in the science of theology or schooled in a religious creed after the manner

of later times. Creeds, as we understand the term, are the product of later times and were framed to meet living conditions and settle controverted questions. They served a worthy purpose in their day, and they have their value to us of the twentieth century.

But alas, we go on repeating our creeds and reciting our confessions of faith, yet somehow the words we say, which once had so much meaning and power in them, have become on the lips of so many of us no more than empty and powerless phrases. We say we believe, but do we appreciate the implications of our faith and the tremendous responsibilities and obligations our faith entails? As one has said, "Holding a truth is not an end in itself. The truth must translate itself into personality and become a dynamic moral force, a regenerating power in life." Was it John Wesley who said, "You may be as orthodox as the devil and be a devil still"?

So when I speak of faith that makes a rich church I am thinking not of a conventional profession, not a sluggish acceptance of certain truths in which we have been long instructed, but about which we have no serious concern; I am thinking of a living principle whose force shall be felt in every purpose, desire and endeavor of men's lives; a faith which proves its sincerity and vitality by bringing the whole man into captivity to the law of Christ and by exalting to their rightful supremacy the claims of God and things spiritual and eternal. A faith that makes men patient in tribulation, courageous in the face of difficulties, diligent in good works, trustful in darkness, triumphant in the battle of life, serene and hopeful in the prospect of death. Some of the best people I have known were unlearned in what we call creeds and theology, but they believed with a simple and joyous faith that they had a wise and loving Father in Heaven, who could be reached by their prayers and who is interested in their well-being here and their destiny in the life beyond; they believed that there is forgiveness for the sinner and more graces for the good through the merit of Jesus Christ; they believed that for each of them there is a personal immortality beyond the grave. This faith and their personal relation to Jesus Christ made them what they were and continued to be until they passed down through the valley of the shadow of death, sustained and soothed by the presence and power of the One with whom they had walked and talked during life's pilgrimage. I like the lines of John Oxenham:

"Not what, but WHOM, I do believe,  
That in my darkest hour of need,  
Hath comfort that no mortal creed  
To mortal man may give;—  
Not what, but WHOM.  
For Christ is more than all the creeds,  
And is full life of gentle deeds  
Shall all the creeds outlive.  
Not what I do believe, but WHOM.  
Who walks beside me in the gloom?"

Who shares the burden wearisome?  
 Who all the dim way doth illumine,  
 And bids me look beyond the tomb  
 The larger life to live?  
 Not what I do believe, but WHOM,  
 Not what, but WHOM.

Doubtless many of you know the inspiring story that is told us of the last hours of the great scientist, Michael Faraday. He had been born into obscurity and want, but as a boy he had dreamed of power and knowledge. He came under the tutelage and influence of Sir Humphrey Davy. He had caught the spirit of his patron and teacher. He mastered the secrets of electro-magnetism. He charmed the world by his interpretation of nature. But more and far better, he had lived a life so pure, so holy, so Christ-like, that his fellow men looked on with reverent admiration. And now the end of his earthly life was near: soon he would go out into the Great Beyond. Earth was fast receding, Heaven was drawing near. One who sat beside him asked, "What are your speculations?" "Speculations!" he replied, "I have no speculations; I am resting on a certainty; I know Whom I have believed." In that sentence that eminent scientist and devout Christian stated the ultimate of his faith, the secret of his lofty life.

To the individual the strongest evidence for Christianity is that which comes by personal experience. The old saint who, when asked how he knew that such a person as Jesus Christ ever lived, answered, "Because He has saved me from my sins," gave the gist of the whole matter. In Stanley Jones' "Christ at the Round Table," I read, "I challenge any one to get into fellowship with this Christ of experience by repentance and self-surrender and obedience and then say, 'This does not touch my soul's inmost need; this is not life.'" As Coleridge says, "Do not talk to me about the evidences of Christianity. Try it. It has been eighteen hundred years in existence and has any one individual left a record like the following: 'I have given Christianity a fair trial. I was aware that its promises were made conditionally, but both outwardly and in my inward acts and affections I have performed the duties which it enjoins, yet my assurances of its truth have received no increase. Its promises have not been fulfilled. I repent me of my delusion.'" These are not the words of those who come into touch with Christ. Rather do these lines express the deep and satisfying conviction of the soul that has in sincere self-abandonment cast itself upon the truth as it is in Jesus Christ:

"Whoso has felt the Spirit of the Highest,  
 Cannot confound nor doubt Him nor deny;  
 Yea, with one voice, O world, though thou deniest,  
 Stand thou on that side, for on this am I."

Jesus said, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." Years ago I read Frederick W. Robertson's sermon on this text, given under the title,

"Obedience the Organ of Spiritual Knowledge." I cannot now remember much of that sermon, but one sentence lingers with me: "The humblest and the weakest may know more of God, of moral evil and of good, by a single act of charity, or a prayer of self-surrender, than all the sages can teach or all the theologians can dogmatize upon."

"What we have seen and felt,  
With confidence we tell;  
And publish to the sons of men  
The sign infallible."

O for churches rich in that kind of faith! To the world at large the most compelling and convicting evidence of Christianity today is a church rich and radiant with faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ, obedient to His commands and relying on His promises; where men and women are so sure that they have found the pearl of priceless worth that they are not afraid or ashamed to invite others to know the Lord; where salvation is exalted above social festivities and the prayer meeting is preferred above an evening of worldly pleasure and self-indulgence; there is a rich church, and its witness is mighty and, under God, well-nigh irresistible.

2. A rich church is rich in Love.

Nothing can compensate for the lack of the spirit of love in a Christian church. Indeed, an organization or society destitute of this grace of love has no right to the name of a church. There may be all the outward semblance of a church; the organization may be complete, congregations may assemble at stated times, the forms of worship may be maintained, the ritual, whether elaborate or simple, may be performed with impressive solemnity, but destitute of this essential, vital and pre-eminent mark of Christian discipleship all the fair show counts for nothing. Christ Himself has given the standard and badge of discipleship. He did not say one word about creeds or ritual or ordinances; He said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have loved one to another." Whatever else one may believe or have or do, he is not a Christian after Christ's pattern if he is selfish, self-centered; if life is for him a place to get but not to give, to acquire but not contribute, to be served but not serve. As this is the law for individual disciples, so it is the law and standard for the church. The organization that does not cultivate and exhibit this spirit may have many features that attract men's attention; and call forth their admiration it may be impressive because of its numbers and its material wealth; it may enjoy popular favor as an association for mutual pleasure and exert an influence as a social club, and even confer some benefit upon its constituency and the community in which it exists; but it is not a Christian church after Christ's pattern.

Love of God, evidenced and expressed by obedience to His commands; love to the brotherhood, evidenced by mutual respect and kindly consideration; love toward the men and women for whom Christ died, evidenced by prayerful solicitude for their salvation and edification in righteousness of character and life; these holy principles must be found in

every church worthy of the name Christian, and that church is poor indeed where these principles do not have a place or are in feeble exercise. One of the early church fathers tells us how the love of Christians for Christians in those early days drew the pagans to the church and to Christianity. He says it was common in his day to hear the pagans exclaim, "See how these Christians love one another." Even Gibbon, the skeptic, in his famous fifteenth chapter of his monumental work, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," in trying to explain the rapid spread of Christianity without recognizing the divine factor, declares that the love and unity of the early Christians was one of the most potent causes.

It is a sad fact that the church of these modern days has not always illustrated the beauty and excellence of this Christian love and fellowship. I have known, and so have you, some churches where there was a distinct and detestable line, invisible perhaps to the casual observer, dividing congregations into partisan groups and cliques. When cynicism, indifference, selfishness and foolish pride get into a church they obstruct the flow of spiritual life and rob the church of its winning and conquering power. A united church attracts; a divided church repels; men and women are slow to cast in their lot with those who can not or will not live at peace among themselves. There must be the bond of fellowship and a genuine companionship of interest and cooperation in a church if it is to impress and win those outside its fold. "A loveless Christianity is a lifeless Christianity." When members of the church dwell together in love and mutual care for the temporal and spiritual well-being of the brotherhood, when there is the warmth of a genuine and cordial welcome for everybody—the poorest and the humblest—as well as for the rich and socially prominent, there is the spirit of Christ and a winning, drawing power. Well do I remember an incident in my early ministry that made a deep and most painful impression on my soul. We had been conducting an evangelistic service for a week or more without visible results; but at the expiration of that time one evening two young women presented themselves at the altar and professed faith in Christ and dedicated themselves to His service. I was happy in witnessing this fruit of my ministry. These young women were from the humbler social rank, but in no respect disreputable. The next morning I visited an aged member of the church and with great delight I told of the conversion of these young girls. Instead of sharing my joy, this professed disciple of Him who came to seek and to save the lost said with a snobbish and cynical air: "Oh, we don't want that class of people in our church." My heart was crushed; but far worse than that, because that spirit was more or less shared by others in that congregation the church failed to touch the common people and the children and grandchildren of the socially prominent are today found in other churches. A rich church will embrace in its love and ministry every soul for whom the Saviour shed His blood, and will rejoice to welcome the poorest and lowliest into its fellowship.

