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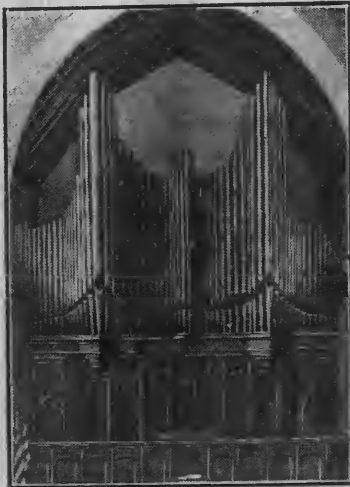
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294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883	379	N. O. Gibson	1896	1898
297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885	380	F. A. Holland	1896	1897
299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886	381	E. D. Stone	1896	1898
301	E. O. Ewing	1884	Tr.	382	G. H. Stocksdales	1896	1899
302	E. A. Warfield	1884	1886	387	W. A. Melvin	1897	1898
303	J. W. Norris	1884	1886	388	E. T. Read	1897	1899
308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886	389	J. L. Ward	1897	1899
309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887	394	B. F. Ruley	1899	1900
310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885	396	T. R. Woodford	1899	1900
312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887	397	G. E. Brown	1899	1904
315	J. F. Wooden	1886	1889	398	C. M. Compher	1900	1901
320	E. H. VanDyke	1887	1889	400	F. J. Phillips	1900	1903
321	G. W. Haddaway	1888	1890	401	W. N. Sherwood	1900	1903
324	H. W. D. Johnson	1888	1891	403	E. H. Jones	1900	1905
326	G. R. Hodge	1889	1891	405	J. H. Straughn	1901	1903
330	C. E. McCullough	1889	1891	406	C. R. Strausburg	1901	1904
332	H. S. Johnson	1890	1892	409	P. W. Crosby	1903	1904
337	R. K. Lewis	1891	1893	411	G. J. Hooker	1903	1904
338	L. F. Warner	1891	1893	413	Clayborne Phillips	1903	1905
339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891	415	R. L. Shipley	1903	1905

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416	B. A. Bryan	1904	1906	465	A. W. Ewell	1912	1913
417	G. I. Humphreys ...	1904	1906	466	E. W. Simms	1912	1913
421	F. M. Clift	1904	1906	467	W. F. Wright	1912	1914
423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907	468	Ziba Adams	1913	Tr.
424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907	471	C. C. Day	1913	1914
425	Carroll Maddox	1905	1908	472	W. M. Snyder	1913	1914
426	W. P. Roberts	1905	1907	473	T. C. Jones	1914	Tr.
428	C. M. Elderdice	1906	1907	474	J. N. Link	1914	1916
429	W. L. Hoffman	1906	1908	475	Allan Haldeman	1914	1917
432	L. B. Smith	1906	1907	477	Ronalds Taylor	1914	1914
434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.	478	I. S. Owens	1915	1917
436	E. L. Bunce	1907	1907	479	W. L. Jump	1915	1917
437	H. B. Jester	1907	1909	480	E. T. Kirkley	1915	1916
438	P. L. Rice	1907	1909	481	J. Peyton Adams....	1916	1917
439	F. D. Reynolds	1907	Tr.	482	Chas. W. Cole	1916	1917
440	G. A. Ogg	1907	Tr.	483	J. P. George	1916	....
441	E. A. Sexsmith	1907	Tr.	484	A. R. Middleton	1916	....
442	J. L. Nichols	1908	Tr.	487	Howard L. Davis ...	1917	....
445	E. L. Beauchamp ...	1909	1910	488	K. K. Haddaway ...	1917	1917
447	M. E. Hungerford ..	1909	1911	489	C. R. Dutton	1917	1917
448	J. R. Wright	1909	1911	490	J. T. Moore	1917	....
450	A. B. Dupuy	1909	1911	491	J. H. Lynch	1917	....
451	J. E. Massey	1909	1909	492	C. N. Alexander	1917	....
457	V. A. Miller	1911	1913	493	C. H. Dobson	1917	....
459	R. Y. Nicholson	1911	1912	494	H. L. Murphy	1917	....
461	W. C. Mumford	1911	1912	495	L. E. Haddaway	1917	....
462	C. M. Adams	1912	1914	496	A. F. T. Raum	1917
463	W. F. Bauscher	1912	1913	497	P. M. R. Schauer....	1917
464	J. A. Dudley	1912	1912				

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Alexandria	F. W. Deeton	Deer Park	Byard Dorsey
Amelia	J. A. Sydnor	Delmar	John McNelia
Baltimore:		Delta	Geo. R. Myers
Alnutt Mem.	J. H. Roberts	Denton	T. P. Fisher
Bethany	F. M. Bell	Dorchester	T. C. Sellers
Broadway	J. W. McGrath	Dover	J. H. Wheatley
Brooklyn	R. O. Wilkinson	Easton	C. E. Nichols
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Chesaco Park		Fairfax	William Fox
Christ Church	A. R. Lewis	Fawn Grove	N. A. Manifold
East Baltimore	E. B. Fenby	Federalsburg	C. W. Jefferson
Eutaw	F. G. Reinicker	Felton	P. Frank Dill
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Payson St.	W. E. Harrison	Greensboro	C. B. Jarman
South Balto.	M. B. Insko	Greenwood	J. W. Baker
Starr	W. W. Smith	Grove	*Oscar Nichols
St. Johns	H. K. Muller	Harbeson	G. W. Simpler
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Wilton Hts.	Jas. E. Whaley	Hurlock	W. J. Woollen
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President's Report—W. H. Litsinger, C. M. Compher, G. A. Ogg, H. K. Muller, William N. Fountaine, Samuel Burgess.

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Reporting 1917

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State of the Nation: T. H. Lewis, F. T. Little, T. P. Fisher.

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On District of Columbia Sunday Laws: G. I. Humphreys, G. E. Brown, J. F. Bryan, T. J. Wilson, T. W. Grimes.

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Preparatory Course

- J. W. KIRK—Binney's Theological Compend.
T. O. CROUSE—The New Testament. English Grammar.
W. M. STRAYER—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners. Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.
J. L. MILLS—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church. Official Blanks.
J. W. GRAY—Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences.

All persons intending to apply for admission on trial will write to the President of the Conference for official blanks, on which application should be made.

All students in the Preparatory Course are required to present a written sermon to the President of the Faculty on or before February 1st of each Conference year.

Student—J. H. Lynch.

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—"Tillets Studies in Christian Doctrine."
J. L. ELDERDICE—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
A written sermon submitted February 1st.
T. O. CROUSE—English.
J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.
B. W. KINDLEY—Sunday School Experience,—Tralle.

Students—W. D. Short, C. N. Alexander, H. L. Murphy, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, L. E. Haddaway, J. P. George. *J. J. Moore*

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Proofs of the Existence of God" to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st.

Second Year's Class

- H. L. ELDERDICE—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I. First half.
S. B. TREDWAY—Smith's Historical Georgraphy of the Holy Land.
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
J. W. BALDERSTON—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
B. W. KINDLEY—Training the Teacher—Schauffler.

Students—

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to H. L. Elderdice on or before February 1st.

Third Year's Class

F. T. BENSON—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I, Last half. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

W. R. GRAHAM—Lewis' The Divine Credentials.

A. W. MATHER—Miller's Christian Ministry.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated:

W. R. GRAHAM—Peck's "The Revival and the Pastor," submitted November 1st.

A. W. MATHER—Buckley's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching," submitted February 1st.

Students—I. S. Owens, W. L. Jump, E. T. Kirkley.

J. L. MILLS will deliver a lecture on the Theory and Practice of our Church Government, and every student is required to attend this lecture and examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

The Faculty meets on Tuesday, at 10.00 a. m., to examine students, and at 7.30 p. m., for business. Students will not be examined any other day.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course, or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

All who are to be placed in the hands of the President are to understand that this action must not necessarily be construed as giving encouragement to the hope of a future reception into the Conference.

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

J. L. MILLS, President.

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Baltimore, Md., April 11th, 1917.

First Day—Wednesday.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its eighty-ninth session this day in Starr Methodist Protestant Church at nine o'clock in the morning. President J. S. Bowers called the Conference to order and conducted a devotional service, as follows: Hymn 205, "We are watching, we are waiting"; prayer, J. L. Mills; Scripture, Isaiah 11 and 1 Peter 1, J. S. Bowers. Hymn 115, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way His Wonders to Perform." The President then read his report. Following the reading of the report, the President's character was passed. (Report A). The Secretary then called the roll of the Conference. F. T. Tagg reported that J. F. Wooden had been called away from the Conference by the sudden death of his adopted daughter and made a motion that he be marked present. The motion carried and Brother Wooden was marked present. The names of F. L. Stevens, R. T. Tyson and T. H. Wright were transferred to the Memorial Roll. Several alterations were made in the roll by substituting the names of alternates for the regularly elected delegates, who were not able to attend. Warwick and Georgetown, Delaware, each reported that neither the delegate nor the alternate being able to attend, an extra meeting of the official board was called and new delegates elected. As these meetings were held within ten days of the Conference, special action of the Conference was necessary before they could be seated. The necessary action was taken and the names of these delegates were placed upon the Conference Roll.

A motion was made by F. C. Klein and seconded by J. M. Sheridan that the bar of the Conference be established. The motion carried and the bar was established at the eighth row of pews.

The Memorial Roll was called by F. T. Benson, pausing at the name of F. L. Stevens, when remarks of commemoration on his life and works were made by J. M. Sheridan and E. H. Jones, again pausing at the name of R. T. Tyson while G. A. Ogg and H. S. Johnson spoke in commemoration of him and again at the name of T. H. Wright, while such remarks were made by J. M. Sheridan, S. B. Tredway, W. M. Strayer and J. S. Bowers.

On motion by F. T. Little, the Conference recessed until 2 P. M. and the benediction was pronounced by J. M. Sheridan.

Afternoon.

At 2 o'clock the President called the Conference to order. A resolution was introduced by G. I. Humphreys limiting the tenure of the President's office to three years. Upon motion by F. T. Tagg, the time for debate on the resolution was extended thirty minutes. After discussion by G. I. Humphreys, J. M. Sheridan, W. M. Strayer, the question was called for by S. B. Tredway and the resolution was adopted by a vote of 97 to 63. (Resolution 1).

A resolution fixing a salary of \$25. for the Conference Steward was presented by J. F. Bryan and A. R. Lewis. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 2).

The appointment of the Standing Committees was made by the President. (See List).

Mr. Daniel Baker arose to a question of personal privilege at this point and asked if a layman is eligible to be President of the Maryland Annual Conference. The question was debated but not definitely decided.

A resolution was presented by C. P. Nowlin providing for a Stationing Committee for the Conference. It was made the order of the day to follow immediately after the election of officers.

At this point the Secretary of the Conference asked for the privilege of reading that part of his report referring to the credentials of delegates. The privilege was granted and that part of the Secretary's report was adopted. (Report B).

The Conference then proceeded to the election of officers with the following results. For President—

G. W. Haddaway	134
J. M. Gill	40
W. R. Graham	15
L. F. Warner	3
W. H. Litsinger	1
F. T. Tagg	1
W. A. Melvin	1
L. A. Bennett	1

Ninety-eight votes were necessary to an election. By the count of the ballots G. W. Haddaway was elected, but declined the office as limited by recent resolutions. After discussion by B. A. Bryan, T. O. Crouse, F. T. Tagg, J. M. Sheridan, G. W. Haddaway, Daniel Baker, G. I. Humphreys, E. T. Read, the Conference proceeded again to the election of President.

J. F. Bryan moved a reconsideration of the resolution limiting the President's tenure of office to three years. Motion was lost. The second ballot for President resulted as follows:

J. M. Gill	97
L. F. Warner	18
F. T. Tagg	3
J. H. Straughn	6
E. H. Jones	1
W. R. Graham	26
W. H. Litsinger	1
L. A. Bennett	3
T. R. Woodford	1
T. O. Crouse	1
A. N. Ward	4
F. T. Little	3
P. W. Crosby	1
J. W. Kirk	1
W. P. Roberts	1
Louis Randall	1
G. W. Haddaway	16
Avery Donovan	1

Ninety-five votes being necessary for election, J. M. Gill was declared elected, and took the chair, reserving his final decision until tomorrow morning.

G. Q. Bacchus moved that the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for J. H. Straughn for Secretary. The motion was carried and J. H. Straughn was elected. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for C. P. Nowlin, and he was duly elected Conference Treasurer for 1918.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for J. Ralph Wright for Conference Steward for 1918, and he was elected.

J. S. Bowers made a motion that Conference adjourn. Motion carried and L. F. Warner pronounced the benediction.

Evening.

The evening session was opened by J. M. Gill. T. O. Crouse announced Hymn 169, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." After singing the hymn, prayer was offered by R. L. Shipley. The Scripture lesson from

Acts 26th chapter was read by T. O. Crouse. Hymn 318, "Jesus Thy Boundless Love," was sung, after which the Conference sermon was delivered by E. T. Read, from 2nd Timothy 4:7, "I have kept the faith." After the sermon, J. S. Bowers conducted communion service, at the close of which he also pronounced the benediction.

Second Day—Thursday.

The Conference met in the devotional services at 9 o'clock, led by L. A. Bennett. The President elect, J. M. Gill, took the chair at 9:40 o'clock and called the Conference to order. The minutes of the first day's session were read; motion made to strike out reference therein to the eligibility of a layman for the Presidency, motion lost. Rev. C. R. Strausburg, the pastor of Lisbon charge, requested that the name of the alternate from said charge be substituted for that of the delegate, request granted by common consent.

J. S. Bowers was called to the chair, and the President elect, J. M. Gill, announced that for reasons of physical disability he could not assume the responsibility of the office to which he had been elected, and therefore must decline the same. His declination was accepted by vote of the Conference. On motion of F. T. Little, the Conference proceeded to ballot for President: the vote resulted as follows, 171 cast, 86 necessary to a choice. L. F. Warner received 70; W. R. Graham, 29; A. N. Ward, 22; J. H. Straughn, 13; J. W. Kirk, 11; F. T. Little, 11, with many votes scattered. There was no election. This was the third ballot. A fourth ballot was then ordered, taken and resulted as follows, 180 cast, 91 necessary to a choice. L. F. Warner received 127; W. R. Graham, 14; A. N. Ward, 22; J. H. Straughn, 6; F. T. Little, 3; J. W. Kirk, 3, with several scattering votes. L. F. Warner having received more than a majority was declared elected.

T. H. Lewis asked that the order of the day be suspended, and that we enter into the program as arranged with reference to the fiftieth anniversary of the Western Maryland College. The following order of exercises was carried out.

Hymn No. 104, "O God our Help in ages past."

Scripture, Job xxvii (Read at laying of first corner-stone).

Prayer, Thomas O. Crouse, (Of the first graduating Class).

Singing, by a Glee Club of former students.

His Excellency The Governor of Maryland, Emerson C. Harring-

ton, (Whose father was a delegate to the Annual Conference meeting in Westminster, forty years ago).

Singing, by the Glee Club.

Five Five-Minute Tributes.

From the President of the Conference—J. S. Bowers.

From one who has seen and helped it all—Mrs. T. H. Lewis.

From the oldest member of the Conference—W. M. Strayer.

From a graduate who became editor—F. T. Benson.

From one of our lay delegates—W. G. Baker, Jr.

Singing, by the Glee Club.

“What Shall We Do Therefore?”—The President of the College.

The Conference resumed routine business and the report of the program committee was read and adopted. On motion the Ministerial Roll of the Conference was called and the reports of the pastors were deposited. On motion the Conference recessed until 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon.

Conference resumed at 1:30 o'clock, with J. S. Bowers in the chair. Report of the Conference Secretary was read and adopted, referring the Secretary's Financial Statement to the Board of Finance. (Report B). Conference then proceeded to vote for the Standing District Committee, the Chair appointing as Tellers, J. T. Bailey, J. H. Bell, G. A. Morris and J. D. Randolph. On motion by W. R. Graham, the Tellers were instructed to retire and count the ballot. The vote for the Committee on Appeals was ordered. T. E. Harrison, G. J. Hill, T. R. Woodford and R. G. Nicholson were appointed as Tellers. J. W. Trout moved that Tellers be permitted to retire and count the ballot, motion adopted.

C. P. Nowlin's resolution providing for a change in the stationing authority of the Conference was taken from the table and on motion of J. M. Sheridan, consideration of the resolution was postponed.

The Secretary read a letter from J. L. Straughn. On motion of F. T. Little, the letter was ordered filed and a committee of three to be appointed to visit J. L. Straughn and convey the sympathy of this Conference for him in his affliction. The following were appointed as a committee: G. Q. Bacchus, C. M. Cullum, and G. A. Ogg.

The order of the day for 2 o'clock was observed, and Rev. C. S. Johnson, Secretary of the Forward Movement Commission, and Rev. G. H. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, were introduced and each

addressed the Conference in the interest of the work which he represented. The latter extending an invitation so to do, was asked questions with reference to that part of his address touching on the liquidation of the debt on the West Lafayette College property.

Miss Florence Hammond and Mrs. W. C. Perkins, representing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, respectively, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

The roll of the charges was called and communications therefrom were brought to the desk.

The report of the Tellers on the ballot for the standing district committee was made—two ministers were elected, F. T. Little and W. R. Graham. Motion adopted that the minister with the next highest vote be declared elected. J. M. Sheridan was so declared. Three laymen were elected: T. P. Fisher, W. G. Baker and T. A. Murray. The Tellers on ballot for the Committee on Appeals reported elected as follows: ministers, J. L. Mills, J. W. Kirk, A. W. Mather; laymen, A. R. Lewis, H. K. Muller. Motion adopted that the layman with next highest vote be declared elected, F. P. Adkins so declared.

J. McL. Brown presented a resolution tendering the sympathy and moral and physical support of this Conference to the President of the United States. On motion the resolution was referred to a special committee of three. The Chair named T. H. Lewis, F. T. Little and T. P. Fisher as the committee. (See Report Y).

The report of the President of the Union of Young People's Work was read and referred to the committee on Young People's Work. (See Report J).

The order of the day, namely the "Consecration of the Deaconess," was observed with the following program:

Hymn 379, "Stand Up for Jesus."

Responsive Reading, Selection 10 of the Psalter, led by L. B. Smith.

Scripture lesson, "The Parable of the Talents," by J. W. Kirk. Prayer, G. W. Haddaway.

Hymn 398, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go."

F. T. Tagg preached the consecration sermon, taking as his text Romans 16:1. At the conclusion of the sermon, F. T. Tagg requested Mrs. L. B. Shockley and Mrs. T. W. Donoho to conduct Miss Lillian Nelson De Moss to the platform, and L. B. Smith presented her as the candidate for con-

secration. J. S. Bowers asked the candidate questions pertaining to her belief and denominational knowledge, upon receiving satisfactory answers, J. W. Kirk read the charge. L. B. Smith led in prayer and the following brethren, members of the Deaconess Board, F. T. Tagg, J. S. Bowers, J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. F. Bryan and L. B. Smith, laid on hands, consecrating Lillian N. De Moss a deaconess in the church. The service closed with Hymn 374, "How Firm A Foundation."

Conference resuming routine business, the Chair appointed E. T. Kirkley to act as Collector for superannuate dues to take the place of the original appointee, C. M. Adams. After several announcements, motion adopted that E. T. Read be requested to furnish a copy of the Conference Sermon, and F. T. Tagg a copy of the sermon at the consecration of the deaconess, both copies to be published in the minutes. W. S. Hanks requested the Conference to excuse him from committee work; excused by common consent. F. T. Tagg was recognized by the Chair, and having spoken concerning the ministerial career of S. B. Tredway, requested that the said Brother be granted a superannuate relation. On motion the request was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. F. T. Tagg asked to be excused from the session of Saturday. Request granted. A letter from G. F. Farring was read and referred to the Committee on Superannuates. A letter from L. A. Bennett, requesting "to give me the opportunity to go out from this Conference as an evangelist" was read. On motion the request was granted.

The report of the committee on Methodist Hospital Visitation was read: it stated that the committee found the spirit of confidence, not to say enthusiasm, in all connected with the institution. That the sum of \$150,000 was raised in a recent campaign and the future of the institution was assured. Mention is made of Messrs. W. C. Scott, Daniel McLea, Dr. G. M. Linthicum, of the Executive Committee, and of Dr. J. M. H. Rowland, Dean of the University School of Medicine, as those representatives of the Methodist Protestant Church who were among the number who had stood by the Hospital in its dark days. The report was adopted. (Report S).

The Conference adjourned with the benediction, by E. H. Van Dyke.

Evening.

The evening session was a public meeting devoted to Young People's Work, and was in charge of J. H. Straughn. The service was opened by

singing "America." Prayer was offered by G. E. Repp. Scripture lesson by E. A. Sexsmith. J. A. Dudley addressed the Conference on "The Union of Young People's Work and Missions." W. P. Roberts then spoke on "The Union of Young People's Work and the Call to the Ministry." At this point Dr. George H. Miller, of the Educational Board, and Dr. C. S. Johnson, of the Forward Movement Commission, were introduced and spoke briefly. G. M. Clayton addressed the Conference on "The Union of Young People's Work and Denominational Delinquents." After singing the "Song to the Flag," the meeting closed with prayer and benediction by G. A. Ogg.

Third Day—Friday.

The devotional exercises began at 9 o'clock, led by N. C. Clough. At 9.30 the Secretary called the Conference to order and on motion of T. O. Crouse, W. M. Strayer took the chair. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The roll was called. The order of the day for ten o'clock was suspended by motion and J. S. Bowers read a letter from the pastor of Rowlandville, E. O. Ewing, asking for a superannuate relation. The request was referred to the Committee on Superannuates by motion. Motion adopted that the order of the day be suspended till we hear from L. F. Warner as to his attitude on the Presidency.

The Report of the Treasurer and Board of Managers of the Church Home was referred to the Committee on Church Home. (See Report O).

On motion the chairman of the Committee on Official Relation was asked to wait on L. F. Warner, the President elect, and escort him to the chair. J. S. Bowers handed the gavel to L. F. Warner, who took it and with appropriate words declaring any man should be proud to serve such a Methodism, accepted the Presidency of the Conference, and pledged his best services and asked the sympathy and support of the Conference.

The order of the day was observed, and C. H. Beck, the Treasurer of the General Conference, was introduced and spoke in the interests of the denominational financial budget. Motion that time be extended was adopted. Motion that a special committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of the General Conference Assessment and report their conclusions. (See Report W). Motion adopted. F. T. Little was then called to the chair.

The order of the day being the report of the committee on Litera-

ture and Education, and the report still in process of formation, by common consent the speakers, who would have followed the reading of this report were given the opportunity now to speak. T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College was introduced and addressed the Conference on behalf of that institution. He made a plea that the Conference use the College unto the end that we have a still further trained constituency and a better trained ministry. He was followed by A. N. Ward, the Vice President of the College, who asked for an offering and received a subscription amounting to \$1,800 for the College endowment fund. H. L. Elderdice was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Westminster Theological Seminary, of which he is President. He also emphasized the need of a trained ministry. J. W. Trout moved that C. A. Benjamin be appointed a member of the Committee on Official Relations to take the place of W. S. Walker. Motion adopted. F. T. Benson, Editor of the Methodist Protestant, was introduced to the Conference and spoke in the interest of the Literature of the Church, making a special plea for a larger subscription list for The Methodist Protestant. Charles Reiner was introduced and spoke about the publishing interests and the Book Concern of our Church, of which he is the agent.

J. W. Trout, Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations, introduced the Rev. C. D. Harris, the Editor of the Baltimore Southern Methodist. Dr. Harris extended greetings to the Conference in a short and pleasing address.

A partial report from the committee on the President's report was submitted, in which was presented two recommendations: First, that the request of G. H. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, relative to the assessment on the debt of the West Lafayette College be referred to the Committee on Literature and Education. Second, that a special committee be appointed to consider the Forward Movement and report to this Conference. Partial report adopted. (Report A).

The special committee on the state of the nation presented its report and the same was adopted. (Report Y).

The President of the Conference announced the appointment of E. L. Beauchamp as his Secretary, and requested that the delegates of the Conference see him this day and that the ministers see him on Saturday.

Resolution was offered by F. T. Tagg on the better sanctity of the Lord's Day in Washington, D. C. A motion to postpone consideration of the same was adopted. (See Resolution 3). A resolution was offered

providing for the appointment of a committee to wait on the Governor of the State to enter a protest against levying a tax on the race track interests for the purpose of state revenues. Resolution was adopted. (Resolution 4). A resolution was offered that the Conference extend its sympathy to J. F. Wooden on the death of his adopted daughter. (Resolution 5).

The President of the Conference announced the following appointments: W. P. Roberts, on the Committee on Audit, to take the place of L. F. Warner. As a committee to consider and report on the General Conference Budget, F. T. Benson, W. A. Melvin, and Daniel Baker. E. A. Sexsmith, on the Committee on Young People's Work, to take the place of L. F. Warner.

F. T. Benson asked to be excused from the Committee on General Conference Budget. Request granted by motion adopted and G. W. Haddaway was appointed. At this juncture several announcements were made. J. W. Trout, Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations introduced to the Conference J. W. Crabbe, the Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League. Motion made and adopted that the Committee on Pulpit Supply be permitted to publish their report before presenting it to the Conference. On motion the Conference adjourned with benediction by W. D. Litsinger.

Fourth Day—Saturday.

Devotional exercises began at 9 o'clock, led by W. L. Hoffman. The President took the Chair at 9:30. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report of the Standing District Committee was read, stating it had arranged for the present Conference Session with Starr Church, under Conference Resolution 10 of last year, and recommended that the Conference adopt a permanent plan for paid entertainment. The report was adopted. (Report Q).

The report of the Trustees of The Maryland Annual Conference was presented. It listed the Trustees and stated that the income from the Eversole Legacy had been used as per provisions of legacy; it submitted the annual report of the Treasurer of the Board and stated that the books and accounts had been audited and found correct. The report was adopted. (Report D).

The report of the Maryland Conference Educational Endowment So-

ciety was made, presenting three items. First, that the personnel of the Board was the same, and its relation to the college and seminary was unchanged. Second, that the income from the Henrietta Gibson Legacy has been promptly paid over to the Board of Governors of the Seminary, for the education of young men for the ministry. Third, that \$500 from the Drinkhouse estate has been used per provisions of the will. The report was adopted. (Report R). At this time the Secretary was instructed by motion to cast the vote of the Conference for the following persons as Conference Trustees to serve until 1920: Ministers, J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan; Laymen, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray.

The report of the Committee on Literature and Education was then taken up by items. First, Literature: Gratification is expressed at the increased circulation of the Methodist Protestant, and the editor is congratulated for his ability and energy. The Baltimore Book Directory is in splendid condition, there being a net gain in the business of \$3,611.63, and an increase of the Reserve Fund to more than \$7,000. The agent of the Book Concern is congratulated for his efficiency and energy. Second, Western Maryland College. Nothing unusual in the ordinary routine has occurred, yet its condition is satisfactory in every respect. Special attention is called to the Golden Jubilee Celebration, beginning June 10th; to the campaign for the endowment fund of \$50,000, of which nearly \$30,000 is subscribed, and our people are earnestly urged to cooperate unto the end desired. Third, The Westminster Theological Seminary. Congratulations are extended upon its 36% increase of the number enrolled last year. The present enrollment being 38, representing 12 states and two other denominations. Seven are to be graduated in May. Attention is directed to General Conference Resolution on "Seminary Sunday" as an annual observance for the quadrennium in relation to the Seminary's \$50,000 campaign. Recommendation is made that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year; and that young men untrained, seeking admission to the Conference, be advised and urged by the Faculty of Instruction to take both the college and seminary course of study. Suggestion is made that the item of the President's report, relative to the assessment of \$2,000 towards liquidation of debt on the West Lafayette College property be referred to the Board of Finance with instructions. The hour of the day having arrived motion adopted to postpone same till business before the Conference is finished. J. M. Sheridan made a motion that the Conference instruct the Board of Finance to levy an assessment of \$2,000 in four annual

periods. T. H. Lewis spoke to the motion, also F. T. Tagg and G. W. Haddaway. J. M. Sheridan asked permission, in view of the facts presented by T. H. Lewis, to withdraw his motion. At this point, on request, G. E. Brown and F. S. Cain were excused from further attendance at today's session. Motion adopted that J. M. Sheridan be allowed to withdraw the motion under discussion. J. M. Sheridan then made a motion that we express our interest in the effort to liquidate the debt on the West Lafayette College property and our willingness to co-operate with the other Conferences unto this end and that we instruct the Board of Finance to arrange some plan by which the money can be secured from the churches at the rate of \$500 per year for four years, with interest. G. W. Haddaway spoke to the motion and moved to amend that the amount be raised in one year, and that the pastors be required to present the matter to the churches. Daniel Baker spoke to the whole question, also F. T. Little, Louis Randall, and E. C. Makosky. The motion as amended was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report I).

On the request of J. M. Sheridan, the case of J. M. Holmes was referred to the Committee on Superannuates; on request of F. T. Tagg, the case of F. H. Mullineaux was referred to the Committee on Superannuates; on request of J. S. Bowers, the case of D. L. Greenfield was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

H. L. Schlincke, on behalf of the Committee on Official Relations, presented to the President, who in turn introduced to the Conference Revs. H. St. Clair Neal, W. A. Koontz and Edward Hayes, of the M. E. Church; J. T. Lambert, of the M. E. Church South, and J. Monroe Stick, of the Maryland Tract Society. Revs. Neal and Koontz gave short addresses. J. S. Bowers in the Chair replied. J. M. Stick was granted the privilege of the floor of five minutes and spoke in the interest of the Society he represents. Motion adopted that J. W. Crabbe be heard on behalf of the Anti-Saloon League, of which he is Superintendent; J. Bibb Mills, attorney for the League, preceded the Superintendent, by courtesy of the Conference. J. W. Crabbe then addressed the Conference. Motion adopted to extend the time of adjournment.

The Conference Treasurer, C. P. Nowlin, obtained the floor and read the delinquent charges on the General Conference Assessment.

C. P. Nowlin offered a resolution to the effect that the rule be suspended for one year and that the annual 10% of the assessment for sup-

erannuates be used for the claims of the present claimants instead of being added to the invested funds for this year. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 6). A partial report of the Committee on Official Relations, was submitted, and read. It was considered seriatum. Item 1, that the reports of the pastors having been examined there was found the following to have requested a superannuate relation: J. W. Gray, P. L. Rice, A. W. Mather, J. M. Holmes, J. G. Sullivan, W. R. Graham, J. A. Weigand, W. D. Litsinger, J. L. Mills, W. M. Strayer, J. L. Straughn, G. F. Farring, Dorsey Blake, J. W. Norris, S. B. Tredway; and recommended these be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. The item was adopted. Item 2, Recommendation made that F. D. Reynolds, D. W. Anstine, Ronalds Talor, Claybourne Phillips be left without appointment at their own request, and that L. A. Bennett be left without appointment to pursue the work of an evangelist. Item adopted. Item 3, have considered the request of the Board of Home Missions for the loan of T. R. Woodford and L. B. Smith, but as the services of these brethren are of such value to us and our need of men so urgent, we recommend that the request be not granted. F. T. Little spoke to the last recommendation, and moved to amend so as to read that their request be granted. L. B. Smith spoke to the amendment from the personal equation. J. M. Gill spoke to the question; also Daniel Baker, J. M. Sheridan and T. R. Woodford. The previous question was called for, sustained, and the amendment was then adopted. (Report M).

G. W. Haddaway offered a resolution that the churches of Seattle and Columbus, receiving the services of L. B. Smith and T. R. Woodford, be requested to take an offering for the Superannuated Fund of this Conference. Adopted. (Resolution 7).

A partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was presented and read. The report was taken up by items. First, recommendation that Howard L. Davis be received into the Conference, provided he waives all claims upon the Superannuated Fund. Item adopted. Second, recommendation that Klein Kinzer Haddaway and Charles R. Dutton be received into the Conference, and that Allan Haldeman, Charles W. Cole, J. Peyton Adams, Klein Kinzer Haddaway and C. R. Dutton be ordained. Item adopted. Third, recommendation that James Thornton Moore, J. H. Lynch, C. N. Alexander, Harry N. Dobson, H. L. Murphy and L. E. Haddaway be admitted on trial. Item adopted. Fourth, recommendation that Paul M. Cassen be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education, for assistance. Item adopted. Motion made and adopted that the

candidates for admission into the Conference be received at 11:30 Monday morning. (Report F).

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read and adopted. The Special Committee on Forward Movement was then announced: The report of the Committee on General Conference Budget was then taken up. Before consideration a motion was made and adopted that the report be made the order of the day for Monday three o'clock. Several announcements were made at this juncture. L. B. Smith asked to be excused from further attendance on this session of the Conference. His request was granted by motion. Motion was made that the case of Mrs. Robert T. Tyson be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. Motion adopted. By motion adopted Conference adjourned at 1:15 o'clock, with benediction by L. B. Smith.

Fifth Day—Sunday.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Conference appointee, T. O. Crouse, from the text I Timothy 4:16—"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." W. R. Graham offered the prayer. In the ordination service that followed, the Secretary presented to the President, J. Peyton Adams, Charles W. Cole, Charles R. Dutton, Klein Kinzer Hadaway and Allan Haldeman, who had been elected to orders by the Conference. The President, assisted by J. L. Mills, G. W. Haddaway, W. R. Graham, J. S. Bowers and J. H. Straughn, then ordained the candidates to the order of elder in the Church of God.

Sixth Day—Monday.