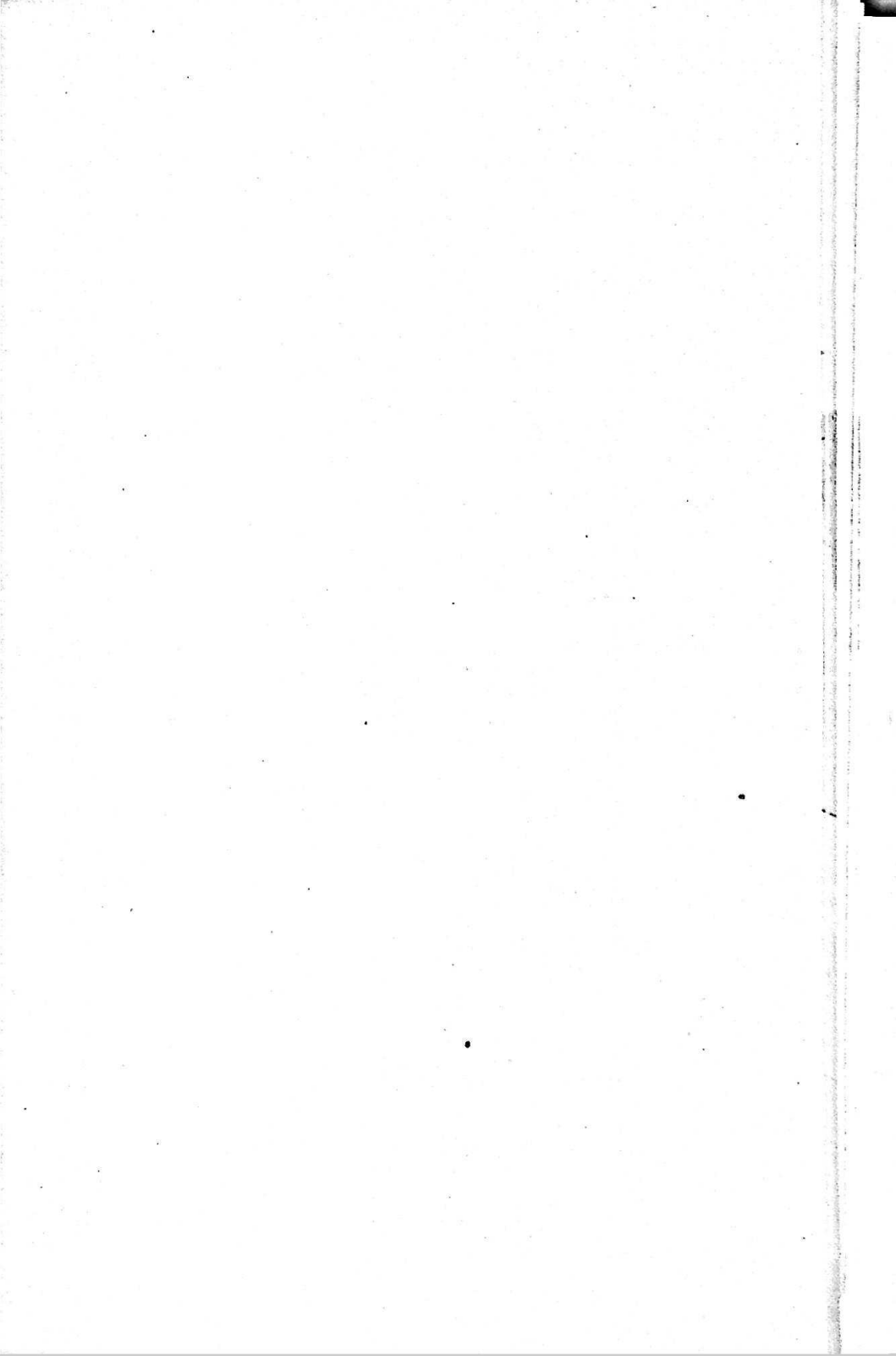
There remains much more that might be said, and perhaps ought to be said, but I am admonished that I have consumed quite as much of your time as I ought. Suffer me to add only a few words. Out of these

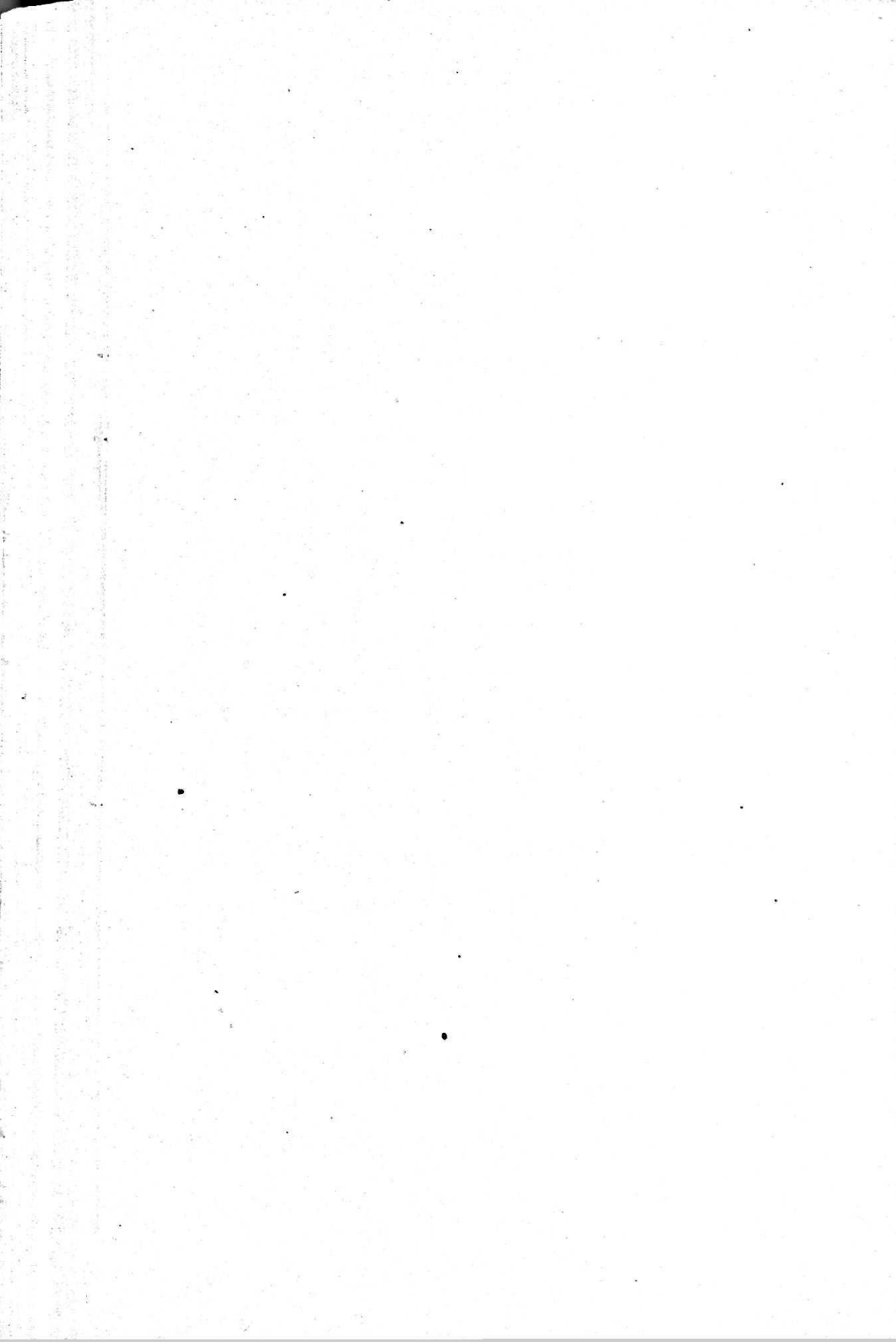
vital and fundamental principles, as out of a fertile soil, there will grow an evangelistic spirit, missionary zeal and activity and the spirit and practice of liberality.

The true conception of the church is not a landlocked harbor where men may sit and sing of their salvation from the perils of the sea of temptation and sin, but rather that of a life-saving station from which with faith and love these saved ones go out to rescue other souls from the tumultuous waves that threaten their destruction. To each disciple and to each society of disciples our Lord is still saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel and make disciples of all nations." It has been well said that the disciple-making spirit should dominate all that the church does and is. Every service of worship, every sermon that is preached, every lesson taught in the Sunday School, every social meeting, every help or recreation a church may offer a community, must have as its ultimate aim to win men, women and children to be followers of Jesus Christ. The supreme business of the church is to turn men from sin to righteousness, from Satan to God. To quote Stanley Jones again, "When the church loses its power to convert, it loses its right to be called a church. Unless it is making bad men into good men, weak men into strong men, uncertain men into certain, selfish men into unselfish, and men lacking the God-consciousness into men radiantly realizing God, it is failing as a church of the living Christ."

I covet for the Methodist Protestant Church not alone the name but the spirit and quality of a rich church, rich in faith, rich in love, rich in good works, rich toward God. And, my brethren, I pray that each of you as you go out from this Conference to your charges, may find a rich church or strive by God's grace to make it rich.

I looked upon a sea, and lo, 'twas dead,  
Although by Hermon's snows and Jordan fed.  
How came a fate so dire? The tale's soon told:  
All that it got it kept and fast did hold;  
All tributary streams found here a grave,  
Because that sea received, but never gave.  
O sea that's dead, teach us to know and feel  
That selfish greed our doom will seal.  
And help us, Lord, our best, ourselves to give  
That we may others bless and, like Thee, live.







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**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES**

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1	Accomac, Va.....	45	45	241	232	50	..	..	25	..	..	27	..	25	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	Amelia, Va.....	28	28	221	221	126	..	..	126	..	..	27	..	25	..	..	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	Baltimore.....	58	58	448	398	84	20	18	25	..	..	22	..	185	260	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	Alnut Memorial.....	67	67	509	166	104	..	10	210	..	..	50	..	180	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Brooklyn.....	23	23	176	176	110	..	..	40	..	..	27	..	109	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	Bethesda.....	50	50	378	378	66	..	..	86	..	..	27	..	109	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Calvary.....	14	14	113	68	24	..	..	26	..	..	14	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8	Chesaco Park.....	118	188	891	891	390	..	65	138	304	50	78	45	427	315	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	Christ Church.....	45	45	344	344	25	..	..	15	..	..	15	..	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	East Baltimore.....	16	16	125	125	98	..	..	98	..	..	..	..	40	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11	Edmondson Ave.....	64	64	502	602	228	10	300	200	153	103	250	..	325	602	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12	Evergreen.....	31	31	237	237	106	..	..	87	..	..	87	..	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13	Glen Burnie.....	38	38	295	243	50	..	..	150	..	..	50	..	57	82	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14	Grace.....	58	58	445	445	125	20	25	100	55	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	Graceland Park.....	16	16	113	68	25	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16	Hampden.....	126	126	960	960	1000	..	130	..	..	..	..	..	233	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	Keen Memorial.....	50	50	374	374	125	..	..	125	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	Lauraville.....	25	25	197	200	70	..	..	71	..	..	25	..	233	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
19	Linthicum Heights.....	44	44	330	330	167	56	..	214	..	..	50	..	180	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	Lowe Memorial.....	72	72	551	551	310	..	..	235	..	..	55	..	174	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21	North Baltimore.....	96	96	734	734	471	..	100	371	..	..	85	..	274	137	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
22	Marley.....	23	23	167	105	3	..	..	188	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
23	Payson Street.....	25	25	195	195	59	..	..	42	..	..	15	..	80	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24	South Baltimore.....	54	54	412	412	77	..	..	40	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	Starr.....	140	140	1064	1064	250	..	..	185	..	..	60	..	585	510	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26	St. John's.....	120	120	915	915	44	54	404	162	96	66	..	..	342	172	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	St. Paul's.....	57	57	428	428	50	..	5	60	..	..	50	..	60	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28	Towson.....	34	34	262	262	..	..	..	98	..	..	..	..	208	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29	Trinity.....	50	50	380	380	50	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
30	Violetville.....	25	25	194	194	57	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31	West Baltimore.....	108	108	815	815	600	..	..	281	250	..	172	..	600	680	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32	Wilton Hgts.....	54	54	408	134	20	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	141	99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
33	Bedford, Pa.....	37	37	285	45	87	..	..	5	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34	Belair.....	38	38	269	296	120	..	..	20	62	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35	Bivalve.....	28	28	218	199	82	6	..	12	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
36	Buckeystown.....	61	61	460	460	264	..	11	171	..	..	50	..	172	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
37	Cambridge.....	61	61	459	464	60	..	..	47	54	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
38	Cambridge Circuit.....	14	14	109	109	41	36	..	40	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
39	Cannon, Del.....	28	28	212	212	71	..	..	36	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
40	Caroline.....	30	30	222	222	81	..	..	72	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
41	Carroll Circuit.....	24	24	186	37	42	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	69	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42	Cecil.....	34	34	265	265	78	..	..	33	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42	Centreville.....	42	42	329	329	60	75	..	70	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
44	Chestertown.....	75	75	568	568	311	100	25	96	311	45	362	..	213	114	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45	Chincoteague, Va.....	20	20	154	154	23	97	..	38	109	106	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
46	Clayton, Del.....	31	31	234	234	179	..	..	34	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
47	Concord, Pa.....	37	37	276	141	21	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
48	Conquest, Va.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
49	Crisfield.....	82	82	628	367	155	14	..	135	9	75	..	..	170	147	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
50	Lawsonia.....	21	..	163	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
51	Mariners.....	42	42	324	187	58	..	..	43	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
52	Crumpton.....	11	..	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
53	Cumberland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
54	First Church.....	62	62	473	358	76	..	..	70	..	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
54	Mapleside.....	..	..	..	60	7	..	..	9	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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8	135	1060	135	1446	412	30	...	412	2125	300	275	50	50	6	91	2897	3509	1			
208	115	682	323	331	572	61	108	680	1707	125	200	...	...	...	140	2172	2852	2			
...	614	1394	1156	1900	1612	85	100	1712	2100	600	2200	...	...	...	530	5430	7142	3			
...	621	1585	621	2161	854	40	1344	2198	3400	600	1496	13358	...	1167	1678	21639	23897	4			
...	200	225	544	425	743	62	64	688	1700	...	360	575	1300	33	2381	6349	7037	5			
10	335	1177	395	1605	624	51	283	1106	2834	500	1121	201	950	666	1119	7391	8497	6			
...	64	347	69	474	151	32	...	151	880	480	120	4200	...	...	321	6001	6152	7			
...	1848	2779	1818	3788	2857	75	1260	4117	3117	720	3182	438	...	...	2175	9631	13949	8			
...	140	928	1068	1068	1457	100	564	2021	2704	600	1400	900	1000	102	629	7355	9356	9			
...	102	233	394	395	535	100	240	776	3657	900	1759	150	3500	229	982	13157	13933	10			
...	2339	1533	2339	2099	2905	138	1065	3970	3504	1020	2510	7626	...	...	334	1359	16853	20823	11		
...	278	733	278	1001	546	59	312	858	1000	1200	550	600	1500	775	260	5785	6643	12			
...	250	926	250	1259	531	42	60	591	2964	500	710	...	5689	1624	1316	12803	13394	13			
28	532	850	1382	1382	1885	1885	100	326	2211	3510	600	2278	9038	3050	1372	971	20819	23030	14		
...	53	350	58	479	142	30	57	199	1697	...	125	75	200	84	45	2226	2425	15			
119	1502	388	2994	1890	4080	2976	52	71	3690	2800	1200	3053	...	600	1516	1008	6874	7594	17		
25	275	1164	275	1588	639	44	21	720	1750	1500	600	...	25000	...	...	1446	31648	32789	18		
...	399	396	896	795	1028	1020	100	121	1141	2655	900	1647	...	46	10	1191	4330	5811	19		
...	817	1027	817	1491	1191	83	290	1481	2250	600	311	...	...	...	...	563	5893	7398	20		
...	811	101	1777	912	2340	1335	64	...	1535	2200	600	1500	1000	...	...	432	5600	17179	20319	21	
...	1438	1237	2286	2675	3116	3503	112	3635	9140	4675	1190	5121	5111	...	...	600	172	372	3629	4458	22
36	332	160	518	492	708	682	96	147	829	2125	...	...	...	...	...	807	1059	5567	6417	23	
18	250	605	250	825	470	57	24	494	2125	680	786	500	...	...	...	800	500	527	8467	9111	24
...	137	1283	137	1749	603	34	47	650	2720	1020	800	2600	500	300	500	1050	5657	6457	25		
...	1540	1780	3320	3320	4524	4524	100	1209	5733	5667	2000	4500	500	3500	1500	3150	20817	26550	26		
...	1340	1514	2854	2854	3889	3889	100	5034	8923	4250	1200	7455	5104	...	...	2765	20774	23697	27		
50	295	60	1333	345	1818	830	45	75	905	2883	765	1675	500	1250	1350	1340	9713	10618	27		
...	306	556	813	862	1109	1158	99	342	1500	2200	800	473	2901	...	...	380	6754	8254	28		
...	120	1178	120	1698	650	34	25	575	2960	600	600	2000	2500	1500	630	10790	11365	29			
30	339	100	439	819	658	80	113	771	2125	850	664	2900	300	1954	589	12082	12833	30			
...	2583	894	2541	3477	3464	4400	120	1586	5986	4858	700	2700	3750	...	1630	13828	19814	31			
...	296	29	1270	325	1732	513	30	44	557	1900	384	3540	385	250	500	121	7080	7637	32		
24	141	882	141	1204	223	17	54	277	1558	200	300	285	1389	80	473	4285	4562	33			
...	202	20	920	222	1254	556	44	252	808	1200	500	520	1200	350	20	694	4484	5252	34		
...	145	677	145	923	372	40	264	636	1100	200	250	366	...	...	1102	3018	3654	35			
27	781	652	1433	1433	1954	1954	100	2077	4031	2500	250	227	616	...	...	348	5041	9072	36		
...	300	1135	1430	1435	1950	1960	100	207	2227	2200	450	2500	420	1850	141	955	8516	10743	37		
27	248	334	248	457	371	82	68	439	800	75	180	...	...	...	200	131	1386	1825	38		
8	140	83	657	223	997	463	52	51	514	900	125	...	...	...	25	372	2694	3208	39		
...	198	67	688	265	940	517	55	53	570	825	...	...	...	...	...	42	1062	1632	40		
16	192	1	573	193	793	254	32	307	561	1274	75	...	60	...	168	1577	2138	41			
5	129	56	820	185	2919	481	17	121	605	1417	200	256	947	...	...	456	3276	3881	42		
15	245	1022	245	1393	616	44	15	631	2125	480	917	260	1800	...	...	429	6011	6642	43		
...	1777	1770	1777	2413	2420	100	1190	3010	3400	750	150	2134	1500	...	...	1593	9287	12897	44		
...	432	46	477	478	652	100	55	707	1553	150	182	455	...	24	175	2539	3246	45			
...	263	74	726	337	991	602	61	4	606	1983	...	...	1035	566	200	355	4139	4745	46		
...	31	116	857	147	1170	325	28	44	369	1450	85	113	800	353	...	145	2946	3315	47		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48		
25	730	1953	730	2663	1179	44	830	2003	3412	200	2100	805	...	...	1991	8508	10517	49			
...	501	685	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	488	12742	13168	50		
20	143	54	1007	197	1373	426	31	...	426	2409	160	425	600	8000	...	...	...	...	51		
...	256	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52		
...	201	1474	201	2009	621	31	125	746	2000	500	1291	200	350	...	...	623	4964	5710	53		
9	40	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	425	85	43	510	...	262	1325	1425	54		