Devotional exercises began at 9 o'clock, led by B. A. Bryan. The President took the Chair at 9:30 o'clock. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved. The President called to the Chair T. O. Crouse. J. A. Dudley, Chairman of the Committee on Statistics, obtained the floor and called attention to the list of charges having mistakes in their reports. Attention was called to the accident of Rev. Ziba Adams, struck by an automobile yesterday, and a motion was made that a committee be appointed to visit the brother. Motion adopted.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. Lyman E. Davis, President of the General Conference. Motion passed that the same be re-

ferred to the Committee on Official Relations. J. M. Gill asked that the Committee on Forward Movement be permitted to retire. Permission granted.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was then read. It defines the report of the Conference President as a masterly review of the Conference life and work for the past year. Sympathy is expressed for all those who have suffered bereavement during the year. Facts relative to church property, improvements at many points, and revivals of religion unto the salvation of four thousand souls are noted. The following recommendation of the President is endorsed. That the name of G. E. Robinson be dropped from our list of probationers. Concurrence in the President's recommendation that a Church Extension Superintendent be selected, whose salary shall be paid by the Church Extension Society of the Conference and recommend the reference of the whole question to the Committee on Church Extension. Recommendation is made that the President of the Conference be asked to bring the subject of better pastoral support to the attention of the quarterly conferences in such manner as he may elect. The report was adopted. (Report A).

A resolution on a minimum salary was offered by J. F. Bryan. On suggestion by E. H. Van Dyke the wording of the resolution was changed and reads thus:—"That the Conference appoint a committee of five, two ministers and three laymen, to take under consideration the regulation in the Conference Manual relative to making the minimum salary of a minister with a family \$800 a year. And that said committee report some plan to this Conference to make said regulation effective." The resolution was adopted. Motion made that J. F. Bryan, A. N. Ward, H. K. Muller, C. A. Benjamin, and W. A. Banister be appointed a committee of five, as per resolution above adopted. Motion carried. (See Report X).

Conference recessed to give place to the Mutual Relief Society. Conference resumed at 10.45. Rev. J. H. Hyatt representing the Maryland Bible Society was introduced to the Conference and given the privilege of the floor for five minutes. The Conference then gave way to the Superannuated Fund Society at 11 o'clock. Conference resumed at 11:45. The order of the day was held in abeyance till Miss Olive Hodges returned missionary from Japan was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Quantico Church was read. It stated that the church was doing splendidly and recommended the discontinuance of the committee. The report was adopted. (Report T).

The Chairman of the Committee on Superannuates submitted its report, recommending the amount of assessment on the district to be \$5,000 for this year; listing the superannuates; and the table of appropriations. By rule the report was to lie on the table for twenty-four hours. (Report H).

At this point in Conference proceedings, the President received the candidates into the Conference.

The Secretary of the Conference preferred a request from the Committee on Forward Movement that the report of the special committee on General Conference Budget be referred to them. Request not concurred in. Motion adopted to stand by the order of the day for three o'clock, namely general consideration of the report of the special committee on the General Conference Budget.

A verbal report of the Committee to visit J. L. Straughn was made by G. Q. Bacchus, Chairman. The Committee states it has visited the brother, spent a pleasant half hour with him, conveyed the sympathy of the Conference to him and brings back to this body the greetings of our brother.

Several announcements were made, and then by motion the Conference adjourned at 12:15, with benediction by N. C. Clough.

Afternoon.

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, with F. T. Little in the Chair. Report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read: It states that there are reported to the Conference 36,364 S. S. Scholars; 3,896 Officers and Teachers, making a total enrollment of 40,260, an increase of 2,076. In Y. P. Society of Christian Endeavor there are reported 6,421 and in Junior Societies 2,584, making a total of 9,005. The Sunday School standards for a front line school are given. The report outlines the standards for Christian Endeavor efficiency and states that charts of these standards have been mailed to all pastors. The committee has read the report of the Conference Union President and appreciate the scope of work laid out by the union. Agreement with the report in urging attendance on the annual young people's convention is made. Recommendation is made that Teacher Training Classes be organized in all of our Sunday Schools and Mission Study Classes in all of our C. E. Societies. Attention of our churches is called to the great need of life recruits. There is a great need of missionaries, deaconesses, ministers and special

workers in local churches and this can be met only by our Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies giving special attention thereto. It is recommended that our Conference approve the suggestion of the Executive Committee that there be published a booklet for the Sunday School covering one quarter's study, that will cover an outline of our denominational history and genius and that the President of the Conference Union of Young People's Work be authorized to edit such a booklet, and that the Baltimore Book Directory be requested to publish the same and offer it for sale. Dr. H. L. Feeman is commended to our Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies. Note is made of an increasing number of schools and societies contributing to the Board, and recommendation is made that each school and society continue to contribute at least two dollars yearly to this cause. Need is still seen of an efficient Field Secretary, to organize, enthuse and direct our young people to greater activity.

H. L. Feeman, Secretary of the Methodist Protestant Young People's Union, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The report was then taken up and the Chairman of the Committee, J. H. Straughn, addressed the Conference, also E. A. Sexsmith. The report was adopted. (Report J). Business was held in abeyance for a few minutes and Clyde F. Armitage, representing the Federal Council of Churches, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Red Cross Work.

The order of the day for three o'clock was deferred by motion in order to hear a partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. The report recommends: First, that A. F. T. Raum and P. M. R. Schauer be admitted on trial; second, that I. S. Owens and W. L. Jump be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge to continue their studies; third, that Frank K. McCorkle, J. E. Medling, G. M. Sheridan, W. S. Simms, W. A. Sites, H. F. Butler, J. L. Eddins, E. C. Graham, Clyde Haven, A. W. Betts, C. M. Jenkins, H. E. Norris, and C. S. Larrimore, be placed in the hands of the President. Fourth, that we advise Charles W. Robinson, Harry A. Harman to go to school. Fifth, we report J. N. Link and Allan Haldeman, having completed the course of study, are passed through the course. W. L. Jump, I. S. Owens, E. T. Kirkley, of the 2nd year's class are passed to the 3rd year, except that I. S. Owens is continued in Historical Geography and Sunday School Organization and Management. James T. Moore, C. N. Alexander, Harry N. Dobson, H. L. Murphy, L. E. Haddaway, P. M. R. Schauer, J. P. George and A. F. T. Raum are continued in the studies of the first year. J. H. Lynch is placed

in the preparatory class. The report was adopted by items. (Report F).

The order of the day for 3:15 o'clock was taken up, namely the report of the Committee on General Conference Budget. It recommends that in view of the conditions it is not thought advisable to make any change in either the form or the amount of the assessments now levied on the Maryland Annual Conference. It is suggested that all the churches be notified of the wish of the General Conference that \$12,000 additional to the present assessments be raised through the Annual Conference, and we shall be very glad if this can be done voluntarily by the churches, but is not to be considered a part of our assessment plan. J. H. Straughn spoke to the report and offered a substitute for the report. F. T. Benson spoke to the substitute. Motion by G. I. Humphreys to refer the substitute and the report to the Committee on Forward Movement. G. W. Haddaway spoke to the motion to refer. The motion was put and lost. The reading of the report was called for. The substitute was then voted upon and lost, and the report was adopted. (Report W).

The resolution on paid entertainment and defining plan for the same was then taken up. G. W. Haddaway and J. N. Barnes spoke to the resolution. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 9).

Dr. W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference on plans to further the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

J. H. Ellison, missionary to Jews in this city, was given five minutes to speak before the Conference in the interest of his work.

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension was read. At this point, J. W. Trout, on request, was excused by vote from Tuesday's session. The report was then taken up by items. Item 1, recommending the same assessment be levied on the district as last year; item 2, recommending the appointment of a Church Extension Superintendent, at a salary of \$1,500 for next year and that the same be paid by the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Conference. G. I. Mumphreys, G. W. Haddaway, J. L. Nichols, W. M. Strayer, J. W. Trout and J. W. Kirk spoke to the question. While under consideration a motion was put to adjourn. Motion lost. J. S. Bowers spoke to the question. Another motion to adjourn put and lost. L. A. Bennett, T. O. Crouse, E. B. Fenby, and J. N. Barnes spoke to the question and the recommendation was adopted. (Report G). Adjourned by motion, with benediction by W. B. Judefind.

Evening.

Conference called to order at 8 o'clock by the Secretary, and F. T. Little was called to the Chair. The report of the Committee on Missions was taken from the table and read. It emphasizes the fact that the work in Japan is especially encouraging in every department. Expressions of appreciation are made of the larger vision that looms before us. No recommendation is made as to the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Washington and Alexandria branch W. F. M. S. because of the fact that the day named is the Sunday following Conference. Before consideration of the report C. H. Beck, Home Missionary Secretary, was heard as representing the Board of Home Missions. F. C. Klein, Foreign Missionary Secretary, spoke for the Board of Foreign Missions. E. H. Van Dyke addressed the Conference on the progress of the work in the past 25 years in Japan. The report was then adopted. (Report N).

The report of the Committee on Church Home was presented and read: gratification is expressed at the splendid condition of the Home; improvements to property are noted and the increased donations for the past year. A word of tribute is added to the late Dr. Howell Billingslea. Attention is called to receipts having exceeded the expenditures for the first time in its history. It is recommended that an assessment of \$2,000 be laid on the district for next year. The report was adopted. (Report O).

The report of Special Committee on Minimum Salary was read. It recommends that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to communicate by letter to the quarterly conferences where the salary is less than \$800 and urge that it be raised to that amount and that the success of this plan be considered by a special committee at the next session of the Conference. The report was adopted. (Report X).

T. O. Crouse offered a resolution expressing the sympathy of this Conference to Dr. Howard A. Kelly. F. T. Tagg spoke to the resolution. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 10).

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was read. Gratitude to God is expressed for the overruling providences that enabled the forces of righteousness to make definite progress against the evils that confront us. Evidences of such progress are noted in the passage of a prohibition law by Congress for our National Capital. The abolition of saloons in 26 states. The decision of the Supreme Court confirming the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon Bill. The amendment to the Postoffice

Appropriation Bill, making it a felony to ship liquor into dry territory. The Bill forbidding the use of mails to such newspapers, etc., as advertise liquors, in certain communities. The prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquors in Alaska and Porto Rico. The regulation of sale of liquor among the Indians. The seventeen dry counties in Maryland. There is expressed cordial endorsement of the purpose of the Government in safeguarding all army posts against the ravages of the liquor traffic. Approbation and endorsement of the law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors as an economic war measure. Endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League measures: cordial welcome to and a pledge of cooperation with the new Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. Endorsement of the character and work of the attorney of the League is made. The plans of W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, are endorsed. Attention is called to the necessity of an aggressive spirit by the Christian Church for the sanctity of the Sabbath Day. The report was adopted. (Report K).

F. T. Benson offered a resolution on the preservation of our historical records. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 11). Conference by motion adopted adjourned with doxology and benediction by P. W. Crosby, at 9:55.

Seventh Day—Tuesday.

The devotional exercises began at 9 o'clock, led by F. M. Clift. The President took the chair at 9.30 calling the Conference to order, and then called J. M. Sheridan to the chair. By motion, the roll call was deferred till later in the day. The report of the Conference Steward was read by the Secretary, and by common consent was allowed to remain on the table till later in the session.

The delegate from North Baltimore, Daniel Baker, was recognized and preferred a request that F. T. Tagg be put on the list of Superannuates, and moved that the request be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. The motion was adopted.

A verbal report from the Committee to visit Ziba Adams was made by the Chairman, E. W. Simms, that they had visited the brother and found that he had sustained only minor bruises and was able to attend Conference.

The report of the Special Committee on Forward Movement was read, and taken up by items:—Recommendation 1—That the Maryland Annual

Conference hereby endorse the spirit and aim of the Forward Movement Program as defined in the Report of the Forward Movement Committee adopted by the General Conference. The item was adopted. Recommendation 2—That we pledge cooperation in an endeavor to reach the two great objectives of the Movement, viz., a 25% increase in membership and One Million Dollars for our Boards and Institutions in four years. The item was adopted. Recommendation 3—That we pledge cooperation with the Forward Movement Commission in their detailed plan of executing their contract as they apply it uniformly to the several annual conferences. The item was adopted. Recommendation 4—That the Maryland Annual Conference Forward Movement Commission be created, consisting of seven members. The item was adopted. Recommendation 5—That the increased amount of the budget of the General Conference of \$12,000.00 be assigned to the Forward Movement Commission to be appointed, with the authority of the Conference to apportion the amount to the various charges as GOALS. While item 5 was under consideration, the Chairman of the Committee, J. M. Gill, was heard. F. T. Tagg spoke to the general question. J. M. Gill was again heard. T. P. Fisher spoke to the recommendation. Motion made to adopt the report as a whole. J. H. Straughn spoke to the report as a whole. The motion was adopted. (Report V).

The Report of The Committee on Superannuates was taken from the table and read by items:—1—Naming the amount assessed on the district as \$5000. for the ensuing year. The item was adopted. Item 2—Giving the names of those deceased this year. Item 3—Stating that C. E. McCullough and R. K. Lewis will take active work. Item 4—Recommending that J. M. Holmes, S. B. Tredway, F. H. Mullineaux, D. L. Greenfield, E. O. Ewing, Dorsey Blake, Mrs. F. L. Stevens, Mrs. R. T. Tyson, and F. T. Tagg be granted superannuated relations. Item 5—That Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no request for this year. Item 6—That the fund paid 100% for the year. Item 7—Listing the table of appropriations. Motion made to recommit the report, with suggestions filed, to the committee. Motion adopted.

A resolution was offered by H. O. Keen, petitioning the President of the United States to urge on the Congress, in session, immediate action for National Prohibition. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 12).

The Chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a partial report for that committee with the following recommendations:—1—That W. D. Short be put into the hands of the President. 2—That

Russell Sapp be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education for assistance. The items were adopted. (Report F).

At this time, A. F. T. Raum, and P. M. R. Schauer were received into the Conference by the President. Following this, several announcements were made.

J. S. Bowers called the attention of the Conference to the life and age of J. H. Barrow, the delegate from Deer Creek Charge. Brother Barrow was born July 8th, 1828, being the year of the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church; he joined the Deer Creek Church at the age of 14 years, and has been in continuous active relation for 75 years. He has 10 children, 36 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. Brother Barrow was then presented to the Conference.

J. F. Bryan offered a resolution relative to the loans of pastors to churches outside of the Conference bounds and the relation said churches must bear to our Superannuated Fund. J. W. Kirk moved to amend by striking out the words "superannuate fund" and insert the words "all our assessments". T. R. Woodford, R. L. Shipley, J. M. Gill, J. W. Kirk, E. H. Van Dyke, J. M. Sheridan, and G. W. Haddaway spoke to the general question. J. M. Gill arose to a question of personal privilege. The amendment was put and lost. The resolution was then adopted. (Resolution 13).

Ziba Adams was excused by vote from further attendance on the session.

The report of the Committee on Statistics, in summary, was submitted by the Chairman, J. R. Wright. It shows the following—Ministers and Preachers, 150; Full Members, 33,440; Conversions, 4,339; S. S. Officers and Teachers, 4,019, and an enrollment in total of 36,785; Y. P. S. C. E. Members, 6,501; Jr. C. E. Roll, 2,584; Appointments, 289; Value of Property, \$2,633,045.00; Subscribers to Methodist Protestant, 2,084.

Motion adopted to adjourn. Adjourned with benediction by A. W. Mather.

Afternoon.

The Secretary called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock, and on motion of G. Q. Bacchus, F. T. Little took the Chair. The Conference joined in singing "My Jesus I Love Thee."

The report of the Committee on Superannuates, with reference to the appropriations, was taken from the table; the list was read. The

Chairman called attention to the fact that the amount appropriated is now \$1600 more than the income for the past year. The item of the report was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report H).

W. H. Litsinger offered a resolution that the Third Sabbath of October be designated as "Methodist Protestant Day." W. H. Litsinger, W. M. Strayer, F. T. Tagg, and J. L. Mills spoke to the resolution. It was adopted. (Resolution 14).

The Conference Treasurer, C. P. Nowlin, read his report. By motion the report was adopted, and referred to Committee of Audit. (Report C).

Louis Randall, chairman, submitted the report of the Board of Finance, listing the Table of Assessments. The report was adopted without reading. (See List).

Motion adopted that the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to provide properly ruled blanks for the Board of Finance.

E. T. Kirkley, collector for Superannuate Dues, reported \$107.50. W. F. Bauscher, collector for Church Extension Dues, reported \$107.00. Both reports were accepted.

J. M. Sheridan, chairman, submitted the report of the Committee on West Wilmington Church; it states that from all information received, the church has had a prosperous year. That the pastor, J. T. Moore, has been faithful and has the confidence and support of the membership. That there are 38 members, and 105 in the Sunday School. That \$300 has been paid on salary, with an increase of \$100 for next year; other current expenses have been paid to the amount of \$765, and \$25 on assessments. It is recommended that a special committee on our entire Wilmington work be appointed. The report was adopted. (Report U).