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Number	CHARGE	Assessed President's Salary		Paid President's Salary	Ass'd Maryland Conference		Paid Maryland Conference	Children's Day	Special for For. Missions	Y. P. Missionary Union	Easter Offering	Special for Home Missions		Rally Day	Special for Education	W. F. M. S.	W. H. M. S.	Gen. Conf. Superannuates	Ministerial Salary Relief	Executive Committee	Children's Home	Home for Aged	Bible Society
55	Melvin Chapel	18	18	139	139	40	119		48	77	55	44						18	9	9	5	5	
56	Fairview	9	9	68	68	7	7																
57	Dagsboro	35	22	271	26	134					19												
58	Deer Creek	20	20	147	15	69				20													
59	Deer Park	58	58	439	439	185				71	51	145											
60	Delmar, Del.	41	41	312	312	139				100													
61	Delta, Pa.	41	41	316	326	297				30													
62	Denton	45	45	340	340	238				93													
63	Dover, Del.	24	24	181	181	42				29													
64	Dorchester	35	35	268	268	174				111													
65	Easton	51	51	384	384	125				102													
66	Elizabeth, N. J.	38	38	290	290	39				37													
67	Fairfax, Va.	20	14	156	12	74																	
68	Fawn Grove, Pa.	54	54	411	411	247				98													
69	Federalburg	33	33	251	251	195				115													
70	Felton, Del.	16	17	120	53	282				77	95												
71	Finksburg	48	48	368	368	282				24													
72	First Ch., Newark, N.	181	181	1378	1378	450				154	47	149	467										
73	Franklin City, Va.	37	37	281	101	25				300													
74	Frederick	34	34	256	256	31				15													
75	Georgetown, Del.	48	48	365	365	183				31	25	10											
76	Greenbush and Tasley	25	25	194		23				76													
77	Greenwood, Del.	40	40	297	207	17				20													
78	Grove	24	24	183	183	48				6	22	18	20	46									
79	Hallwood	20	20	152	162	25																	
80	Harbeson, Del.	33	33	252	252	136				43	35												
81	Harmony, W. Va.	25	25	193	193	83				113													
82	Harpers' Ferry, W. Va.	30	30	228	157	47				48													
83	Harrington, Del.	50	50	374	374	96				29													
84	Hawley Memorial, Pa.	24	16	180	90	69				88													
85	Howard	57	57	432	432	218				111													
86	Hurlock	38	38	289	229	167				89	108	77	25										
87	Indian River	7	7	50																			
88	Kempdown	41	41	316	132					98													
89	Kennedyville	27	27	204	154	40				15	33	30											
90	Kent Island	20	20	147	100	66				2													
91	Laurel, Del.	67	67	504	504	321				141		180											
92	Laurel Circuit	25	25	198	91	48				2													
93	Leeds	30	30	227	227	155				33	28	25											
94	Leipsic, Del.	10	10	78	78	15				6													
95	Lewes, Del.	11	11	89	89																		
96	Lewistown	16	16	118	18	36				38	2	5											
97	Liberty	23	23	176	176	69				33													
98	Lisbon	35	35	268	268	150				29	13	26											
99	Lynchburg, Va.	55	55	426	426	107				30													
100	Mardela	38	38	292	292					5													
102	Milford, Del.	6	6	42	11	10																	
104	Milford, Del.	71	71	540	540	190				6													
103	Milton, Del.	33	33	245	245	202				21													
104	Mt. Nebo	48	48	361	361	129																	
105	New Church, Va.	45	45	350	350	110				79	55	45											
106	Newmarket	50	50	380	380	104				12													
107	Nichols Memorial	25	25	197	197	90																	
108	Northumberland, Va.	50	50	381	180	143				30													
109	Oak Grove, Va.	18	18	137	34	48				4													
110	Oxford	25	25	191	191	136				15													
111	Parksley, Va.	41	41	317	304	100																	

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434	50	427	434	584	584	100	100	4	695	1765	300	220	900	1309	360	164	5006	5604	55
112	50	50	10	137	460	10	10	10	137	460	242	38	900	48	344	2032	2169	56	
153	841	153	1147	201	17	17	17	18	201	1352	120	280	250	195	195	2197	2398	57	
202	456	154	623	189	30	30	30	18	207	600	20	150	406	406	1176	1383	53		
566	202	1365	758	1862	1255	67	130	1385	2125	850	850	1001	325	250	20	3245	4630	59	
276	694	970	1323	100	381	1704	2556	400	1001	400	1001	325	1020	69	1041	6412	8116	60	
625	981	625	1338	982	73	166	1148	1600	300	246	246	410	1047	46	524	2716	3864	61	
574	482	1056	1056	1441	1441	100	580	2021	2408	425	291	410	1047	256	2472	5576	7597	62	
153	18	561	171	766	376	49	134	510	1416	600	200	225	100	285	1910	2192	2677	64	
478	185	905	289	1233	617	50	195	812	1700	1020	1500	300	260	350	385	4638	5960	65	
195	483	155	659	181	27	66	247	1133	180	242	502	100	300	60	690	3825	5638	68	
758	478	1276	1276	1711	1741	100	122	1863	1760	200	425	400	300	60	690	6412	8116	60	
538	242	780	780	1064	1064	100	127	1191	1988	425	170	152	35	117	118	2965	4156	69	
108	370	506	70	14	14	14	70	963	125	100	425	30	30	30	1643	1713	70		
793	354	1147	1147	1563	1563	100	453	2016	2400	400	300	1750	330	75	728	6993	7999	71	
1862	2440	4302	4302	5861	5861	100	4291	10152	5666	2125	10463	800	500	500	4167	23721	33873	72	
250	60	870	60	1188	198	11	25	223	1841	100	100	700	100	100	996	3737	3960	73	
311	51	1137	362	1550	775	50	65	840	2550	300	498	20446	226	468	24488	25328	75		
323	27	563	27	770	234	30	26	260	1417	75	250	155	145	503	2943	3133	76		
210	364	467	467	639	639	100	234	873	1700	225	250	322	100	90	321	3309	4182	79	
143	782	249	1367	534	50	34	568	1825	200	350	8174	120	400	11078	11646	11646	80		
139	597	359	515	577	71	204	781	1416	200	595	590	167	2938	167	2938	3719	81		
127	708	127	966	314	33	42	356	1765	255	210	115	115	347	2692	347	3048	82		
18	350	1183	591	1587	1015	61	1015	2125	300	2100	825	2100	1400	6750	7755	83			
155	566	155	770	261	34	100	361	1500	300	1098	100	100	100	2998	2359	2359	84		
668	1343	668	1343	1832	1157	63	455	1612	2094	150	800	9000	24	582	12650	14262	85		
1	900	650	1227	917	74	682	1699	2125	230	300	399	300	399	460	3406	5004	86		
2	207	150	207	207	207	100	207	413	100	100	100	100	100	413	620	620	87		
22	298	951	298	1338	655	49	90	745	1000	200	1000	1430	230	1430	2175	2175	88		
138	633	138	864	319	37	61	380	1050	500	240	3698	67	299	5854	6234	89			
124	5	456	129	623	249	40	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	90		
65	818	752	1570	2140	2141	100	1295	3436	2975	850	1302	1000	2445	350	1210	9132	12568	91	
62	616	62	839	173	21	35	213	1134	300	125	300	125	300	18	231	3224	4733	93	
271	431	702	702	959	959	100	550	1509	2125	150	400	300	18	231	3224	4733	93		
42	57	236	99	324	187	58	30	217	648	60	50	796	38	796	1013	94			
16	275	275	275	385	110	28	110	708	80	80	80	80	80	80	61	171	95		
40	97	13	362	110	496	14	30	112	256	750	89	166	183	1178	1434	96			
335	544	335	743	534	72	278	812	1275	120	600	190	190	108	2103	2015	97			
11	205	13	831	1184	621	46	279	800	1469	240	190	1236	515	3650	4450	98			
236	1090	1326	1326	1807	1807	100	35	1842	3525	600	2500	325	1300	1100	9350	11192	99		
145	135	816	135	1476	465	32	49	514	2150	120	132	536	15	357	3295	3809	100		
45	605	1681	605	2222	1216	55	399	1615	3159	750	3117	1050	530	155	426	528	101		
404	15	760	459	1038	737	71	40	777	1841	150	400	175	90	45	2701	3478	103		
211	16	1124	217	1533	630	42	131	757	1200	250	1000	575	48	1148	3221	3978	104		
537	368	1080	906	1475	1306	88	486	1786	2698	300	600	150	56	3804	6590	105			
145	8	1172	153	1602	583	36	69	652	1200	300	450	1200	400	75	353	15778	16430	106	
165	604	165	826	387	47	50	437	1600	300	200	300	400	18	608	3426	3863	107		
217	1178	217	1609	447	28	208	655	1883	225	700	1200	400	300	400	608	5768	6423	108	
428	425	52	580	104	18	22	126	600	250	90	21	185	275	1421	1547	109			
655	986	558	1344	940	67	144	1044	2550	250	800	651	128	439	4690	5734	111			

## COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	CHARGE	Assessed President's Salary		Paid President's Salary		Ass'd Maryland Conference		Paid Maryland Conference		Children's Day	Special for For. Missions	Y. P. Missionary Union	Easter Offering	Special for Home Missions		Rally Day	Special for Education	W. F. M. S.	W. H. M. S.	Gen. Conf. Superannuates	Ministerial Salary Relief	Executive Committee	Children's Home	Home for Aged	Bible Society	
112	Patapeco.....	4	28																							
113	Philadelphia																									
114	Emanuel.....	34	34	256	256	69	69	6	6	100	6	88	26													
115	St. Luke's.....	69	69	528	528	80	80	33	33	95	25	35	30													
116	Taylor Memorial.....	93	45	735	206	28	28	5	5	50	67	32	124	92												
117	Pipe Creek.....	33	33	244	244	87	50																			
118	Pittsville.....	54	54	407	407	302	302																			
119	Pocomoke City.....	71	71	541	541	333	111	60	110	100	75															
120	Powellville.....	28	28	221	221	96	60	25	33																	
121	Prince George, Va.....	3	3	23	11	38																				
122	Quantico.....	11	1	88	40	40																				
123	Queen Anne.....	17	17	126	126	14	2																			
124	Reliance.....	33	23	249	216	66	19																			
125	Ridgeville.....	52	52	395	152	290	98	50	18																	
126	Rowlandville.....	20	20	147	75	49	49																			
127	Salem.....	20	20	149	149	65																				
128	Salisbury.....	119	119	909	909	707	40																			
129	Seaford.....	57	57	436	436	211	121																			
130	Sharpstown.....	37	37	278	278	153	63																			
131	Smyrna, Del.....	4	4	47																						
132	Snow Hill.....	48	48	367	367	329	10	128																		
133	Snow Hill Circuit.....	11		88																						
134	Stewartstown, Pa.....	51	51	385	385	182	10	25	130																	
135	St. James.....	37	37	276	276	172																				
136	St. Michaels.....	41	41	309	309	32																				
137	Susquehanna.....	30	30	231	231	191																				
138	Texas.....	17	17	132	112	102																				
139	Trinity.....	41	41	307	307	275	100																			
140	Tyreana, Va.....	13	13	101	19	46																				
141	Union Bridge.....	23	23	177	177	58																				
142	Union.....	57	57	432	432	120	112																			
143	Wallace Memorial, Va.....	28	28	221	221	70																				
144	Warwick.....	31	15	237	20	55																				
145	Washington																									
146	Alexandria, Va.....	44	44	333	333	169																				
147	Calvary.....	8	8	62	62	85																				
148	Cherrydale, Va.....	55	55	419	419	82	50																			
149	Congress Street.....	47	47	356	356	50																				
150	First Church.....	54	54	405	405	235	10	106																		
151	Mt. Tabor.....	37	37	280	84	62																				
152	North Carolina Ave.....	74	74	558	482	389	39																			
153	Mt. Olivet.....	49	49	370	370	290																				
154	Rhode Island Ave.....	127	127	972	972	550	305																			
155	Walkers Chapel.....	11	4	91	32	15																				
156	Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	30	30	231	231	150																				
157	Westminster.....	57	57	435	435	148																				
158	Wilmington																									
159	First Church.....	21	21	167	167																					
160	Peninsula.....	78	78	589	589	82	185	25																		
161	West Wilmington.....	13	13	95		6																				
162	Whaleyville.....	48	48	371	250	67																				
163	Wye.....	18	18	144	144	34																				
164	Detached Churches																									
165	Harmony.....	10	10	75	9	12																				
166	Portsville.....	4	4	31	31	12																				
167	Quinton.....	8	8	62	62																					
168	Union Church.....	8	8	62	62																					

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Christmas Offering	Total Credits	Pd. on Budget Less Credits	Ass'd General Conference	Paid General Conference	Ass'd Total Assments	Paid Total Assments	Percentage Paid on Total Assments	Miscel. General Interests	Total pd. General Interests	Paid Pastor's Salary	Rental Value of Parsonage	Current Expenses	Paid on Building and Improvements	Paid on Debt	Pd. for Interest on Debt	Miscellaneous Local	Total Paid for Local Interests	Total Paid for all Purposes	Number
83	269	795	269	1085	559	52	106	665	2886	1020	1775	135	135	1275	785	8471	9136	113	
285	1646	2290	285	2243	882	39	148	1030	2885	1667	2394	480	480	450	2247	11283	14639	114	
77	560	753	637	3120	889	28	623	1512	2400	900	4418	863	863	600	435	3542	4604	116	
379	227	1265	379	1035	797	77	265	1062	1700	340	3982	63	63	1000	519	18439	19903	117	
63	277	684	277	933	526	56	217	743	1300	120	100	440	440	1000	108	2063	2811	119	
38	65	38	91	52	57	8	8	60	438	8	35	100	100	324	897	957	120		
46	267	46	366	47	13	3	50	566	600	100	100	100	100	99	835	885	121		
55	66	386	121	629	264	50	69	333	700	200	100	200	200	73	1273	1606	122		
129	773	129	1055	368	35	4	372	1384	115	25	25	125	125	26	796	5495	6513	124	
40	658	1231	586	1678	790	47	228	1018	2125	586	1762	200	200	15	606	2716	3212	125	
30	106	456	106	623	201	32	15	216	1300	150	125	1514	1514	3357	576	3365	3551	125	
133	460	133	623	302	49	29	29	331	1700	150	135	135	135	234	512	2564	2895	126	
1317	1519	2336	2336	3364	3364	100	771	4635	4250	1275	4710	689	689	675	234	912	14504	19139	127
549	3	1360	552	1853	1045	56	506	1551	2550	850	689	242	242	675	234	500	5690	7211	128
627	237	864	864	1179	1179	100	224	1403	2412	285	450	609	609	529	529	4276	6679	129	
513	641	1141	1054	1856	1469	79	553	2022	2956	500	600	500	500	1040	6596	7618	130		
266	363	266	363	636	636	100	200	1307	1500	200	774	796	796	600	15	693	3963	6270	133
10	671	1185	671	1124	1107	63	200	1307	1500	200	774	796	796	600	15	693	3963	6270	133
197	666	863	863	1176	1176	100	896	2072	1983	425	250	425	425	600	15	606	4204	6276	134
143	960	143	1310	493	38	175	668	1702	260	305	937	937	937	6	423	3747	4415	135	
49	408	308	716	977	100	274	1251	1345	300	203	1000	100	100	6	423	3377	4628	136	
26	250	44	294	633	423	64	47	470	1523	323	323	323	323	500	595	253	2106	2576	137
25	415	956	415	1304	763	58	593	1356	2125	565	360	1500	1500	600	600	60	5705	7061	138
70	310	70	424	102	24	60	162	1417	120	125	267	267	267	182	2111	1052	2273	139	
290	260	550	550	750	750	100	65	815	1450	200	250	325	325	1000	1000	3275	4000	140	
405	281	1343	686	1832	1175	64	130	1305	2125	225	500	1300	1300	410	4560	6865	141		
17	305	136	684	440	933	689	74	135	824	1700	125	140	140	24	1320	4614	5438	142	
75	736	75	1004	110	11	22	132	1275	50	90	100	100	100	125	1640	1772	143		
314	2034	547	1411	924	65	25	949	2833	765	911	911	41	41	242	1303	7012	7961	144	
212	188	212	252	282	92	61	343	1700	1000	259	47	300	300	1170	3976	4319	145		
337	1303	337	1777	511	46	157	968	3219	900	1074	226	1600	1104	929	9052	10020	146		
174	227	1103	401	1506	804	53	278	1082	2550	1350	1500	2500	2500	121	868	8839	9971	147	
637	1260	637	1719	1096	64	173	1268	2559	720	913	410	450	411	150	5604	6873	148		
429	571	429	1188	550	46	591	1141	1600	600	2032	1419	1419	1419	1056	6707	7848	149		
1021	533	1738	1554	2370	2110	90	530	2640	2833	1190	1908	1833	220	702	623	3909	11949	150	
594	617	1157	1211	1576	1630	104	529	2159	2975	600	1360	366	500	447	603	6851	9010	151	
2727	792	3033	3519	4132	4618	112	1803	6421	3000	900	1718	4000	1000	511	3770	14839	21320	152	
35	276	35	378	71	19	4	75	400	56	78	78	60	60	1187	621	621	621	153	
632	716	632	977	893	90	123	1016	1700	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1187	2965	3381	154		
846	608	1354	1354	1846	100	764	2610	2825	400	1500	1500	1500	1500	1161	5886	8496	155		
37	13	517	50	705	238	32	100	338	1700	850	600	600	600	582	362	4094	4432	156	
492	1345	1837	1837	2504	2504	100	1010	3514	4375	1800	4177	4200	1900	3028	20708	24222	157		
11	289	11	397	24	6	24	935	100	100	100	100	100	100	102	1197	1221	158		
40	199	50	1155	249	1574	647	35	45	592	1500	150	450	1500	447	4047	4639	159		
70	71	444	141	606	303	50	97	400	650	250	100	250	250	227	1473	1873	160		
12	223	12	313	31	10	31	319	40	250	250	250	250	250	609	1218	1249	161		
24	41	65	65	100	100	100	43	143	300	26	200	200	200	98	624	767	163		
33	155	188	188	258	258	100	57	315	500	38	38	38	38	533	533	853	164		
188	188	188	188	258	258	100	57	315	500	38	38	38	38	566	566	824	165		

### HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

A Charge to be on the Honor Roll must pay 100 per cent on the Maryland Conference Budget and 100 per cent on the General Conference Budget. A 100 per cent on the General Conference Budget means that each interest in that budget shall receive the per cent due it.

For the per cent of the various interests in the budgets see page 88 Report of the Board of Finance.