The report of the Committee on Audit was presented. It states that the report of the Treasurer of the Conference has been examined; that of the Agent of the President's Parsonage; also the Financial Statement of the Secretary of the Conference; and find the accounts of all are correct. That the cash and disbursement accounts of the Conference Treasurer seem to be correct and just as soon as the Treasurer closes up his accounts a complete audit will be made and report submitted to the next session of Conference. While this report was under consideration, J. M. Sheridan put in nomination H. K. Muller as Agent of the President's Parsonage. He was duly elected. The report was then adopted. (Report P).

M. B. Insko, special collector for the sexton, reported that \$33 had

been collected and put on the desk. By motion the money was turned over to the Board of Stewards of Starr Church.

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was presented. It states that examination of the papers that embody the report of the Secretary of the Deaconess Board show that there are conditions that need immediate attention. The question of a home is still pending, and there is need of young women for training—these are imperative. There is necessity of pastors cooperating fully. Treasurer's report shows receipts of \$1058.88, expenditures of \$507.78. The balance in bank with the amount yet due from the Conference Treasurer will make a net total of \$1048.88. The report was adopted. F. T. Tagg offered his resignation from the Deaconess Board. Conference refused to accept same. On motion by E. C. Makosky, A. S. Beane was elected to fill the unexpired term of L. B. Smith on the Board. (Report L).

On motion the Order of the Day, which was the report of the Committee on Church Extension, was called for; the Committee not being ready to report, the following resolution was presented by G. W. Haddaway—that the Conference authorize the Secretary to provide stationery for the use of the officials of the Conference. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 15).

F. C. Klein offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Conference to communicate to all the Quarterly Conferences the action of the General Conference providing for Memorial Day. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 16).

On motion the Conference gave way to the meeting of the Conference Church Extension Society.

Conference resumed at 4.10 o'clock.

Report of the Committee on Historical Record was received through the Secretary to the effect that no work had been done because no money had been provided therefor. Motion adopted to continue the Committee. Motion adopted that if the funds in the hands of the Secretary are sufficient, that the Secretary be authorized to pay the cost of the Historical Record, and if such funds are not sufficient, that he borrow the amount needed.

The report of the Committee on Official Relations was submitted: it states that its duties are less arduous than formerly due to the disposition of the Beneficiaries of Board of Ministerial Education to meet obligations; and to the increased purpose of pastors and charges to be on the Honor Roll. That nothing has been found to bar the official character

of any member of the Conference. Attention is called to the fact that Lady Visitors are to be elected by membership meetings, and not by pastoral appointment. There is listed the charges having no lady visitors; charges and pastors failing to furnish disciplines. It is stated that only 46 charges report no new subscribers to the church paper as against 83 last year. There is listed the charges not incorporated; the charges entitled to the Honor Roll. Attention is called to those charges who have made a small percentage of payment on the assessments. Thanks is expressed to the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, to the Remington and Underwood Typewriter Companies, for services rendered through the loan of machines. Thanks is expressed to the pastor and the members of Starr Church for the use of the building, and due appreciation made for the generous hospitality of Baltimore homes. The report was adopted. (Report M). Motion adopted to reconsider the motion by which the Bar of the House was fixed at the eighth pew. Motion adopted to fix the Bar of the House at the sixth pew. The Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. L. Ward.

Evening.

The Conference was called to order at 8 o'clock by F. T. Little. The Financial Summary of the Conference Steward was taken from the table. It shows that financial results are as follows: general interests, \$45,557, an increase of \$7,618; for local interests, \$333,160, a decrease of \$23,150; said decrease is explained by extra results in building and improvements last year. The report was adopted. (See Tables and Financial Summary).

The final report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was made—recommending 1—that in the event they are employed by the President, that J. P. George, J. T. Moore, C. N. Alexander, H. N. Dobson, L. E. Hadaway, P. M. R. Schauer, J. H. Lynch, F. McCorkle, H. F. Butler, H. L. Murphy, C. M. Jenkins, J. E. Medling, G. M. Sheridan, J. B. Eddins, E. C. Graham, Clyde Haven, A. W. Betts, A. F. T. Raum, W. D. Short, R. W. White, J. L. Green, H. H. Carroll, W. C. Bowden, A. L. Steinfeldt, and A. L. Peterson, be granted licenses to administer the ordinances. As an additional regulation of the Faculty, that students who fail to meet the requirements of their year's class regarding the submission of sermons and the attainment of the percentage necessary for passing shall not be advanced to ordination, or passed through the course. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report F).

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was submitted and read by the Chairman, G. W. Haddaway, and taken up by items. Recommendation 1—Making a financial adjustment with the widow of the late Rev. Thomas Lowe. Item was adopted. Recommendation 2—Establishing certain boundaries. Under item of this recommendation, a motion was made by T. O. Crouse to amend that Chesapeake Charge be changed to Lower Kent. Motion to amend was lost. And the name finally adopted was Wesley Chapel of Kent. Item as thus amended was adopted. Recommendation 3—Making the appropriations. Under this recommendation, the item referring to the appropriation for Evergreen brought forth a motion by J. H. Straughn to "strike out." The motion was lost. Item referring to the appropriation for North Carolina Avenue brought forth a motion by G. I. Humphreys to "strike out." The motion was lost. Motion by J. H. Straughn to add to the report by inserting "Laurel, \$500, provided they raised \$3000 on debt this year." After discussion, motion to amend the report was put and lost. Motion then made to adopt the report as a whole. Under discussion of motion, T. O. Crouse sought information on the appropriation to the Conference Church Extension Society, and the Chairman of the Committee sought to explain. W. M. Strayer spoke to that item. The report as amended was then adopted as a whole. (Report G).

C. P. Nowlin offered a resolution to amend Rule 4, section 2, of the Manual by striking out and inserting so that the reading of said section would conform to our present method of handling reports from the Charges. A motion to amend that "Children's Day and Easter Offerings are excepted," the amendment was accepted by C. P. Nowlin, and the resolution as amended was then adopted. (Resolution 17).

Motion that the Treasurer of the Conference be instructed to honor the order of the Standing District Committee in meeting the indemnification of Starr Church as per arrangements made under Resolution of the 1916 Session. Motion adopted.

The Special Committees, by Presidential appointment, were then announced, as follows:—On Wilmington Work—J. M. Sheridan, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray. On Sunday Legislation for the District of Columbia—G. I. Humphreys, G. E. Brown, J. F. Bryan, T. J. Wilson, T. W. Grimes. To Convey Protest to the Governor of Maryland—F. T. Little, R. L. Shipley, Daniel Baker. The Forward Movement Commission—J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Straughn, G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley, Walter Gale, Fred. P. Adkins.

A request was conveyed to the Conference by the Chair that a page of the Minutes be printed with a list of the Sunday Schools and the amount contributed by each on the apportionment to each Sunday School for the Special Western Maryland College Endowment Fund as made at last Conference. Request granted by common consent.

The Minutes of the day were read. The Roll Call of Absentees was made by the Secretary. The Minutes were then approved as read at 10.30 o'clock.

The Conference engaged in singing for a period of time, after the reading of Minutes and Roll Call.

The Secretary made a motion that I. S. Owens, and W. L. Jump, be ordained in this church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The motion was adopted. At 11.55 o'clock, the Secretary called the attention of the Conference to the failure of the Board of Managers of Church Extension Society to pay W. A. Melvin as per last year's instructions in the Conference Church Extension report as adopted. On motion the Conference Treasurer was authorized to make such payment to W. A. Melvin.

At 12.10 J. M. Sheridan was recognized by the Chair and stated that the President of the Conference suggested that the Conference adjourn till Wednesday. On motion the Conference adjourned till Wednesday, 9.30 o'clock.

Eighth Day—Wednesday.

The Secretary called the Conference to order at 9.30 o'clock, and on motion F. T. Little took the Chair.

J. W. Kirk made a motion to reconsider the motion made on the previous day with reference to the ordination for this day at 8 P. M. The motion to reconsider was adopted. J. W. Kirk offered a substitute for motion now under consideration to the effect that I. S. Owens and W. L. Jump be ordained at 10.30 o'clock this morning. By common consent the business was suspended, and J. M. Sheridan made a motion that J. S. Bowers be given a Superannuate Relation, at his own request, the motion was adopted. Motion that the case of J. S. Bowers be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. Motion adopted. Business pending, that had been suspended, again under consideration. The vote on the substitute motion was put and same adopted by 60 yeas to 39 nays.

T. O. Crouse moved that the Rule of the Conference respecting the daily devotional service be referred to the President and the Program

Committee for adjustment for the session of 1918. The same was adopted.

A. W. Mather, on request, was excused from attendance at this session after 10.30 o'clock. C. P. Nowlin, on request, was excused from further attendance on this session.

Supplemental report of the Committee on Superannuates recommended that J. S. Bowers be granted a Superannuate relation and be allowed \$400: \$360 from the invested fund, \$40 from the collections. The report was adopted by motion. (See Report H).

Motion to instruct the Secretary to notify the Officiary of all the Charges of the purport of the Conference Resolution on Paid Entertainment, after the Standing District Committee has made arrangements for the next Session of the Conference under said resolution. Motion adopted.

Supplemental Report of Committee on Church Extension made recommending an additional sum of \$100 be appropriated to Conference Church Extension Society on the salary of the pastor at Park Road Church. Motion adopted to adopt the report. (Report G).

The Order of the Day for 10.30 having arrived, viz., the Ordination of Candidates, I. S. Owens and W. L. Jump, were presented to the President by the Secretary for ordination. The President invited F. T. Tagg, W. M. Strayer, J. M. Sheridan, and J. L. Mills to assist him. The service was entered into, and I. S. Owens and W. L. Jump were ordained Elders in the Church of Christ.

At 10.45 the Minutes were read and approved. The President began to read the Plan of Appointments at 11.05 and concluded at 11.25 o'clock. The Conference arose and sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and adjourned at 11.30 with benediction by W. M. Strayer.

Approved:

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,
Secretary.

L. F. WARNER,
President.

REPORTS

Report A

THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—

Grace, Mercy and Peace be to you from God our Father; and from Jesus Christ our Saviour. By the loving kindness and tender mercy of our Heavenly Father, we come to the deliberations and the social enjoyments of this the eighty-ninth session of our great and well beloved Conference. Some of us are here today with bright and happy hearts, because of the continued preservation of our health and the health of our families; because of the triumphs of the reign of righteousness with which we have been associated; and because the smile of God has been upon our work, causing hundreds to turn from the error of their way; and because of His Spirit influencing the people for the large increase in the material interests of the Church. Others are here with little joy in their souls, because of disappointments, bereavements, and affliction, sore and heavy which must be borne by them alone. And yet, whether the radiance of joy is on our faces or the depression of grief, we all come by faith to Him who can control our highest joy and assuage our deepest gloom. Some are not here because Death has removed them from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. They have ceased their noble toils and rest from their labors. We will reverently hear the mention of the names of our

Translated Dead.

Rev. F. L. Stevens—This was a good man. Not a brilliant preacher, but leaving the memory of a life that was hid with Christ in God, in the mind of the various charges he served. He joined this Conference in 1895 and entered into rest August 12th, 1916. He gave to it 17 years of active service.

Rev. R. T. Tyson—He was all that can be said of a tireless faithful worker in the kingdom of Jesus Christ; a splendid helpful preacher of the Gospel and a devoted pastor. His sudden and untimely death on September the 16th, 1916, was a great shock to us all. We mourn his departure, because he died in the prime of his life and with so great a field of service before him. He joined this Conference by Transfer in 1908 and gave to it eight years of active service.

Rev. T. H. Wright—He was the oldest man in active service in our Conference. In his 78th year but quite young and vigorous. He was a

good preacher, an active and wide awake pastor, a genial companion, the friend of the young. He joined this Conference in 1895 and gave to it 21 years of active service. He departed this life after a few days of illness December 23rd, 1916.

Mrs. J. W. Trout—She was the beloved wife of Rev. J. W. Trout, D. D. A bright and happy woman who always enjoyed the company of the young. A good house wife and in every way a true helper to her bereaved husband. After a lingering illness, she closed her eyes to the things of earth and went home to God, January 6, 1917.

Mrs. W. J. Floyd—She was the widow of our lamented brother Rev. W. J. Floyd, and since his death had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Rev. W. P. Roberts. She was old and weary of life. God took her to be with Him January 16th, 1917.

Mrs. Hanna Elizabeth Stocksedale—She was the loved and cherished help-meet of Rev. George H. Stocksedale. So sudden was her death that we can scarcely realize that she is dead. And yet this stately Christian woman, so full of interest in her husband and his work, ceased to be among us on the night of February 23rd, 1917.

Mrs. J. W. Charlton—Widow of our lamented brother, Rev. J. W. Charlton, died April 14th, 1917. She was old and weary of years. God took her to be with Him.

Mrs. Sue Gamble Shermer, widow of the late Dr. D. A. Shermer, died at her late residence in New York City, March 19, 1917; and was buried at Bay View Church, March 21. She was old and well worn with years and has gone to be with Jesus for ever more.

Obituary Committees have been promptly appointed.

Lo, round the throne a glorious band,
The saints in countless myriads stand;
Of every tongue redeemed to God
Arrayed in garments washed in blood.

Oh may we tread the sacred road
That holy saints and martyrs trod,
Wage to the end the glorious strife,
And win like them a crown of life.

Unsupplied Charges.

Chesaco Park—This charge was by your action put in care of the Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of Baltimore City. The report of this Society to this Conference will have something to say about this charge.

Lawsonia—This charge has not been supplied. Conferences with the people have led me to believe that they do not desire a Pastor. I think because of the fact that there is some debt on the church building—that our committee of Church Extension at this session of our Confer-

ence should decide what course to pursue in reference to this work.

Talbot—No supply has been sent to this charge because of lack of interest on the part of the people and their failure to express a willingness to support a pastor. There are two church buildings in bad repair and few people who can be interested in the work. I recommend that the President of this Conference endeavor to sell these properties and that the name be stricken from our list of charges.

Texas—This charge was by your action put in care of the Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of Baltimore City. It, in connection with Jones' Chapel, has been supplied by students from the Seminary. Very gratifying reports have come to me concerning the progress of the work. You will hear more definitely concerning it from the report of the Society to you.

Changes Among Pastors.

Upon the day after the rise of the last Conference, Rev. D. W. Anstine, who was appointed to Union Circuit, asked me to excuse him from accepting that Pastorate. He was allowed to remain at Payson Street. Rev. F. J. Phillips who was assigned to Payson Street was sent to Union Circuit.

A few days thereafter I was visited by a duly elected representative of the officary of the First Church, Wilmington, Del., who told me of a letter which had been sent by the Board of Trustees of that Church to Rev. G. E. Robinson, the Pastor. This letter requested the said Rev. G. E. Robinson not to be present at any of the church services after the date of said letter. I also received two letters from Mr. Robinson. Suffice it to say, that Mr. Robinson gave heed to the desire of the Board of Trustees, left Wilmington; and of his whereabouts I know nothing. He was received by this Conference "on Trial" at its last Session. I recommend that his name be dropped from our list of names. Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., has been giving this church such attention as his other engagements would permit since very early in the Conference year.

Upon the election of Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., who was Pastor of Crisfield, to the Editorship of the Methodist Protestant, by the General Conference, Rev. C. M. Elderdice was appointed to succeed him. Brother Elderdice brought with him a transfer to this Conference from the President of the Pittsburgh Conference. I have placed said transfer in the hands of our Secretary.

On September 1st, Rev. W. D. Short, supply pastor of Pocomoke Circuit, resigned his pastorate to attend school. Rev. T. E. F. Morton, who had been acting as a supply at Selbyville, was released from said charge. He was appointed to the pastorate of Pocomoke Circuit. The Selbyville charge has been supplied by Brother Betts, an unstationed preacher of that Quarterly Conference.

On August 1, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, pastor of North Carolina Avenue, Washington, resigned the pastorate of said church and was subsequently

released by the Quarterly Conference. He did this on account of his wife's health and intended to join a Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the far West. I gave him a release from the church of which he was pastor and a certificate of good standing in our denomination. On September 15, Rev. J. F. Bryan was released from the pastorate of South Baltimore and sent to North Carolina Avenue, Washington. On October 15, Rev. W. F. Wright was released from the pastorate of Mount Nebo and appointed to the pastorate of South Baltimore. On October 20, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith was appointed to the pastorate of Mount Nebo. Brother Sexsmith had not deposited the certificate which I gave him with the Presbyterian Church. He returned it to me and I have given it to our Secretary. On September 1 Rev. A. R. Middleton was released from the pastorate of Nichols Memorial. He is a member "on trial" in this Conference. Rev. H. L. Davis, an unstationed minister of the West Baltimore Quarterly Conference was appointed to the pastorate thus vacated.

Upon the retirement of Rev. C. M. Zepp from the pastorate of Accomac Circuit, September 20, Rev. J. M. Holmes was asked to take charge of the work as long as his engagements would permit. He did so for three Sabbaths. Rev. A. W. Mather preached once. Finally Rev. A. Parsells a member of the Eastern Conference of our church was appointed supply pastor of this charge. All the necessary papers in the case of Rev. C. M. Zepp are in the hands of our Secretary.

Early in August Rev. W. W. Johnson, supply pastor of Georgetown Circuit, Del., was stricken with paralysis. He continued to hold his pastorate until late in the fall, but not improving as rapidly as he thought he would, he was released from the pastorate. The Quarterly Conference of said Circuit notified me that it would do without a pastor appointed by me and use unstationed preachers whom they could employ from nearby points until Conference. Rev. John A. Wright, the pastor of Georgetown, Del., has been doing all he could to help them in every way.

Rev. A. C. Smith, who had been appointed to Chesapeake Charge, resigned the pastorate September 30th, 1916, and Rev. C. E. McCullough was appointed to succeed him.

Withdrawal From the Denomination.

On March 12th I mailed to Rev. J. E. Massey, at his request, a certificate of his good standing in our denomination.

Sale of Church Property.

In September, I sold an old and dilapidated church property which was formerly on Campbell Circuit, Virginia, to a Baptist congregation for \$25.00. I did this after a consultation with the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of this Conference. The money was turned over to the Treasurer of said Society.

The Summer Conference.

I was not present at any of the sessions of this Conference last Summer. I had arranged to go but was prevented. It was said to have been the finest in its program of any yet held. About the same number of our men as were present the year before, attended this year. If the Conference is to continue, and I hope it will, our ministers and laymen should certainly attend. It is a great loss to them to be deprived by their own election or otherwise, of the splendid addresses as well as the sweet fellowship of such mid-summer gatherings. Whatever the officers of the Conference may have to say at this time, I hope may stimulate our interest and quicken our desires to be present at the annual gathering.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society.

This is an Institution of considerable importance among us, because it holds certain endowments and disburses their income for the education of young men for the ministry in our church. I mention its name because of its importance and you will, I am sure, listen to the reading of its report with pleasure.

The President's Parsonage Guild.

For five years the faithful women who compose this Guild have ministered to the needs of our family as occupants of the parsonage. We have been as modest in our requests of them as possible, because we have known that their treasury is not large and that now they may need considerable money to fit the house for the incoming president. Every charge in this Conference should contribute to this very worthy organization. We desire most heartily to thank the good women for their faithful services to us and pray that God may continue to bless them in their splendid attentions to the home of the President of this Conference.

The Methodist Protestant Childrens Home, High Point, N. C.

I think my reference to this very commendable Institution of our church in my last report was exceedingly beneficial. The attention of our Conference was called to the fact that it is an institution of the general church and not of a certain conference. And I think more money and offerings have been received by the home this year than ever before. This is as it should be. Its occupants are the dear little folks who are constantly dependent upon the beneficence of the church for their training and maintenance. You can get all the literature and information necessary by writing to the President, J. M. Millikan, Greensboro, N. C.

Benevolent Agencies.

I mention with great Thanksgiving the Saint John's Board of Beneficence, the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society and the generous hearted lay-

men of this Conference for gracious help given to me by which I have been enabled to give relief to some of our brethren whose burdens have been lightened by their generosity.

Our Mutual Relief Society.

This is not an insurance company. It is a simple organization among us through which when death strikes the fatal blow we can help a little to relieve when such relief is so much needed. It is very sad to notice great lapse in membership when deaths come fast among us. Twenty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, lapsed in three deaths which lately came to us. My brethren, this is too great a loss. If this is not the way to render affectionate regard through an organization among us, I think it quite time we were adopting a better plan.

The Church Home.

The reports from the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, and from the Ladies Board will show a most satisfactory condition of our Church Home. This well-known Institution of our Conference merits our fullest support both by the annual assessment and voluntary donation. It is gratifying to find from the reports published occasionally in the Methodist Protestant and from the statement of the Board of Managers that the number of donations the past year from individuals and churches has been larger than in previous years. These generous donations help greatly in maintaining the Home, for without them in these days of advancing prices for foodstuffs, the income from the Conference assessment would not be sufficient to cover the year's expenses. This year, the expenses were all met and covered by the receipts.

The Home has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. James Howell Billingslea, a member of our church in Westminster for many years. He gave his services, without remuneration, since the first opening of the Home; and by his faithful attendance and marked professional skill and his fine christian spirit made him to be known as the beloved physician. His name will ever be linked with those who in days past began this worthy labor of love among us. The Treasurer's report will show a total receipt of \$2709.83 and a total expense of \$2695.79. The invested fund is now over \$5796. This fund is slowly increasing. And it is worthy of remark, that this year all expenses were covered without borrowing from the invested fund. The inmates are well fed and comfortably housed, and wait the coming of the day when their earthly pilgrimage shall cease.

Deaconess Work.

I regret to report the resignation of one of the young women from this branch of our Conference work. Miss Lillian E. Lewis was compelled to resign from the work on account of ill health. The other young woman

Miss Lillian DeMoss has been working throughout the year in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. Without exception, the Pastors of the churches where she has worked give the most encouraging reports of the results of her commendable labors. Larger congregations, increased Sunday School enrollment, and a greater efficiency in the young people's work have invariably followed her efforts in the churches, while her services in ministering to the sick have been graciously acknowledged by many. The services of this lone Deaconess are already engaged for months in advance, while several requests for a deaconess have had to be refused, including two or more requests coming from Pittsburgh and Atlantic City, outside the boundaries of our Conference.

Mrs. R. T. Tyson has been doing work temporarily under the direction of the Deaconess Board.

After the resignation of one of the two young women engaged in the deaconess work, it was deemed unwise by the Board to proceed to purchase a property for the Deaconess Home and Training School, until more deaconesses were procured for the work. As soon as other young women enter this field of Christian service, it is the purpose of the Board to purchase a property sufficient to accommodate those who will occupy it as a home, and also to afford facilities for a Training School. The privilege of taking a course of training in this school is to be extended not only to young women who desire to be deaconesses, but also to all young women who desire to become more efficient workers in their churches and Sunday Schools.

I desire to urge the members of this Conference to call the attention of their congregations to the great opportunity for service in the Kingdom afforded by this branch of work in our Conference, and to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth other laborers into the harvest. The first deaconess to be regularly consecrated to this work is Miss Lillian M. DeMoss. Her consecration service will be conducted on Thursday afternoon during this Conference.

I recommend the continuance of the present assessment for this work on the Conference.

Western Maryland College.

This splendid institution still stands with its spacious buildings, its beautiful campus and its efficient faculty inviting the young life of the Methodist Protestant Church to enter its halls for the privileges and benefits of higher education. The number of students is about the same as last year. This is not great, not as great as it should be. But when we consider the competition among like colleges in Maryland and elsewhere, together with the increase in the cost for such training, we must conclude that the attendance is fairly good. And yet when we think that there are about 45,000 young people in our Conference territory, many of whom are school boys and school girls, it would seem that the capacity of this institution would be far too small to contain those who could be

benefited by its course of study. I desire to press this school upon the attention of all parents among us who have children to educate and upon the children likewise. It is a finely located, well equipped institution where you can send your children and where, under the influence of faithful teachers, they may be helped to useful living. This is the 49th time this institution has been mentioned before this Conference. What a change has come over this school in the almost 50 years of its existence. Well do I remember some of the debates concerning it, that many years ago. Now with its full and almost finished equipment of splendid structures, it stands as a monument to the memory of the men who projected it and to those who have given their lives to its work. Next Commencement Day will be the celebration of its 50th anniversary. Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., has undertaken to raise \$50,000 for the increase of its endowment. Let us hope that he may succeed, and that the school upon the hilltop may abide for many, many years.

Westminster Theological Seminary.

The mention of the name of this noble school arouses fond recollections and pleasant memories in the minds of many of this Conference. It was here that they were trained for their life's work. It was here, from its three Presidents and several professors that they learned many things not written in books. Things that have been of untold value to them throughout their entire ministry. They love the school. We love its work. There are 35 students from several of our Conferences enrolled this year—seven more than were enrolled last year. We can thank God for this increase. But how small a number compared with our great need of well prepared men. I was present last year at the Commencement exercises held in May. There were eight graduates—only two of these were from Maryland. These were appointed to charges in this Conference. But I needed 24 wide awake and active men to fill as many charges in this Conference. I shall not discuss why young men are neither hearing nor heeding the call of God to preach His Word. I mentioned it last year but I will call your attention to the very few who have answered the call, and the effect of it upon the personnel of this Conference. I am of the opinion that as individuals and as churches the whole subject of ministerial supply is neglected or forgotten. I have called attention to this subject all over this Conference and urged two things. First—A prayer to God devout and earnest, for the coming upon our people of a larger spirit of christian benevolence, that our increased offerings may cure at least one fruitful cause as to why young men are not entering the ministry. Second—To devoutly pray that God may touch the heart of your boy or of some pious, promising boy in your community and make him willing to be used of God in this work.

The faculty of this Seminary is known to all of us. They are splendidly equipped for the work they have in hand. Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., the President, is honored and loved by us all. His industry and

abundant labours are the efficient causes of the school's present success. His latest task is to raise a sum of money sufficiently large to build a handsome Seminary. May he live to see it completed and its student roll greatly increased.

The Methodist Protestant.

It was said in our report of a year ago that the Methodist Protestant would soon have reached the century mark in its career. It ought to be our pride that we have the oldest Methodist religious paper now in existence. In three years more the paper will celebrate its centennial. We ought to make that a great event, and use the years that will yet intervene to run up the largest subscription list in its history, to greet the auspicious day when it shall look back over a 100 years of loyal and unfaltering service to the cause of liberal Methodism. The paper is taking on new life in these days of its advancing age. Since the advent of a new administration, more than a thousand new subscribers have been added to the subscription list, and the goal anticipated not less than five thousand subscribers, a goal that has never been reached in all the long years of the life of our paper. The paper has been much improved in appearance, as well as in the general makeup. There are now fifteen different departments seeking to minister to every shade of temperament in the home circle where the paper belongs. The news service has been enlarged, and will be yet further enlarged. The Easter number came out with a brand-new front page cut, which is both tasty and attractive. Special issues during the year have added much to the interest of the publication. Other improvements, we are assured, will be made from time to time, as fast as the increase of the subscription list will permit.

The grave need now includes two things.

First—a largely increased subscription list.

Second—a printing plant which will take care of the paper and be available for such other printing as the church may put in the hands of the Directory.

Both of these ideals can be realized if this Conference will put itself squarely back of the enterprises in some authoritative way. The church paper is an absolute necessity to the progress of the church, and it deserves our heartiest support. I suggest that this Conference set apart a day which shall be known as Methodist Protestant Day when every Pastor in the district shall make an honest effort to place the paper in every home of his charge.

The new Editor, Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., is proving himself equal to his task, both in the matter of his editorial work and his ability to secure new subscribers for the paper. We wish for him long years of profitable service in the department of the church to which he seems so well adapted.

The Book Concern under the direction of Mr. Charles Reiner is rapidly becoming one of the known stores where books and periodicals of a

religious character can always be found for sale by attentive and polite assistants. The profits from this business will be large as will be shown in the report of the Directory to this Conference.

Home Missions.

In a church as large as ours a Board of Home Missions is a great necessity. Not only does it seek the enlargement of our borders by the planting of new churches in inviting openings and giving guardianship over churches already established; but to grapple with the problem of our foreign population, to instruct them in our form of government, to interest and counsel them in matters of religion and finally to win them to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by the evangelistic efforts of our people. Rev. C. H. Beck, the genial and efficient Secretary of this Board, has regularly called the attention of our people to these objects in the numerous articles from his pen as published in our church papers. It is very much to be hoped that his strong and earnest words have caught the attention of our people, and that they will bring larger contributions than ever before. I say again to the charges in our Conference who are indebted to this board—Make settlement as soon as possible. You will really enjoy the kindness of Dr. Beck in his efforts to do business with you. We should all remember that unpaid money to this board oftentimes means the loss of splendid opportunities to establish churches in fine locations and to do the yet important work which the board has in mind.

Our Foreign Missionary Work.

At the session of the Japan Mission Conference held last month, the report of the organization of one or two churches, and the reception of new workers were expected. Two new Sunday Schools, and four new C. E. Societies were recently reported. The tabulated results of the three quarters ending January 1st, 1917, were 152 adults and 39 children baptized, and 303 applied for baptism. 230 full members, and 72 probationers were received, 1313 enquirers were enrolled and 29721 tracts were distributed. 1674 full members were on roll and 336 probationers. 66 Sunday Schools with 4450 scholars and 179 teachers and officers, and 9 C. E. Societies represent in part the work for the young. The Board is helping to meet the great need for Christian education in Japan by the Tokyo Blind School, 5 night schools, and the Nagoya College. We have the only Christian school for the very large number of blind people in Tokyo. The Yokohama Night School reaches many young men in business and official circles, and the other four night schools are also becoming feeders to the churches. The Nagoya College is 100 miles from any christian school, in the fourth city of the Empire, surrounded by many towns and villages, with 3,000,000 people in reach. 469 male students were enrolled the early part of the year, and 168 were turned away.

Less than one-fourth of all our expenditures in Japan are in this

department, where 900 or more young men are reached with religious instruction, Christian example, and agencies of the church. Last quarter three students of the Blind School applied for baptism, and four became enquirers. Six students of Yokohama school were baptized, and in the special meetings for the Nagoyo College students, 93 became enquirers, and were placed in classes for religious instruction preparatory to baptism.

The only changes in the missionary corps were made by the return from the field in May of Rev. Dr. E. H. Van Dyke, and the arrival in Japan of Rev. Dr. L. Layman, the Maryland Conference Union's Missionary.

In addition to the work being successfully prosecuted in Japan, the Board has been offered an equipped Mission in the Bombay Presidency, India, which has been supported for several years as an independent enterprise by our people in the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences, and friends in Texas. It includes the transfer of the property valued at \$10,000 to the Board.

Moreover, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church has proposed that the Board take over a part, or parts of their work in China, which come more directly under the sphere of a men's Board. At the Board's annual meeting next month final action will be taken, and a plan will doubtless be launched to meet the new requirements. The Board is convinced that God is calling our Church to extend its operations in the heathen world, and appeals for the earnest cooperation of all pastors and members in raising the Budget in full, that its allotted percentage thereof may be received, and that most earnest efforts be made by every Sunday School to secure a larger Children's Day offering than ever before. The Board's needs are imperative, and must be met.

I desire to commend most heartily Rev. F. C. Kline, D. D., the efficient Secretary of this Board, for his tireless and faithful services constantly rendered to this Board. And earnestly pray that his life may be spared for many years, that he may yet witness the consummation of his desires in this department of our Church's work.

The Board of Education.

I have received a communication from Rev. G. H. Miller, D. D., the newly elected Secretary of this Board, calling my attention to the method of raising the debt on the West Lafayette College property. He says that the Executive Committee has apportioned the debt of \$33,000 among the General Conference and the various Annual Conferences of our denomination. The amount apportioned to Maryland is \$2,000. I recommend that this whole subject be referred to the Committee on Literature and Education with instructions to investigate and report at this session of our Conference. Dr. Miller has also sent me a list of the active members of this Conference who are indebted to this Board. He will be present in our sessions and will be pleased to give any information possible, in reference to his work. We will give to him upon the occasion of his first visit to us a hearty welcome.

The Forward Movement Commission.

This is a new Board among us. It was instituted by the last General Conference of our church. Its objects have been discussed at some length in the Methodist Protestant and other publications among us. I agree with its ideas. I recommend that the President of the Conference appoint a committee to consider its aims, and to report at this session, a plan by which all our charges may endeavor to attain to the ideals as published by its newly elected Secretary, Dr. Crates S. Johnson. Dr. Johnson will be present among us and we will give to him a hearty welcome.

Methods of Church Finance.

There has been considerable improvement in the manner and method of raising church finances among the charges of this Conference in the last 15 years. I think I can safely say that our pastors are paid in full and Conference assessments more nearly so. Ninety-three charges were on the Honor Roll last year. I am convinced that more will appear there this year. I have discovered in many charges the most antiquated methods for raising the pastors salaries and the benevolences of the church. In many places very little money is paid during the earlier months of the year on either the salary or the assessments. Last year I took the time of this Conference to mention my idea of the proper management of a church financially. I shall not repeat it this year. But I will call the attention, especially of the laity of this Conference to a section in our Discipline. The General Conference of our church as far back as 1900 had this section inserted among the duties of Stewards—Page 140, Section 4—That wherever it is practicable what is called the envelope plan should be used in collecting church and benevolent funds, and that such committees and collectors as may be deemed necessary should be appointed to assist and co-operate in making the collections. Section 5—The Stewards or Treasurer of each church shall furnish to each member each month in stations, and at the end of each quarter, in circuits, a statement showing the condition of his or her apportionment or subscription. It shall also be the duty of the Stewards to call on each delinquent and collect the amount due.