## ASSESSMENTS

### ASSESSMENTS FOR NINE MONTHS

NAME OF CHARGE	General Conference \$82,500	Annual Conference \$26,626	President's Salary and Expenses \$3,375
Accomac.....	\$ 551	\$ 178	\$ 23
Amelia.....	344	111	14
Baltimore, Alnutt Memorial.....	715	231	29
Bethesda.....	288	93	12
Brooklyn.....	902	292	37
Calvary.....	700	227	28
Chesaco Park.....	191	62	7
Christ Church.....	1337	431	55
East Baltimore.....	548	177	22
Edmondson Ave.....	209	66	8
Ettaw.....	883	285	36
Evergreen.....	378	122	16
Glenburnie.....	545	176	23
Grace.....	868	280	36
Graceland Park.....	204	66	8
Hampden.....	1486	479	61
Keen Memorial.....	623	201	25
Lauraville.....	427	105	14
Linthicum Heights.....	544	176	23
Lowe Memorial.....	905	293	37
Marley.....	305	98	13
North Baltimore.....	1204	389	49
Payson Street.....	363	117	15
South Baltimore.....	667	215	27
Starr.....	1734	560	71
St. John's.....	1556	503	64
St. Paul's.....	748	241	31
Towson.....	444	142	19
Trinity.....	684	221	28
Violetville.....	353	114	14
West Baltimore.....	1261	407	52
Wilton Heights.....	631	204	26
Bedford.....	455	147	19
Belair.....	483	156	19
Bivalve.....	369	119	16
Buckeystown.....	710	229	28
Cambridge.....	758	244	32
Cambridge Circuit.....	172	55	7
Cannon.....	327	106	13
Caroline.....	338	109	14
Carroll.....	308	99	13
Cecil.....	428	138	17
Centreville.....	533	172	22
Chestertown.....	919	296	37
Chincoteague.....	210	68	9
Clayton.....	363	117	15
Concord.....	427	138	17
Crisfield—Mt. Pleasant.....	1007	325	41
Lawsonia.....	194	62	8
Mariners.....	528	170	22
Crumpton.....	107	34	4
Cumberland—First Church.....	758	245	31
Melvin.....	233	75	10
Mapleside.....	180	58	7
Fairview.....	60	20	2
Dagsboro.....	430	140	17

**ASSESSMENTS**  
ASSESSMENTS FOR NINE MONTHS

NAME OF CHARGE	General Conference \$82,500	Annual Conference \$26,625	President's Salary and Expenses \$3,375
Deer Creek.....	233	75	10
Deer Park.....	756	244	31
Delmar.....	541	175	22
Delta.....	501	162	20
Denton.....	566	182	23
Dorchester.....	425	136	17
Dover.....	296	95	13
Easton.....	635	205	26
Elizabeth.....	466	151	19
Fairfax.....	244	79	10
Fawn Grove.....	676	218	28
Federalsburg.....	378	122	16
Felton.....	191	62	7
Finksburg.....	586	188	24
First Church, Newark.....	2270	733	92
Frederick.....	388	125	16
Georgetown, Del.....	598	193	25
Greenbackville.....	469	151	20
Greenbush & Tasley.....	308	99	73
Greenwood.....	483	156	20
Grove.....	307	100	13
Hallwood.....	88	28	4
Harbeson.....	388	125	16
Harmony, Md.....	33	10	1
Harmony, W. Va.....	307	99	13
Harpers Ferry.....	365	118	15
Harrington.....	532	172	22
Howard.....	695	224	28
Hurlock.....	455	147	18
Indian River.....	79	25	3
Kempton.....	485	157	20
Kennedyville.....	327	105	13
Kent Island.....	245	80	10
Laurel.....	813	263	33
Laurel Circuit.....	305	98	13
Leeds.....	357	115	15
Leipsic.....	125	41	5
Lewes.....	129	41	5
Lewistown.....	188	60	7
Liberty.....	284	92	11
Lynchburg.....	784	253	31
Mardela.....	455	146	19
Middleway.....	82	26	3
Milford.....	892	288	37
Milton.....	385	125	16
Mt. Nebo.....	524	169	21
Nassawango.....	22	8	1
New Church.....	569	184	23
Newmarket.....	590	190	24
Nichol's Memorial.....	328	106	13
Northumberland.....	607	196	25
Oak Grove.....	147	47	6
Oxford.....	305	98	13
Parksley.....	521	169	22
Patapsco.....	45	15	2

# ASSESSMENTS

## ASSESSMENTS FOR NINE MONTHS

NAME OF CHARGE	General Conference \$82,500	Annual Conference \$26,625	President's Salary and Expenses \$3,375
Philadelphia—Emmanuel.....	580	188	24
St. Luke's.....	849	274	35
Taylor Memorial.....	1153	372	47
Tioga Heights.....	53	17	2
Pipe Creek.....	386	125	16
Pittsville.....	655	212	27
Pocomoke.....	845	273	35
Poplar Springs.....	502	162	21
Portsville.....	43	13	1
Powellville.....	377	122	15
Prince George.....	41	13	1
Quantico.....	130	42	5
Queen Anne.....	197	63	8
Quinton.....	52	16	2
Reliance.....	400	129	16
Ridgeville.....	692	224	28
Rowlandville.....	208	67	8
Salem.....	222	72	9
Salisbury.....	1576	508	65
Seaford.....	700	226	29
Sharptown.....	502	162	20
Smyrna.....	60	19	3
Snow Hill.....	612	198	25
Snow Hill Circuit.....	156	50	7
Stewartstown.....	659	212	27
St. James.....	463	149	19
St. Michaels.....	465	150	20
Susquehanna.....	374	121	15
Texas.....	186	59	8
Trinity, Marion.....	484	157	20
Tyreana.....	175	57	8
Union.....	686	221	28
Union Bridge.....	311	100	13
Union Church.....	67	22	3
Wallace Memorial.....	362	116	15
Warwick.....	241	78	10
Washington—Alexandria.....	563	182	23
Calvary.....	100	33	5
Cherrydale.....	713	230	29
Congress Street.....	581	188	24
First Church.....	608	197	25
Fort Meyer Heights.....	147	48	6
Mt. Olivet.....	615	199	25
Mt. Tabor.....	436	141	18
North Carolina Ave.....	829	267	34
Rhode Island Ave.....	1584	511	64
Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	392	127	16
Westminster.....	745	241	31
Wilmington—First.....	256	82	10
Peninsula.....	1034	334	42
West Wilmington.....	151	49	6
Whaleville.....	614	198	25
Wiegands.....	12	4	1
Wye.....	230	74	10



MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Full Members				Probationers				Sunday School				Y. P. S. C. E.										
	Unsta. Mfn. and Preachers Members	Received	Withdrawn by Cer.	Discontinued	Probationers Reported last year	Elected to Membership	Discontinued	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Conversions	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	C. E. Societies	Members	Intermediate Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members	Foreign Missions	Am't for Con. Va. Missions	
																							Members
Elizabeth, N. J.	145	20	2	2	3			1	13	12	1	28	30	144							1	10	
Fairfax, Va.	137									4	2	2	146										
Fawn Grove, Pa.	343	15	14	3	3			1	16	14	1	16	388					94			1	12	
Federalburg	108	2	2	2						8	3	5	80					20					
Felton, Del.	69	6	3							1	1	1	6										
First Ch., Newark	752	65	23	59						3	6	6	675										
Finksburg	251	13	17	17						14	14	14	331					145					
Franklin City, Va.	250	24	6	3						11	1	1	50										
Frederick	199	9	7	7						1	1	1	196										
Georgetown, Del.	321	2	2							14	14	14	400										
Glenburnie	232	31	3	1						20	47	1	272										
Greenbush & Tasley	138	6	6							1	1	1	215										
Greenwood, Del.	1 243	11	1							5	5	5	176										6
Grove	139	21	1							3	31	31	196										
Hallwood	92	6	1	2						1	1	1	93										
Harbeson, Del.	209	25	6	14						6	62	62	172										
Harmony, W. Va.	1 149	15	5	46						14	14	14	154										
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.	1 156	1	1	1						2	2	2	117										
Harrington, Del.	236	4	4	7						6	6	6	316										
Hawley Memorial, Pa.	98	3								2	2	2	150										
Howard	353	5	1							11	11	11	335										
Hurlock	1 164	2	3	2						2	2	2	105										
Indian River	45	4								1	1	1	50										
Kemptown	261	17	1	8						11	11	11	244										
Kennedyville	150	4	2							5	5	5	131										
Kent Island	91	4	4							6	6	6	160										
Laurel, Del.	352	11	3							10	10	10	250										
Laurel Circuit, Del.	131	2								5	5	5	150										
Leeds	138	2								20	20	20	127										30
Leipsic, Del.	43			1						5	5	5	47										
Lewes, Del.	57									20	7	7	106										
Lewistown	104	8								5	5	5	109										
Liberty	124	12	1							12	12	12	360										
Lynchburg, Va.	356	121	9	55						200	200	200	338										
Mardela	253	9	9							4	4	4	216										
Marley	1 127	26	2							18	3	3	16										
Middleway, W. Va.	63	17								17	1	1	75										
Milford, Del.	437	53	9	21						40	58	58	55										
Milton, Del.	1 168	12	5							5	5	5	175										
Mt. Nebo	273	5	12	24						1	1	1	225										
New Church, Va.	281	8	1							11	11	11	400										
Newmarket	338	9	2	5						12	17	17	138										
Nichols Memorial	126	16	3	11						16	34	34	300										
Northumberland, Va.	350	30	10							40	40	40	48										
Oak Grove, Va.	76	7								1	3	3	15										
Oxford	1 115	2	1	3						4	2	2	134										
Parkley, Va.	207	6	1							1	1	1	265										
Patapsco	12									1	1	1	35										
Philadelphia:																							
Emanuel	2 114	18	3							7	10	10	167										
St. Luke's	1 334	39	7	16						3	29	29	309										33
Taylor Memorial	1 379	68	47	74						18	29	29	315										12
Pipe Creek	163									2	2	2	87										
Pittsville	344	30	2							30	30	30	108										
Pocomoke City	374	9	12							2	2	2	30										
Poplar Springs	225	23	7							3	3	3	365										
Powellville	2 200	43	5	9						33	43	43	238										
Prince George	69	2								2	2	2	200										
Quantico	37	2	3							3	3	3	41										
Queen Anne	82	4								6	6	6	100										
Reliance	212	12								25	25	25	90										
Ridgeville	2 411	17	6	1						31	31	31	234										20
Rowlandville	66	19	2	32						7	5	5	357										
Salem	73									1	1	1	72										
Salisbury	787	117	13	4						20	150	150	87										35
Seaford, Del.	340	2	2							2	11	11	240										