These sections of our Book of Discipline lay down a plan of church finance. It puts the responsibility where it belongs—upon the Stewards and the people. This comprehends systematic beneficence on the part of the people and full and regular payments of all the obligations of the church. And it removes the burden of church finance from the pastor. This is as it should be. I repeat what I have already said on this subject—The matter of raising Conference Assessments does not belong to the pastor. The financial department of our churches should be entirely in the hands of the officary. I feel that all delinquencies must be due to two things—Delinquent people—and inattentive Stewards. I do not be-

lieve that we are getting the largest possible contributions from our people for pastors salaries or for benevolences. Our people are not bringing all their tithes into the storehouse. And they are not getting the abundant blessing God has promised to bestow upon those who do. Every member of the church, young and old, should be a liberal contributor, and the neglect is great upon the church which does not try to accomplish this among its people. I therefore most respectfully but strongly call the attention of every layman in this Conference to this subject. If you are a Steward ask yourself how your record stands with the idea of good and faithful Stewardship. If you are not a Steward go forth from this Conference and bear a message to your people concerning this very important matter.

Pastoral Support.

This is a matter of great concern to me as President of this Conference, and most surely to the many pastors who are working faithfully for the making of a greater Methodist Protestant Church. In the main the salaries paid our men are decidedly too small. We are living in an age when the purchasing power of money is decidedly less than any of us can remember. When a \$5. bill is scarcely as much as \$3. used to be. The consequence is that many are forced to practice the strictest economy to get along on the salaries they receive. The total amount paid for pastoral support last year was \$108,504. The number of preachers who received it was about 140; making an average salary of a little more than \$775 a year, or a little more than \$2. a day. There are only 31 of our men who received \$1000 and over. More than 100 men worked for sums of less than that amount down to \$150. These amounts of money would do very well if prices for food stuffs and clothing were as they once were. But with beefsteak at from 25 to 35 cts. a pound—butter from 45 to 50 cts. a pound—eggs at from 45 to 50 cts. a dozen—shoes at \$7. per pair no better than we used to get for \$3.50, it scares the man who receives the average salary. The full amount of salary paid to all pastors at the close of the Conference year 1912 was \$99,345. Last year \$108,564 were paid; making an increase of more than \$9,000. While we are thankful for the increase, it is not enough to meet the tremendous increase in the cost of the actual necessities of life. I call upon all our laymen to give these facts careful consideration and to answer the need of the faithful men of this Conference by a more liberal offering of your money to the church of Jesus Christ.

One hundred and fifteen charges have reported to me on the return postal cards. Thirty-three of these report increases in salaries amounting to \$4111. We thank God and them for this increase, and earnestly hope that every minister in this Conference, ere long, will be paid his salary, and an amount comparable with the dignity of the position he holds, and sufficient for his needs.

Our Young People's Work.

It is not my thought to stress this department of our work beyond its importance, though I confess it is difficult so to do. Yet I desire to record once more my deep and abiding interest in it and to arrest the thought of the Conference long enough to say that the future wellbeing of our church lies here. Underneath denominational loyalty, prestige and propaganda lies this work with our children and young people, represented by the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Societies. If we are negligent here we are hazarding our future growth and denominational expansion. We can secure the perpetuity of our mission only by an adequate consideration of those who must soon be the burden bearers.

The pastor is undoubtedly the responsible unit. It is a fact that he has a multiplicity of duties, of preaching and visiting, the care of the churches; that he is sometimes bewildered with the many things he is called upon to do, but he must offer no excuse here, that he is not informed, that he has no time. The pastor must be informed and better informed than any one in his church, or else his authority and influence must suffer eclipse. He must be an expert in his line. To this end he must secure literature and attend conventions that he may be posted. The modern Sunday School has undergone a remarkable transition in the last few years and is worthy of the most careful thought a pastor can bestow upon it. It isn't whether he is interested nor has time. He must develop an interest and command the time.

The interests of these two organizations are committed by the denomination to a general board with a highly competent Secretary, Dr. H. L. Feeman. It is true of course that with so wide a field this board can only reach the work in spots but through the church papers, conventions, personal appeals the entire church may feel the impulse of this supervision. We have a natural pride in Doctor Feeman, feeling that wherever he goes, he can and does creditably represent us. In our own Conference this work is fostered by the Union of Young People's Work. Dr. Benson, the retiring President, has brought it to wide influence and this Conference duly appreciates his work. This Union is vital indeed to the best interests of this Conference. All of our pastors need its assistance and should without reservation lend themselves in hearty co-operation with it. We ought to feel that it is something more than a convention, where we may assemble in pleasant fellowship and inspiration; that it is a sort of clearing house of ideas and methods and that throughout the entire year we may utilize the efforts and knowledge of those who are placed at the head of the various departments. The officers of this Union are constantly animated with a desire that no denomination shall show more alertness or a more progressive attitude in its work for the youth of the church.

The President of the Union will this year bring to the Conference a report. In that report he will have a recommendation affecting the pub-

lication of a booklet for use in our Sunday Schools particularly, giving our denominational history, principles and activity. This meets with my heartiest approval and I urge upon the Conference the ratification of this or a similar plan of informing our people who we are, where we came from, who and what was responsible for our coming into the religious world. The youth of our church is where we should begin and let us do it now.

Church Extension.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society held in March, Rev. J. M. Holmes, D. D., resigned his position as Superintendent of Church Extension. He did this for reasons good and sufficient to himself and to the Board. For two years he has traveled this Conference district and his visits will long be remembered by thousands of people who have heard him preach. He has collected a sum of money equal to four times the amount of his salary, has turned over to the treasurer \$1000. for Church Extension; and succeeded in raising \$10,000. for special church necessities. It has been hard to secure preaching places for him among the charges of this Conference. His net receipts this year have been much less than last. I am still of the opinion that an aggressive Church Extension agent is a necessity among us. And I recommend the selection of a man for this work whose salary shall be paid by the Church Extension Society of this Conference.

The work of the Conference under the scrutiny of the Board is doing fairly well. Taylor Memorial has had a prosperous year. It gives promise of becoming a great church in the not far distant future. On the 28th of March in company with the president of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, I went to Washington to look into the condition, and to endeavor to try to form an opinion of the future of the Park Road Church. We were met by the preachers of our churches with one exception. The pastor was kind and ready to give all the information he possessed. There are 58 members, 20 of whom are children. Congregations number from 40 to 60. The members pay per capita \$20 a year. This is a great exhibition of church loyalty. The church building is under mortgage for \$6000, besides other debts for which this Conference is likewise responsible, amounting to about \$10,000 in all. The president of the Board of Managers will report further in reference to this enterprise.

Anne Arundel Cove has had a very pleasant and successful year. Rev. J. W. Norris has been serving it and reports the young society to be in fine condition, gathering together money with which to build a church.

The death of the venerable and highly respected Rev. Thomas Lowe, former pastor of what is known among us as Lowe Memorial M. P. Church was sudden and unexpected to us all. He was not a member of this Con-

ference but we owe much to his influence in the matter of the transfer of the church property to us. He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost. This new church has made wonderful progress this year under the very efficient pastorate of Rev. W. A. Melvin. A new parsonage has been bought though not all paid for. 200 conversions have been won to Jesus Christ and \$2685. have been spent for church debts. This is a strong church, pays its pastor's salary in advance, and bids fair to be a great factor in the religious activities of that part of Baltimore. The report of the president of the Board of Managers will tell of the financial arrangements made in settlement with Mrs. Lowe.

At the last session of this Conference, Chesaco Park, Texas and Jones' Chapel were put under the management of the Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of Baltimore City. It was first thought that one pastor could serve the three charges in one Sunday. But changes in the time of the running of the automobile bus made this impossible. Chesaco Park has therefore been supplied by unstationed preachers. The progress there has not been great. Jones' Chapel and Texas were constituted a circuit, and has been supplied by students from the Seminary. Considerable improvement has taken place at Jones' Chapel. The property was in a very delapidated condition. A splendid revival stirred the community and the interest in the church greatly quickened. During the summer Dr. Sheridan as chairman of a committee composed of himself, Rev. W. H. Litsinger and Rev. L. B. Smith, undertook to repair the church building of Jones' Chapel. Rev. W. H. Litsinger was selected to raise funds with which to do this work. He succeeded in raising \$550 with which to pay for all improvements and enough money to pay the pastor's salary until Conference. Now the building is in fine condition and the people interested.

At Texas the good people have almost paid for their neat and comfortable church property. They are working happily and successfully together with this end in view. It was quite a fortunate thing that this church was built. It will be needed when Towson can become a station to take a place on Balto. Circuit. You will hear more about this in the report of the Board of Managers.

St. Paul's—This young church under the efficient pastorate of Rev. J. A. Dudley has made very gratifying progress during this year. The need of a Sunday School room is very apparent; but they are making out as well as can be expected with the frame building with which they began their work. Brother Dudley is an inveterate pastor. There have been 88 conversions and 79 net gain in membership. At the last quarterly conference an increase in pastor's salary of \$276 was made. The future of this enterprise is bright.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society has been recently reorganized; and it is very much to be desired that in the Capital of our Nation, that this organization will become more effective in work for our denomination than ever before.

The Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of Baltimore City, with its scanty means, has done fine work this year. But the city is growing so rapidly and good openings occurring so frequently that it has been greatly embarrassed, on account of this, in the conduct of its work.

Moral Reform.

The Church of Jesus Christ is still His one great militant force for the publication of the principles of His holy faith and for the exemplification of them in life and practice. In her efforts to foster and maintain the commandments of Jehovah she is oftentimes beset with the treachery of those within her number as well as the stern and constant opposition of those who are without. The organization of those who are in the kingdom of evil was never more effective and efficient. There is in hand a fierce and bitter struggle. Jesus Christ came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. And when a man is saved he is saved for service in His kingdom. Notwithstanding the constant and violent attacks of the ungodly to defeat the plans of the church and to maintain and disseminate wickedness over the face of the earth, there has never been a time when the simple story of Jesus Christ simply and earnestly told by faithful men had a richer charm. Never a time when the hearts of the people were more responsive to the calls of religion. Never a time when the conversion of the world was more devoutly prayed for. Never a time when benevolence and philanthropy were more largely manifest; when more money was given to the church; when it was easier to endow hospitals and asylums, to promote the education of our youth, to consider the condition of the poor and to relieve it, to maintain peace between labor and capital, to furnish better living places for the poorer classes, to park our cities, to increase the beautification of homes, in fact to do every thing our Lord would have us do to publish and maintain that practical piety for which His religion stands.

But with all this we must not forget the vigor and determination of our enemies. They are ever before us. The last Legislature of Maryland gave to us as citizens what we did not want, but what we were forced to accept, that is to say, the privilege of the citizens of Baltimore and the wet counties of our State, to vote for or against the prohibition of the most dreadful enemy of personal righteousness, of the home, and of our country on the face of the earth today—the liquor traffic. A hot campaign was begun, and vigorously prosecuted, but because of the failure of some in the church and many outside of it to vote as they signified, together with the lavish expenditure of money by the liquor interests, we failed or seemed to fail in Baltimore City. My brethren, I learned a great deal from this vote. I learned more about the strong grip that the drink habit has upon many from whom we could expect better things. And I learned that some denominations must have a sweeping change of heart on this whole subject. But with our failure in Baltimore, we did

not fail. More of our dear old Maryland is under the flow of the white than ever before. My brethren, let us see to it, in so far as we can, that men are selected and elected to the next Legislature who will not surrender to tricky politicians or make compromises which will prevent the coming of the day when Maryland shall be forever dry.

Prohibition is gaining still greater victories. The passage of the Bone Dry bill by our National Congress means a great protection to states already dry. And the abolition of the saloon from Washington, our National Capital, is one of the greatest achievements of our day. May the good work go on until America shall put down forever the accursed traffic. We are living in peculiar, treacherous times, when war is engaging the attention of every one, when men and women are talking war, when our people are dreading it. Surely our Nation has fallen upon strenuous times. Preparedness is the one demand. My brethren, I am in favor of preparedness if we mean by it full and sufficient equipment for a strong and manly defence on the land and on the sea. O war, thou that causes nations to crumble and kings to be dethroned, O war, thou that seeks thy prey from the fairest sons of our land, thou that takest son and husband and lover from the warm embrace of those who love them and never gives them back, we do not want thee. But if thou with all thy awful horrors art upon us we give thee these, and more, to fight, and if needs be to die for the maintenance of our rights on the land and on the sea. I think in these severe times we should endeavor to control our speech. Our country's periodicals should cease the objectionable caricaturing of our public men, so that as a Nation, strained to its deepest depths, we can earnestly and sincerely put forth every honorable effort to usher in again the reign of peace. The President of these United States, Hon. Woodrow Wilson, deserves our unstinted praise for his long, and faithful efforts to preserve us from the awful catastrophe of war.

And only when war is thrust upon us, has he yielded to its dreadful demands. I pray for him and all who in any sense, are his faithful advisers, and I think that this Conference in all its prayers to the God of Nations, should unfailingly and unfalteringly mention him—That the wisdom of God and the spirit of God may be abundantly bestowed upon him and that he may have the unfailing co-operation of all America in his efforts to protect our rights and uphold our principles. I recommend to your prayerful and practical consideration the Anti-Saloon League, the Lord's Day Alliance and all other institutions which have for their object the establishment of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in the world.

State of the Church.

Material Prosperity—In the main, all over our Conference district the condition of our church and parsonage property is good. There are some exceptions to this, but in every instance I have called attention to the necessity of keeping God's house in repair. The wives of our ministers are good housekeepers. The homes are well kept and fairly well

furnished. The year is not marked for extensive church or parsonage construction. Yet there are some exceptions.

Wilton Heights completed its new auditorium at a cost of about \$20,000. It was dedicated to the service of Almighty God the first Sunday of the Conference year. It is a beautiful building and reflects great credit upon pastor and people, whose fidelity and liberality have made it possible. Its debt has been arranged for and we hope that it will soon be liquidated.

At Sharptown, Rev. Avery Donovan has done the long looked for thing—that is to say, he has practically built a new church. The cost of the improvements will be \$10,000. It will be ready for dedication in June. It is a monument to the memory of a man who has done much in the matter of church building on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware, and to the loyal men and women of Sharptown.

The good people of Pittsville under the leadership of Rev. W. P. Roberts have greatly improved their church building, at a cost of \$1,800. The improvements are all paid for and add much to the beauty and dignity of the building.

The new parsonage at Harmony costing about \$1,300 in money besides the labor that was donated, is finished. Rev. C. N. Alexander, the pastor, has been its happy occupant for some months. It is a splendid achievement for pastor and people, and will settle for all time the question of where the pastor can live.

The new parsonage at Harrington, Delaware, is a beautiful home. It is built alongside the church and reflects great credit upon the tactfulness of the pastor and the liberality of the congregation. Its debt has all been provided for.

A new parsonage has been purchased adjoining the Lowe Memorial Church at Baltimore, Md. Brother Melvin has succeeded in arranging for it satisfactorily to the church and himself. It is a good home and finely suited for a parsonage. The pastors salary has been raised \$100.

The people of Kemptown under the leadership of Rev. G. H. Stockdale have sold the old parsonage and purchased the best house in the town. Considerable improvements have been made to it, and it stands out with its acres of ground as an evidence of the good business judgment of pastor and people. The debt has been arranged for and will soon be paid.

Much money has been spent, as you will read in the minutes of this Conference, in repair to parsonages and church buildings this year. Quantico Church which was closed is now in good repair and open for regular preaching services. A great revival under the leadership of Rev. C. S. Larrimore was largely the cause of this reopening. God greatly blessed the people and they began the improvement of the church property. The following charges have spent \$500. or more in improvements and the payment of debts—Bivalve, Brooklyn, Baltimore Circuit, Belair, Christ Church, Cambridge, Calvary, Cumberland, Denton, Delmar, Eutaw, Fawn

Grove, Felton, Newark, Grove, Georgetown, Del., Harrington, Hampden, Harmony, Howard, Kemptown, Keen Memorial, Lowe Memorial, Mariners, New Market, Parksley, Pittsville, Sharptown, Saint James, St. Lukes, Seaford, Starr, St. Pauls, Susquehanna, St. Johns, Taylor Memorial, Trinity, Wallace Memorial, West Baltimore, Rhode Island Ave., and Laurel.

The following charges have contributed \$200 or more, for Foreign Missions—Alnutt, Buckeystown, Christ Church, Newark, Hampden, N. Baltimore, West Baltimore, Starr, St. Johns, St. James, Westminster, Salisbury, Rhode Island Ave. and Laurel.

The net gain in membership reported to me is 2577. The amount of money paid for debts and improvements likewise reported to me is \$61,000.

Spiritual Results—I am sure my brethren, that your hearts join with mine in great rejoicing when we survey the doings of God's Spirit among the people during this Conference year. We have some beautiful churches with large memberships whose songs of praise and adoration fill their walls with great delight. This splendid exercise is as it should be. But we must not forget that the church is the evangel of righteousness. Her call is to the sinner that he may be saved, and to the saint for his edification. I thank God for His power given unto you, for the power of your preaching and for the fact that the conversion of 4000 precious souls who have professed saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Notable revivals of religion have occurred at Bivalve, Balto. Circuit, Broadway, Brooklyn, Christ Church, Cambridge, Cumberland Circuit, Calvary, Crisfield, Deer Park, Delmar, Dorchester, Easton, Franklin City, Federalsburg, Newark, First Church Washington, Georgetown, Hurlock, Hampden, Keen Memorial, Laurel Circuit, Lowe Memorial, Mariners, Milford, New Market, Powellville, Quantico, Reliance, Starr, Susquehanna, St. Johns, Stewartstown, West Baltimore, St. Pauls and Union.