PASTORS' SALARY AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	PROPERTY							Church Papers Taken	
	Pastor's Salary 1927-1928	Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage		Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property
Accomac, Va.....	1500	2	2	1	25000	3000	170	8000	17
Amelia, Va.....	1200	3	3	1	7000	3000	.....	4500	13
Baltimore									
Alnutt Memorial.....	2100	1	1	1	65000	10000	.....	40000	29
Bethesda.....	1200	1	1	.....	9000	.....	.....	3500	7
Brooklyn.....	2400	1	1	1	60000	10000	22000	29000	25
Calvary.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	5000	9250	26500	13
Chesaco Park.....	900	2	2	1	10000	6000	4750	6000	7
Christ Church.....	2200	1	1	1	65000	7000	.....	23000	40
East Baltimore.....	1900	1	1	1	30000	4500	.....	9000	25
Edmondson Ave.....	2660	1	1	1	60000	8500	49000	20000	9
Eutaw.....	2650	1	1	1	60000	10000	15000	29800	38
Evergreen.....	1000	1	1	1	15000	14000	9000	21000	8
Grace.....	2500	1	1	1	72750	6000	22500	30000	30
Graceland Park.....	1300	1	1	1	10000	.....	1450	5000	8
Hampton.....	2800	1	1	1	175000	20000	42675	75000	97
Keen Memorial.....	1750	1	1	1	60000	10000	18200	30000	12
Lauraville.....	2200	1	1	1	70000	10000	45000	32500	16
Linthicum H'ts.....	2250	1	2	1	28000	8500	.....	27650	15
Lowe Memorial.....	2400	1	1	1	50000	8000	.....	15500	25
North Baltimore.....	3300	1	1	1	47000	7000	6300	35000	46
Payson Street.....	1000	1	1	1	16000	3000	9500	20000	12
South Baltimore.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	8000	4350	14000	31
Starr.....	3300	1	1	1	280000	20000	1900	61000	90
St. John's.....	3000	1	1	1	100000	10000	.....	94000	56
St. Paul's.....	2000	1	1	1	60000	5000	16200	22500	14
Towson.....	2200	1	2	1	30000	8000	600	18000	21
Trinity.....	2080	1	1	1	45000	6000	23000	24000	20
Violetville.....	1500	1	1	1	52000	10000	27700	25000	14
West Baltimore.....	4000	1	1	1	90000	5000	.....	41000	67
Wilton H'ts.....	1900	1	1	.....	60000	.....	9865	20000	15
Bedford, Pa.....	1150	5	5	1	10700	5000	611	3200	13
Belair.....	1200	4	4	1	30000	10000	350	10000	24
Bivalve.....	1200	2	2	1	10000	1900	.....	4500	14
Buckeystown.....	1800	2	2	1	35000	4500	.....	14600	35
Cambridge.....	2200	1	1	1	45000	4000	1150	30000	27
Cambridge Circuit.....	900	2	2	1	4000	1500	.....	2000	12
Cannon, Del.....	900	2	2	1	15000	2500	.....	13000	8
Caroline.....	1000	4	4	1	5000	2500	.....	4500	13
Carroll Circuit.....	900	3	3	.....	5000	.....	.....	3000	12
Cecil.....	1000	3	3	1	20000	3000	.....	13100	9
Centreville.....	1500	1	1	1	40000	7500	7200	23325	22
Chestertown.....	2400	1	1	1	60000	10000	.....	58000	45
Chincoteague, Va.....	900	1	1	1	6000	1600	400	3000	6
Clayton, Del.....	1200	1	2	1	16000	4000	2260	2700	13
Concord, Pa.....	1000	3	3	1	6000	1500	300	5000	17
Crisfield: Crisfeld.....	2400	1	1	1	30000	3000	225	41000	24
Lawsonia.....	.....	1	1	1	2000	2000	.....	2000	.....
Mariners.....	1700	1	1	1	35000	2800	9000	24000	1
Crumpton.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PASTOR'S SALARY AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	Pastor's Salary 1927-1928	PROPERTY							Church Papers Taken
		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	
Cumberland: First Church.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	7000	350	27000	30
Fairview.....	325	1	1	1	4500	.....	.....	3000	5
Mapleside.....	300	1	1	1	1500	.....	1800	500	.....
Melvin Chapel.....	1200	1	1	1	1500	2000	2700	3800	8
Dagsboro.....	1025	2	2	1	8000	2000	.....	7000	.....
Deer Creek.....	700	2	2	1	4000	3000	.....	5700	20
Deer Park.....	1500	2	2	1	16000	8000	250	11500	.....
Delmar, Del.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	6000	1450	12000	18
Delta, Pa.....	1600	1	1	1	10000	5000	475	6000	31
Denton.....	1800	1	1	1	20000	3500	.....	8865	13
Dorchester.....	1200	3	2	1	12500	2500	.....	8100	22
Dover, Del.....	1000	1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	10000	4
Easton.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	5000	4600	12885	22
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1200	1	1	1	20000	8000	3000	14300	9
Fairfax, Va.....	800	4	4	1	10000	2000	.....	5625	8
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	1750	2	2	1	20400	3000	750	14425	22
Federalburg.....	1400	1	1	1	7000	3000	205	7900	9
Felton, Del.....	.....	4	5	1	6000	2500	337	1500	.....
First Church, Newark.....	4000	1	2	1	113000	35000	.....	98500	53
Finksburg.....	.....	3	3	1	41000	7000	2350	25000	27
Frederick.....	1300	3	3	1	5500	2500	.....	5950	12
Greenbackville.....	1300	3	3	1	25000	3500	2000	13000	13
Georgetown, Del.....	1700	1	1	1	35000	6000	1100	25000	77
Glenburnie.....	2200	1	2	1	50000	7000	30488	32000	17
Greenbush & Tasley.....	1100	2	2	1	7000	7000	3200	9000	9
Greenwood, Del.....	1100	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	10300	10
Grove.....	1000	4	4	1	11000	1800	.....	.....	.....
Hallwood.....	1200	1	1	1	10000	3000	900	6000	10
Harbeson, Del.....	1500	2	2	1	11000	4000	2000	7000	9
Harmony, W. Va.....	1000	1	1	1	8000	2500	.....	4800	18
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	.....	2	2	1	11500	5000	.....	6000	12
Harrington, Del.....	.....	1	1	1	60000	8000	.....	35000	28
Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	.....	1	1	1	13000	3000	600	11000	13
Howard.....	1600	4	4	1	32000	4000	8000	21000	42
Hurlock.....	1500	3	3	1	10000	3200	.....	8500	25
Indian River.....	.....	1	1	.....	6000	.....	.....	4000	2
Kempton.....	1000	3	4	1	14000	4000	.....	11500	17
Kennedyville.....	900	1	1	1	5200	6000	2150	5800	21
Kent Island.....	.....	2	2	1	10000	1800	500	7800	16
Laurel, Del.....	.....	1	1	1	70000	10000	2600	2600	33
Laurel Circuit, Del.....	1000	4	4	1	8000	5000	.....	6200	17
Leeds.....	1500	2	2	1	22000	3000	500	15475	14
Leipsic, Del.....	450	1	1	1	4000	800	.....	2000	2
Lewes, Del.....	.....	1	1	.....	3000	.....	.....	2000	4
Lewistown.....	400	2	2	.....	4500	.....	.....	2200	24
Liberty.....	700	2	2	1	12000	3000	.....	5600	17
Lynchburg, Va.....	3000	1	1	1	40000	7000	3000	13000	38
Mardela.....	1500	4	4	1	15000	2000	.....	6800	29
Marley.....	1500	3	3	1	7000	5000	2725	11000	15
Middleway, W. Va.....	240	1	1	1	4000	2500	.....	1700	3



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CHARGE	Pastor's Salary 1927-1928	PROPERTY							
		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
Milford, Del.....	2200	2	2	1	41000	10000	4500	24000	14
Milton, Del.....	1300	1	1	1	3800	3000	900	5000	25
Mt. Nebo.....	1200	3	3	1	13000	4000	300	12700	25
New Church, Va.....	1850	3	3	1	70000	3000	.....	24000	24
Newmarket.....	1400	4	4	1	50000	3500	2200	22400	25
Nichols Memorial.....	1600	1	1	1	10000	6000	100	6900	8
Northumberland, Va.....	1500	4	4	1	40000	2500	5400	10000	25
Oak Grove, Va.....	400	1	3	1	3000	1000	90	2000	12
Oxford.....	1200	1	1	1	4000	4000	.....	4000	10
Parksley, Va.....	1800	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	9000	19
Patapsco.....	.....	1	1	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	1
Philadelphia, Pa									
Emmanuel.....	2028	1	1	1	60000	8000	12000	16300	17
St. Luke's.....	2000	1	1	1	100000	25000	5300	44500	25
Taylor Memorial.....	2400	1	1	1	64000	8000	7000	58000	23
Pipe Creek.....	1200	2	2	1	9000	4000	.....	8000	16
Pittsville.....	1700	2	2	1	14000	4000	1000	9500	30
Pocomoke City.....	2600	1	1	1	55000	7500	32000	46860	42
Poplar Springs.....	1100	3	3	1	10000	6200	.....	11200	16
Powellville.....	1300	4	4	1	13000	2500	.....	3500	22
Prince George, Va.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Quantico.....	600	3	3	1	2500	.....	.....	1500	1
Queen Anne.....	700	2	2	1	7500	3000	.....	4800	15
Reliance.....	.....	2	2	1	13000	4800	.....	10450	12
Ridgeville.....	1500	3	3	.....	24000	.....	200	17800	18
Rowlandville.....	1000	3	3	1	8500	1500	.....	5500	6
Salem.....	800	1	1	1	4000	2000	.....	5000	16
Salisbury.....	3000	1	1	1	175000	15000	30000	116300	44
Seaford, Del.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	10000	3400	26000	30
Sharptown.....	1800	2	2	1	21000	4500	.....	13000	18
Smyrna, Del.....	.....	1	1	.....	7000	.....	.....	1000	.....
Snow Hill.....	.....	1	2	1	56000	5000	.....	30000	24
Snow Hill Circuit.....	.....	3	3	1	10000	1500	.....	1500	7
Stewartstown, Pa.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	16000	3500	6595	23
St. James.....	1400	2	2	1	15000	4000	.....	8500	23
St. Michael's.....	1200	2	3	1	15000	2000	.....	14000	12
Susquehanna.....	950	2	2	1	15000	7000	.....	12000	22
Texas.....	875	2	2	.....	10000	.....	.....	8000	7
Trinity.....	1500	2	2	1	32000	6000	6500	23500	20
Tyreana, Va.....	1000	1	1	1	1500	1500	.....	2000	3
Union.....	1500	3	3	1	7000	3000	.....	7500	19
Union Bridge.....	1000	2	2	1	10500	3000	.....	7800	18
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	5000	3000	.....	3500	23
Warwick.....	900	2	2	1	3200	1200	.....	3600	5
Washington									
Alexandria, Va.....	2000	1	1	.....	30000	.....	3859	18300	23
Calvary, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	3000	8000	7300	7700	3
Cherrydale, Va.....	2340	1	1	1	45000	8000	11634	12000	10
Congress Street.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	15000	4000	13000	24