My brethren, let us thank God for the fact that He has visited us so graciously and used us so abundantly in bringing the unsaved to a knowledge of His saving power.

Presentation of Parsonage Property.

Upon the occasion of my visit to Calvary Church, Baltimore, I was very much delighted to have the honor to present to Miss Georgia Campbell a series of hand engrossed resolutions expressing the delight of that congregation in receiving from her the gift of a beautiful parsonage in fee simple and perpetually insured.

Bequests.

I am much pleased to report to you that by the will of Miss Mary Grillett, the sum of \$2,000 is bequeathed to the various organizations of Alnutt Memorial Church, Baltimore. And that Miss Mary E. Edie in her will bequeathed the sum of \$450 to our church at Stewartstown, Pa. There may have been other bequests but I have not heard of them.

In Conclusion.

This is my fifth and final report to this Conference. I would consider myself greatly remiss in my duty if I did not express my unfeigned thanks to Almighty God whose watchful eye and preserving presence have been always over me during the long journeyings of the five years of my continuance in this office. And to the ministry and laity whose generous attentions and gracious hospitality have been so abundant and frequent. I thank you sincerely for the largeness of the vote given me at each succeeding election, for your thoughtful consideration, in the main, in assigning you to your appointments, for the pleasant hours I have spent in your homes and for the splendid courtesies so liberally bestowed upon me. I shall carry with me across the river of death pleasant memories of the years I have labored among you. That I have made mistakes is certain, but they have been of judgment, and not of heart. And I pray the forgiveness of any who may think that I in any way have wronged them. I come now to be assigned, to do my work as well as I may until my usefulness is done. Praying the presence of the great Head of the Church to be upon us throughout the deliberations and discussions of this Conference,

I am yours in His name,

JOHN S. BOWERS.

Of the Committee on President's Report.

The report of the President is at once a masterly review of the Conference life and work for the past year and a statement of ideals which challenges our interest.

The sympathy of all our people goes out to those who have suffered bereavement during the year. We also are bereaved and sorrow with them.

We gratefully note the facts of church property improvement at many points, and revivals of religion in which 4000 souls have been saved.

We endorse the following recommendations of the President:

First, that the request made by Dr. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, for payment of \$2000 assessed upon the Conference by the General Conference for the West Lafayette College debt, be referred to the Committee on Literature and Education;

Second, that a special committee be appointed by the President to consider the Forward Movement idea and report to this Conference; and

Third, that the name of G. E. Robinson be dropped from our list of probationers.

We concur in the President's recommendation that a Church Extension Superintendent be selected whose salary shall be paid by the Church Extension Society of the Conference, and recommend the reference of the whole question to the Committee on Church Extension.

The President calls attention to the subject of pastoral support and

the greatly increased cost of almost everything for the family life on account of the war. We are grateful for the salary increases mentioned but realize that it is inadequate to meet the situation. There is probably no class of our people more willing to make additional sacrifices for their country than are ministers and their families, but we are of the opinion this would be unnecessary in some cases at least if in these days of extraordinary concern the charges should think of the matter. We recommend, therefore, that the President of the Conference be asked to bring the subject to the attention of the quarterly conferences in such manner as he may elect.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LITSINGER,
C. M. COMPHER,
C. A. OGG,

H. K. MULLER,
SAMUEL BURGESS.
WM. M. FOUNTAINE,

Agent of President's Parsonage.

Receipts.

1916.

Apr. 3, Balance in Baker, Wat's Bank\$342.34

1917.

Nov. 10, Cash from J. S. Bowers 60.00

Mch. 9, Cash from J. S. Bowers 452.00

Apr. 3, Cash from J. S. Bowers 73.00 \$927.34

Disbursements.

1916.

June 1, Cash paid T. A. Murray\$300.00

June 3, Cash paid Patrick Trainor 1.60

June 3, Cash paid Nannie D. Bowers 1.50

June 6, Cash paid W. C. Paige (Col.) 2.68

Nov. 3, Cash paid H. W. Smith 3.58

1917.

Jan. 4, Cash paid D. J. Loden 11.50

Jan. 29, Cash paid Maury, Donnelly & Co. 22.50

Feb. 14, Cash paid H. S. Rannels85

Mar. 9, Cash paid T. A. Murray 483.20 \$827.41

Balance in Baker, Watt's Bank \$ 99.93

JOHN S. BOWERS, Agent.

Examined and found correct.

W. P. ROBERTS,
E. L. BUNCE,
FRED P. ADKINS,
Auditing Committee.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
✓ Accomac, Va...	G. R. Donaldson	1	Concord, Pa.	H. E. Norris (Sup.)	5 ✓
Alexandria, Va.			Conquest, Va.....	J. F. Wooden	2
Raymond W. White (Sup.)		1	CRISFIELD—		
Amelia, Va.	W. C. Mumford	5	Crisfield	C. M. Elderdice	1
BALTIMORE—			Lawsonia .	A. W. Betts (Sup.)	1 ✓
Alnutt Memorial..	F. T. Little	6	Mariners	C. M. Adams	1 ✓
✓ Bethany..	H. F. Butler (Sup.)	1	Crumpton..	T.E.F. Morton (Sup.)	1 ✓
Broadway.....	J. M. Sheridan	6	CUMBERLAND—		
Brooklyn	S. W. Coe	4	First Church..	J. W. Balderston	2
Calvary	H. S. Johnson	5	Mapleside & Fairview		
Chesaco Park..	To be supplied		J. P. Adams		2 ✓
Christ Church..	E.L.Beauchamp	1	Melvin Chapel		
East Baltimore	G. A. Ogg	1	J.. L. Green (Sup.)		1 ✓
Eutaw	E. A. Sexsmith	1	Deer Creek..	J. E. Medling (Sup.)	1 ✓
✓ Evergreen..	Klein K. Haddaway	1	Deer Park...	W. A. Sites (Sup.)	3
Hampden	E. D. Stone	5	Delmar, Del.....	G. A. Morris	4 ✓
Keen Memorial..	A. S. Beane	10	Delta, Pa.....	Carroll Maddox	1 ✓
Lauraville...	G. H. Stocksdale	1	Denton	T. O. Crouse	3 ✓
Lowe Memorial..	W. A. Melvin	2	Dorchester...	A. Parsells (Sup.)	1 ✓
N. Baltimore..	W. H. Litsinger	3	Dover & Leipsic, Del.	J. T. Bailey	5 ✓
Payson Street..	To be supplied		Easton	B. F. Ruley	3 ✓
✓ S. Baltimore...	W. F. Wright	1	Elizabeth, N. J....	F. A. Holland	1
Starr	G. W. Haddaway	16	Fairfax, Va.	C. W. Cole	2 ✓
St. John's.....	J. W. Kirk	10	Fawn Grove, Pa..	H. L. Schlincke	2
St. Paul's.....	J. A. Dudley	6	Federalsburg.....	J. M. Brown	1 ✓
Violetville....	W. B. Judefind	1	Felton, Del.....	C. N. Alexander	1 ✓
Waverly..	W. S. Simms (Sup.)	1	Finksburg	N. C. Clough	1
W. Baltimore.....	J. M. Gill	2	1st Ch. Newark..	E. C. Makosky	5.
Wilton Heights..	G. M. Clayton	1	Franklin City, Va.	J. L. Elderdice	4.
Baltimore Circuit...	S. F. Cassen	5.	Frederick	G. J. Hooker	3
✓ Bedford, Pa....	W. F. Bauscher	3	Georgetown, Del...	J. A. Wright	2
Belair	B. W. Kindley	3	Georgetown Circuit		
Bivalve ...	C. H. Dobson (Sup.)	1	H. H. Carroll (Sup.)		1 ✓
Buckeystown	R. L. Shipley	3	Greenbush & Tasley, Va.		
Cambridge.....	W. L. Hoffman	2	W. C. Bowden (Sup.)		1 ✓
Cannon, Del.....	G. F. Farring	3	Greensboro.....	To be supplied	
✓ Caroline	W. L. Jump	1	Greenwood, Del.		
✓ Cecil	L. E. Haddaway	1	H. W. D. Johnson		2 ✓
Centreville	G. J. Hill	4	Grove.....	C. M. Jenkins (Sup.)	1 ✓
Chestertown	J. L. Ward	2	Harbeson, Del & Indian River		
✓ Chincoteague, Va.			Ziba Adams		1 ✓
F. M. McCorkle (Sup.)		1	Harmony...	W. D. Short (Sup.)	1 ✓
✓ Clayton...	E. C. Graham (Sup.)	2	Harper's Ferry.....	A. W. Ewell	2 ✓

Pastor	Yrs.	Pastor	Yrs.
A. W. Mather	3	S. B. Tredway	1
J. W. Norris	3	D. L. Greenfield	1
W. D. Litsinger	14	Dorsey Blake	1
J. L. Mills	4	P. L. Rice	2
W. M. Strayer	12	Left Without Appointment at Own Request.	
J. L. Straughn	9	F. D. Reynolds	2
J. A. Weigand	29	D. W. Anstine	1
J. M. Holmes	1	Clayborne Phillips	1
F. H. Mullineaux	1	Ronalds Taylor	1
E. O. Ewing	1	L. A. Bennett (To engage in evangelistic work)	1
F. T. Tagg	1		
J. S. Bowers	1		
J. G. Sullivan	18		
W. R. Graham	2		

Report B

THE SECRETARY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

As Committee on Credentials I report that certificates of election of delegate have not been received from Chesaco Park, Lawsonia, Selbyville and Texas. That with the exception of Union Bridge, Nichols Memorial and Bethany, all the elections were regular and in accord with the discipline. Your Secretary has sought to secure complete conformity of method on the part of the churches and appreciates the support and courtesies extended by the pastors.

As Committee on Publication of Minutes I report that while the paper market is still unsettled the contract price for the 1917 edition will cost not more than \$25. additional to the contract price of last year.

The ratio of distribution has been somewhat disturbed due to the addition to the Conference collection of the estimated amount required for Conference entertainment. The rule requires the distribution to the churches on the basis of the amount paid by the churches on this collection but since the entire amount paid on the Conference collection does not now accrue to the Secretary it is apparent that the churches cannot now receive four copies for each dollar paid. Last year the distribution was made on the basis of the assessment before the entertainment expense was added. This year the same rule will be followed unless the Conference orders otherwise. To distribute in full for the amount paid would add possibly twenty-five or thirty dollars to the total cost. This is the rule now followed: That wherever the amount paid shall equal the

amount assessed 1914, before the entertainment expense was added, the full number shall be given for the assessed amount; when less than the assessment, the number for the amount paid.

There are still in the Secretary's possession a large number of the manuals; copies may also be had at the Book Rooms.

Committee envelopes with paper have been prepared and the Secretary will greatly appreciate the observance of the suggestions made thereon.

The financial statement follows:

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Balance on hand Conference 1916	\$272.18	
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas. 1916	\$626.00	
Reported last Conference	86.00	540.00
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From C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer, advanced assessments..		94.00
From sale of Minutes, Book Rooms		6.15
From sale of Minutes, Secretary		2.70
From sale of Manuals last Conference		30.50
From sale of Manuals during year		2.50
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Total receipts for the year	\$948.03	\$948.03

Disbursements.

Publication and distribution of Minutes:

J. W. Stowell, contract price,		
2000 copies, 150 pages	\$200.00	
18 extra pages at \$1.25	22.50	
200 extra copies	14.00	
Distribution by printer	18.51	
Distribution by Secretary	5.00	
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Total cost of Minutes	\$260.01	
Ballots, programs, envelopes 1916	11.50	
To C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer:		
Conference entertainment 1915	\$187.00	
Compensation	50.00	
Expense of office	3.35	\$240.35
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April 11, 1916, T. O. Crouse, com. exp:		1.80
April 11, 1916, J. M. Sheridan, com. exp.		2.75
April 12, 1916, Miss Ball, stenographer		12.00
April 18, 1916, Bonding Treasurer		12.50

April 23, 1916, Conference expense, Secretary's trunk, stationery, etc.	7.00	
May 3, 1916, Secretary's compensation	50.00	
Oct. 1, 1916, Committee exp. Accomac, Va.	27.58	
Feb. 24, 1917, Bibles, credentials	15.83	
Expense Secretary for year, postage, Conference station- ery, program committee	16.93	
Mar. 15, 1917, E. C. Makosky, com. exp.	3.54	
Payment publication Manuals	95.00	
Total expenditures	\$756.79	\$756.79
Balance on hand		\$191.24

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

W. P. ROBERTS,

E. L. BUNCE,

FRED P. ADKINS,

Committee on Audit.

April 12, 1917.

Report C

THE TREASURER.

1917.

President's Salary.

Apr. 11, Amount from District	\$3,091.00	
Apr. 17, To Vouchers and Cash to J. S. Bowers.....		\$3,091.00

Conference Expense.

Apr. 11, Amount from District	\$ 634.00	
Apr. 17, To Rev. J. H. Straughn, Secretary		\$ 634.00

Seminary.

Apr. 11, Amount from District	\$1,816.00	
Apr. 17, To Vouchers and Cash to H. L. Elderdice, President		\$1,816.00

College.

Apr. 11, Amount from District	\$1,795.00	
Apr. 17, To Vouchers and Cash to T. H. Lewis, Pres.		\$1,795.00

College Special.

Apr. 11, Am't of Cash from District	\$1,045.00	
Apr. 17, Paid to T. H. Lewis, Pres.		\$1,045.00

Church Home.

Apr. 11, Amount from District	\$1,836.00	
Apr. 17, To Voucher and Cash to J. P. Wantz, Treas.		\$1,836.00

Deaconess.

Apr. 11, Amount from District	\$ 918.00	
Apr. 17, To Vouchers and Cash to H.K.Muller, Treas.		\$ 918.00

General Interests.

Apr. 11, Amount from District for Home Missions...	\$2,381.00	
Amount from District for Foreign Missions..	2,774.00	
Amount from District for Children's Day...	4,099.00	
Amount from District Special for For. Mis..	1,509.00	
Amount from District for Easter Offering..	1,364.00	
Amount from District for Ministerial Educa- tion	596.00	\$12,723.00
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Apr. 17, To Vouchers from Rev. C. H. Beck, Treas. and others	\$8,147.80	
To Cash to C. H. Beck, Treasurer.....	4,575.20	\$12,723.00
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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Apr. 11, Amount reported to Conference	\$2,515.00	
To accounted Vouchers		\$2,515.00

Anti-Saloon League.

Apr. 11, Amount reported to Conference	\$2,225.00	
Apr. 17, Vouchers passed		\$2,225.00

Miscellaneous.

Apr. 11, Amounts reported to Conference	\$8,016.00	
Apr. 17, To Vouchers passed		\$8,016.00

Church Extension.**Receipts.**

1916.		
May 1, By Balance	\$ 83.89	
May 1, By Loan from F. A. Holland	600.00	
1917.		
April 12, By Cash from District	5,667.00	
April 17, By Annual Dues	107.00	\$6,457.89
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Disbursements.

1916.		
May 1, To W. W. Smith for Rev. Mr. Lowe	\$ 600.00	

1917.

April 17, To Balto. Church Extension Society, \$350.;		
Bethany, \$175.; Bivalve, \$50.; Calvary, \$160.;		
Cambridge, \$200.; Cannon, \$50.; Centreville,		
\$100.; Cherrydale, \$100.; Park Road, \$450.;		
Crumpton, \$50.; Deer Creek, \$50.; Delmar,		
\$100.; Dover, \$150.; Eutaw, \$100.; Fairfax,		
\$50.; Georgetown, Del., \$100.; Greensboro,		
\$200.; Lewes, \$50.; Linthicum Heights, \$100.;		
Mapleside, \$100.; Milford, \$250.; Parksley, \$50.;		
Payson Street, \$200.; Quantico, \$150.; St. Mich-		
aels, \$150.; Selbyville, \$83.; Sharptown, \$125.;		
Taylor Memorial, \$250.; Texas, \$25.; Tyreanna,		
\$200.; Violetsville, \$100.; Wilton Heights,		
\$475.; Note of \$600. and Interest, \$36	\$5,379.00	\$5,979.00
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Apr. 17, Balance		\$ 478.89
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		\$6,457.89

Superannuated Fund.

Receipts.

1916.		
May 1, To Balance	\$ 165.56	
July 28, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.	1,400.00	
Oct. 13, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.	1,800.00	
1917.		
Feb. 1, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.	1,300.00	
Apr. 12, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.	2,004.61	
Apr. 12, To Check from District	4,261.50	
Apr. 17, To Annual Dues	107.50	
Apr. 17, To Deficit	1.19	\$11,040.36
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Disbursements.