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CHARGE	Pastor's Salary 1927-1928	PROPERTY							Church
		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	
Washington—continued.....									
First Church.....	1800	1	1	1	40000	10000	4000	35000	1
Mt. Olivet.....	2100	1	1	1	20000	9000	5000	15000	2
Mt. Tabor.....	1800	1	1	1	18000	6000	2450	22500	1
North Carolina Ave.....	2000	1	1	1	81000	11000	8415	41000	2
Rhode Island Ave.....	3000	1	1	1	75000	12000	6125	36000	3
Walkers' Chapel.....	400	1	1	1	8000	.....	.....	25000	.....
Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	1200	2	3	1	25000	2000	.....	10000	.....
Westminster.....	2080	1	1	1	25000	4000	.....	13000	3
Wilmington First Church....	1200	1	1	1	15000	8500	6850	8500	1
Peninsula.....	3300	1	1	2	120000	40000	63000	80500	2
West Wilmington.....	1040	1	1	.....	5000	.....	.....	2100	.....
Whaleyville.....	1500	3	3	1	12500	2500	.....	6200	.....
Wye.....	650	1	1	1	5000	4000	.....	4000	1
Detached Churches									
Central.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony, Md.....	250	1	1	.....	2500	.....	.....	1000	.....
Portsville.....	300	1	1	.....	6000	.....	.....	1000	.....
Quinton.....	450	1	1	.....	3500	.....	.....	2500	.....
Union Church.....	.....	1	1	.....	5000	.....	.....	2000	.....
Wigand's Chapel.....	.....	1	1	.....	800	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryand Conference Bldg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250000	.....	.....	100000	.....
President's Parsonage.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18000	.....	.....	12000	.....
W. T. Seminary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170000	.....	.....	90000	.....
W. M. College.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500000	.....	.....	150000	.....
Home for Aged.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13000	.....	.....	3000	.....
Deaconess Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9000	.....	.....	5000	.....

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD

It has been said that it takes a Philadelphia lawyer to make out our Pastor's Report Blanks. This may be true, but I may add that most of the brethren would be Philadelphia lawyers if properly classifying the items was considered correct and the only requirement. Never have the items been so perfectly listed as they have been this year. However, we have had errors which have caused us much trouble. These errors may be divided into three groups:

First, failure to report Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Second, failure to write name of charge and sign pastor's name.

Third, poor addition.

Though these errors may seem insignificant, they greatly hinder the work of the Conference Steward and make his report unsightly for the printer as well as reflect on the efficiency of the steward and the judgment of this great assembly. Such mistakes oftentimes require the steward to figure an entire night, and uselessly be deprived of the benefit of the Conference session.

Our next Conference year ends May 31. Our Conference session meets on the second Wednesday in June. It does seem that the time between the last day of May and the second Wednesday in June will give the brethren time to prepare their reports. For the good of the Conference work, kindly permit me to suggest that the reports be prepared in time to be dropped in the green bag at the roll-call.

It also seems that such time is enough to prepare all checks and have them ready for the pastor. It is a great hindrance to the efficiency of this office to have checks and forgotten items added to the report after Wednesday at 4 P. M. While I have cheerfully done it in the past, it has been a source of great and unnecessary trouble and it is hoped that the brethren will cooperate with the office another year by having the report complete at the time of roll-call. It is absolutely impossible to make such changes and have a complete report for the Conference before its adjournment.

Because it is a 17-month year, it is impossible for me to compare items and thus give you the increase or decrease in contributions. Therefore, it seems useless to read the financial results of the 1927 session. With your permission I will read only the totals for this, the 17-month year.

R. W. WHITE, Steward.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY TOTAL FOR GENERAL INTERESTS

President's salary .....	\$6,376
Maryland Conference Budget.....	43,823

General Conference Budget.....	93,900
Credits:	
Children's Day .....	19,410
Special for Foreign Missions.....	2,349
Young People's Missionary Union.....	1,853
Easter offering .....	11,558
Special for Home Missions .....	1,662
Rally Day .....	5,627
Special for Education.....	1,544
W. F. M. S.....	10,166
W. H. M. S.....	6,357
General Conference Superannuates .....	405
Ministerial Salary Relief.....	233
Executive Committee .....	207
Children's Home .....	145
Home for the Aged.....	218
Bible Society .....	144
Christmas offering .....	1,192
Total credits .....	63,096
Paid on Budget, less credits.....	20,802
Paid on total assessment.....	144,097
Miscellaneous general .....	54,206
Total for general interests .....	198,301
Pastor's salary .....	308,083
Rental value of parsonage.....	66,158
Current expenses .....	140,292
Paid on building and improvement.....	217,412
Paid on debt.....	81,686
Paid on interest on debt.....	42,292
Miscellaneous local .....	101,193
Total paid for local interests.....	957,116
Total paid for all purposes.....	1,155,417

RAYMOND W. WHITE,  
Steward.

WM. SCHMEISER,  
J. G. EATON,  
Asst. Stewards.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

## MEMBERSHIP

	1928	1927	Incr.	Decr.
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3,672	3,840	.....	.....
Ministers and Preachers .....	168	164	4	.....
Supply Preachers .....	14	25	.....	11
Unstationed Ministers and preachers	45	60	.....	.....
Full Members .....	34,755	33,816	939	.....
Full Members Received.....	3,444	2,140	1309	.....
Full Members Withdrawn .....	989	464	485	.....
Full Members Discontinued .....	1,162	1,408	.....	246
Full Members Deceased <sup>o</sup> .....	525	385	140	.....
Probationers .....	331	376	.....	45
Probationers Received .....	334	212	122	.....
Probationers Elected to Membership..	226	227	99	.....
Probationers Discontinued .....	23	65	.....	42
Adults Baptized .....	314	180	134	.....
Children Baptized .....	2,056	1,438	618	.....
Conversions .....	2,977	2,134	843	.....
Sunday Schools .....	258	263	.....	5
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3,672	3,840	.....	163
New Scholars .....	3,843	3,902	.....	59
Scholars on Roll .....	38,319	37,160	1159	.....
Senior Christian Endeavor Societies..	139	175	.....	36
Senior Christian Endeavor Members..	4,982	6,121	.....	1139
Inter. Christian Endeavor Societies..	39	.....	.....	.....
Inter. Christian Endeavor Members..	1,010	.....	.....	.....
Jr. Christian Endeavor Societies.....	63	74	.....	6
Jr. Christian Endeavor Members.....	1,972	2,128	.....	156
Money for Foreign Missions.....	\$1,338	\$1,319	\$19	.....
Money for Conf. Union Missionary..	\$1,383	\$1,699	.....	\$316

## PROPERTY

	1928	1927	Incr.	Decr.
Appointments .....	275	282	.....	7
Churches .....	286 ½	287 ½	.....	1
Parsonages .....	144	141	3	.....
Value of Church Property.....	\$5,626,350	\$5,214,100	\$412,250	.....
Value of Parsonage Property....	824,600	787,150	37,450	.....
Debt on Church & Parsonage....	683,339	535,308	148,031	.....
Ins. on Church & Parsonage.....	3,013,305	2,804,005	148,031	127
Church Papers taken .....	2,950	3,077	.....	127

KARL H. WAREHEIM,

J. L. MARKER,

A. K. LICHERT,

S. C. HALL,

Committee on Statistics

# MANUAL

## RULES OF ORDER AND REGULATIONS FOR THE Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

**Rule 1. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.** 1. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the second Wednesday in June. (The first date for annual session under this rule being Wednesday, June 12, 1929.) The current conference year shall end on May 31st.

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 within the bar at the time when such question shall be presented, except by leave of Conference, or when such member is necessarily absent.

3. Votes for all Conference Officers, the Committee on Discipline, Standing District Committee, Trustees of the Maryland Conference and all other officers of all other organizations shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yeas and nays; but a division of opinion shall be called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in support of the question standing until they shall have been counted.

4. A member may change his vote at any time before the announcement of the decision of the question.

5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

6. Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as provided in the Discipline.

**Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Any motion for amendments to these Rules and Regulations, whether submitted by committees or individuals, shall be in writing and shall specify the amendments contemplated. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

## REGULATIONS.

**Regulation I. DUTIES OF PASTORS.** 1. The pastor shall cooperate with the Stewards in collecting the assessments for the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this regard, and in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards."

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that there be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's offerings among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavor to have 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.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those residing in their respective charges whether they have been baptized, and if not, to advise of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of a non-stationed Minister or Preacher.

8. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand down 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 a member with a copy, in compliance with Disciplinary law.

10. That no minister of this Conference shall give his assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not unconditionally to an incorporated board of Methodist Preachers.

11. No minister of this Conference shall go as a local preacher outside of the Maryland Conference unless said church is contributing to the Superannuated Fund of this Conference.

12. All pastors are required to submit in detail a Survey of all plans their churches may have for new churches, parsonages, remodeling or extensive improvements, locations, etc., for advice and counsel, before giving their consent to the execution of their plans. This is done that the church may have the advantage of the study and experience of the conference members. Further, no church shall receive any appropriation =

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 the amounts overpaid on "Assessments," "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.

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