1916.		
July 28, By 1st Distribution	\$1,253.00	
Oct. 13, By 2nd Distribution	1,614.00	
1917.		
Feb. 1, By 3rd Distribution	1,130.00	
Apr. 17, By 4th Distribution	6,934.00	
Apr. 17, By Expense Cor. Sec.	1.86	\$10,932.86
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Apr. 17, By Invested Fund from Annual Dues		107.50
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		\$11,040.36

General Conference Expense Account.

Receipts.

1916.

May 1, By Loan from F. S. Orem	\$ 300.00	
May 1, By Loan from G. W. Haddaway	200.00	
May 15, By 3 mos. Note for \$350. less Discount	344.75	
May 15, By Cash from District	140.00	
May 15, By Cash from District	96.00	
May 18, By Gift of Daniel Baker	35.30	
June 1, Returned by Rev. T. O. Crouse above expense	1.05	
June 11 to Apr. 17, '19, By Cash from District	495.00	
April 17, '17, By Deficit	170.65	\$1782.75

Amount yet due\$ 296.00

Disbursements.

May 13, 1916, To Expense Ministerial Representatives:—

Revs. J. S. Bowers, \$24.54; H. L. Elderdice, \$26.54; F. T. Little, \$24.54; J. H. Straughn, \$29.50; F. T. Tagg, \$24.54; G. W. Haddaway, \$24.54; F. T. Benson, \$29.64; L. F. Warner, \$27.58; J. M. Gill, \$24.54; W. R. Graham, \$24.54; T. O. Crouse, \$26.34; F. C. Klein, \$24.54; A. N. Ward, \$26.54; J. M. Sheridan, \$24.54; E. D. Stone, \$24.54; Rev. T. H. Lewis, declined\$ 387.00

To Expense of Lay Representatives:—

Mess. Daniel Baker, \$35.30; T. P. Fisher, \$36.30; J. T. Norris, \$35.30; E. B. Fenby, M. D., \$35.30; W. W. Smith, \$35.30; J. H. Roberts, \$35.30; W. E. Sheppard, \$38.72; A. R. Lewis, \$35.30; J. H. Elliott, \$42.30; T. A. Murray, \$35.30; F. M. Wilson, \$38.35; J. B. Mills, \$35.30; M. A. Davis, \$39.38; J. P. Dodge, \$35.30; J. H. Baker and T. E. Harrison declined 512.75
 May 30, To Expense Transportation Committee 3.00
 Aug. 12, To First Nat. Bank, Havre de Grace, Md., account Note 350.00

1917.

April 17, To F. S. Orem, principal and interest 318.00
 April 17, To G. W. Haddaway, principal and interest. 212.00 \$1782.75

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treasurer.

Report D

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully report, first, that the following are now members of the board, viz., F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts, F. K. Herr, whose terms expire in 1919; A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho, C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1918; J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray, whose terms expire in 1917 and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference.

Second, that the income from the Mrs. A. S. Eversole legacy of \$1000, has been used for church extension purposes in accordance with the provisions of the said legacy.

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

Fourth, We report that the books and accounts have been audited and found correct in every particular by the standing committee of audit as required in the by-laws of our Board.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for Year April, 1916-1917.

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

GENERAL FUND.

To balance per last Report		\$ 926.28
To amt. received balance of Loan acct. St. Paul's Ch..	\$ 100.00	
To amt. received from Rents McQueen Mort. Property	316.95	
To amt. received from Drinkhouse Trust Estate, (Interest to Nov. 20-16 on Loan acct. McQueen Prop.)	36.63	
To Interest on deposits	27.51	
To Trustees Commissions on Income Drinkhouse Trust Estate	54.98	\$ 536.07
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		\$1462.35

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By Expenses of management, including expenses of Trustees in attending Meetings	\$ 40.05		
By amts. paid acct. McQueen Property,—			
1916 Taxes	\$46.27		
Water Rent	5.02	51.29	91.34
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By amt. due Eversole Trust Fund and credited to said Account per Order of Trustees	1090.40	
Balance on deposit to credit General Fund	280.61	
		<u>\$1462.35</u>

EVERSOLE TRUST FUND.

To Corpus of said Trust Fund	\$1000.00	
To Income received thereon	90.40	\$1090.40

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By Income appropriated by Trustees and paid as follows:—

To Church Extension Society acct. Jones Chapel..\$	40.00	
To Church Extension Society acct. Towson Church	50.40	90.40
		<u>1000.00</u>
Balance on deposit to credit said Trust Fund		\$1090.40

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE.

To Balance of Income per last Report		\$1402.07
To Income on Investments for last Year	\$1068.00	
To Interest on Deposits	31.70	1099.70
		<u>\$2501.77</u>

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By Rent Safe Deposit Box	\$ 5.00	
By amt. paid General Fund, (Interest to Nov. 20-'16, on Loan acct. McQueen Property	36.63	
By Trustees Commissions on Income credited to Gen- eral Fund	54.98	96.61
		<u>1503.00</u>
By amts. appropriated by Trustees from Income in ac- cordance with terms of Trust, and paid as follows:		
To Baltimore Book Directory, for use of "The Meth- odist Protestant"	\$1000.00	
To Maryland Educational Endowment Society for Ministerial Education	500.00	
To "The Methodist Protestant" for renewal of sub- scriptions of two Old Subscribers	3.00	1503.00
		<u>\$1599.61</u>
Balance on deposit to credit Income		902.16
		<u>\$2501.77</u>

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer with Vouchers, and find same correct as per above Report, and the Income from Investments fully accounted for; and we have also examined the Securities held by the Drinkhouse Trust Estate and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Conference Trustees.

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

Report E

THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

We have distributed to the best of our ability the assessments laid by the Conference and herewith submit the lists.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

Special Apportionment for West Lafayette College.

Accomac, Va., 16; Alexandria, Va., 8; Amelia, 6; Alnutt Memorial, 44; Bethany, 6; Broadway, 16; Brooklyn, 14; Calvary, 6; Chesaco Park, 2; Christ Church, 18; E. Baltimore, 18; Eutaw, 12; Evergreen, 8; Hampden, 28; Keene Memorial, 14; Lauraville, 6; Lowe Memorial, 16; N. Baltimore, 28; Payson St., 6; South Baltimore, 14; Starr, 44; St. Johns, 44; St. Pauls, 6; Violetsville, 6; Waverly, 6; W. Baltimore, 40; Wilton Heights, 6; Baltimore Circuit, 12; Bedford, Pa., 18; Bel Air, 16; Bivalve, 14; Buckeystown, 40; Cambridge, 22; Campbell, Va., 6; Cannon, Del., 6; Caroline, 16; Cecil, 14; Centreville, 12; Chesapeake, 12; Chestertown, 40; Chincoteague, 10; Clayton, Del., 16; Concord, Pa., 14; Conquest, Va., 6; Crisfield, 34; Mariners, 14; Crumpton, 8; Cumberland, —; First Church, 16; Melvin Chapel, 6; Mapleside, 6; Deer Creek, 10; Deer Park, 14; Delmar, Del., 12; Delta, Pa., 14; Denton, 16; Dorchester, 16; Dover, Del., 6; Easton, 28; Elizabeth, N. J., 18; Fairfax, Va., 8; Fawn Grove, Pa., 16; Federalsburg, 8; Felton, Del., 8; Finksburg, 20; First Church, Newark, N. J., 44; Franklin City, 16; Frederick, 14; Georgetown, Del., 14; Georgetown Circuit, 8; Greenwood, Del., 14; Greenbush & Tasley, Va., 6; Greensboro, 6; Grove, 5; Harbeson, Del., 6; Harmony, 6; Harpers Ferry, W. Va., 12; Harrington, Del., 14; Howard, 14; Hurlock, 10; Indian River, 6; Kemptown, 20; Kennedyville, 10; Kent Island, 14; Laurel, Del., 22; Laurel Circuit, 16; Leeds, 14; Leipsic, Del., 6; Lewes, Del., 6; Lewistown, 6; Liberty, 14; Lisbon, 18; Lynchburg, Va., 14; Mardela, 14; Marley, 10; Middleway, W. Va., 6; Milford, Del., 18; Milton, Del., 12; Mt. Nebo, 12; New Church, Va., 12; New Market, 18; Nichols Me-

morial, 4; Northumberland, Va., 18; Oak Grove, 8; Oxford, 14; Parkesley, Va., 12; Patapsco, 2; St. Lukes, Phila., 14; Taylor Memorial, Phila., 12; Pipe Creek, 14; Pittsville, 14; Pocomoke City, 20; Pocomoke Circuit, 12; Potomac, Va., 14; Powellville, 12; Prince George, 6; Quantico, 8; Queen Anne, 8; Reliance, 14; Rowlandville, 10; Salem, 10; Salisbury, 26; Seaford, Del., 18; Selbyville, Del., 6; Sharptown, 16; Snow Hill, 14; Stewartstown, Pa., 16; St. James, 18; St. Michaels, 14; Susquehanna, 16; Talbot, 8; Texas Mission, 2; Trinity, 18; Union, 10; Union Bridge, 12; Wallace Memorial, Va., 6; Warwick, 14; Washington—Cherrydale, 6; First Church, 18; Georgetown, 22; Mt. Tabor, 14; N. C. Ave., 18; Park Road, 4; R. I. Ave., 44; Westminster, 36; Wilmington, Del., 6; W. Wilmington, Del., 6; Whaleyville, 6; Wye, 8.

Report F

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

Of The Committee.

Your Committee begs leave to make a partial report as follows:

1. We recommend that Howard L. Davis be received into the Conference, provided he waives all claims upon the Superannuated Fund.

2. We recommend that Klein Kinzer Haddaway and Charles R. Dutton be received into the Conference, and that Allan Haldeman, Charles W. Cole, J. Peyton Adams, Klein Kinzer Haddaway and C. R. Dutton be ordained.

3. We recommend that James Thornton Moore, J. H. Lynch, C. N. Alexander, C. Harry Dobson, H. L. Murphy, and L. E. Haddaway be admitted on trial.

4. We recommend that Paul M. Cassen be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education for assistance.

Your Committee reports further:

1. We recommend that A. F. T. Raum and P. M. R. Schauer be admitted on trial.

2. We recommend that I. S. Owens and W. L. Jump be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge to continue their studies.

3. We recommend that Frank K. McCorkle, J. E. Medling, G. M. Sheridan, W. S. Simms, W. A. Sites, H. F. Butler, J. S. Eddins, E. C. Graham, Clyde Haven, A. W. Betts, C. M. Jenkins, H. E. Norris, and C. S. Larrimore be placed in the hands of the President.

4. We advise Chas. W. Robinson and Harry A. Harmon to go to school.

We report:

First, J. N. Link and Allan Haldeman, having completed the course of study, are passed through the course. J. N. Link received one hundred

in each of the following studies: Divine Credentials, Theology, Miller's Christian Ministry and Sunday School Organization. W. L. Jump and I. S. Owens and Edward T. Kirkley, of the second year's class, are passed to the third year, except that I. S. Owens is continued in "Historical Geography" and "Sunday School Organization and Management." W. L. Jump received one hundred in "Historical Geography."

James T. Moore, C. N. Alexander, Harry N. Dobson, H. L. Murphy, L. E. Haddaway, P. M. R. Schauer, J. P. George and A. F. T. Raum are continued in the studies of the first year. J. H. Lynch is placed in the preparatory class.

Third partial report:

1. We recommend that W. D. Short be put in the hands of the President.
2. We recommend Russell Sapp to the Board of Ministerial Education for assistance.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders respectfully submit its final report as follows:

1. We recommend, that, in the event they are employed by the President, J. P. George, Jas. T. Moore, C. N. Alexander, Harry N. Dobson, L. E. Haddaway, P. M. R. Schauer, J. H. Lynch, Frank McCorkle, H. F. Butler, H. L. Murphy, C. M. Jenkins, J. E. Medling, G. M. Sheridan, J. B. Eddins, E. C. Graham, Clyde Haven, A. W. Betts, A. F. T. Raum, W. D. Short, Raymond W. White, J. L. Green, H. H. Carroll, W. C. Bowden, A. L. Steinfeldt, and A. L. Peterson, be given a license to administer the ordinances.

We report as an additional regulation of the Faculty that students who fail to meet the requirements of their year's class regarding the submission of sermons and the attainment of the percentage necessary for passing shall not be advanced to ordination, or passed through the course.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

Report G

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Of the Committee.

First report—

We recommend:

First, That the same amount as last year be assessed upon the District for Church Extension.

Second, The appointment of a Church Extension Superintendent, at

a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) for next year, and that the same be paid by the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Conference.

Your Church Extension Committee makes its final Report:

We have given a patient hearing to interested parties, considered carefully the requests of their charges and have cheerfully rendered all assistance possible, and we wish that we could do more.

We note with pleasure the splendid work accomplished at Texas Mission and Jones Memorial Churches, under the direction of the Baltimore City Branch Extension Society; also the painstaking care with which the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society have managed the affairs of said Society.

We commend the reorganization of the District of Columbia Church Extension Society, and wish for them a year of great activity and prosperity.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend, that \$240 be paid annually to Mrs. Lowe, widow of Rev. Thomas Lowe, during her lifetime, according to the agreement with Lowe Memorial Church; and that the said amount be paid monthly by the Treasurer of this Conference.

We have considered the "Report of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society" referred to this Committee, and we recommend, that the amount remaining from the appropriation made last Conference for the late Rev. Thomas Lowe be transferred to the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society, with which to meet its obligations.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend—

First, that Texas Mission, Jones Memorial and Chesaco Park Churches be continued under the care of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

Second, that the name of Chesapeake charge be changed to Wesley Chapel of Kent charge.

Third, that Parksley be made a station.

Fourth, that Greenbush and Tasley, on Accomac charge constitute a separate charge to be known as Greenbush and Tasley charge, and that Hunting Creek Church be taken from Parksley charge and with Lemont church constitute Accomac charge.

Fifth, that Quinton church be detached from Pocomoke City charge and attached to Salem charge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore City Church Extension Society for St. Pauls Church, \$1,000 in four annual installments, provided they build this year (\$250); for Texas Mission, Jones Memorial and Chesaco

Park, on Salary, if supplied with regular pastor, \$150; and Waverly, on Salary, if supplied with married man, \$200	\$600
Bethany, Baltimore, if supplied with married man	150
Cannon, on salary	50
Centreville, on salary	100
Cherrydale, provided they raise \$200 on debt	100
Conference Church Extension Society, on Pastor's salary, for Park Roads Church, Washington, if supplied with married man, \$400.00; for interest on note in Chestertown Bank, \$240, and for salary of Church Extension Superintendent, \$600, total..	1240
Conquest, on salary	100
Crumpton, on salary	50
Deer Creek, on salary	50
Delmar, on interest	100
Dover, on interest	150
Evergreen, if supplied with regular Pastor	200
Fairfax, if supplied with married man	50
Georgetown, Del., provided they raise \$500 on debt	100
Kent Island on pastor's salary, if supplied with married man	100
Lauraville, provided they raise \$900 on debt	200
Linthicum Heights, provided they raise \$300 on debt	100
For Mrs. Thomas Lowe, to be paid to the Treas. of the Conference.	240
Lowe Memorial Church, \$500, in two annual installments of \$250 each for the purchase of ground rent, provided they raise \$750 per year, for the same purpose	250
Mapleside and Fairview, Cumberland, on salary, if supplied with regular pastor	150
North Carolina Ave., Washington, D. C., provided they raise \$3,500 on debt, \$500 in two installments of \$250 each	250
Payson St., on salary, if supplied with married man	200
Quantico, if supplied with married man	150
St. Michaels, for debt on Fanny Low Memorial Church	100
Sharptown, 2nd installment on \$500 appropriated	125
Taylor Memorial, 4th installment on \$1,000 appropriated	250
Violetsville, if supplied with married man	100
Wilton Heights, 2nd installment on \$500 appropriated	100

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

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

We are gratified to state that the Society has had a prosperous year. There has been expended during the year two hundred and sixty-five dol-

lars and ninety-five cents (\$265.95) for the routine business of the Society. At the last session of this Conference, Texas, Jones Memorial and Chesaco Park were placed under the care of this Society. As soon after the rise of Conference as possible a committee was appointed to look after these churches. The brethren of the committee conducted services at each of the churches. Beginning with the first of August, Rev. C. D. Payne, a seminary student, was secured as pastor. On account of the change in the bus line, Brother Payne was not able to conduct services at Chesaco Park. The church, however, has had a local supply and reports \$138.00 raised for local expenses.

At Jones Memorial, splendid progress has been made. There have been thirty conversions with the same number received into membership. There is a Sunday School, with sixty scholars, officers and teachers. The church property has been improved at a cost of \$550.00, the entire amount being raised in cash and good subscriptions. Through the assistance of a friend, there has been raised \$345.00 on pastor's salary. In January, Brother Payne found it necessary to relinquish his work, and Brother R. E. Brooks was appointed in his place and has done successful work. He is willing to continue the work for the coming year.

At Texas. The number of conversions, eight. Received into membership, four. The Sunday School, sixty-two. There has been paid on church debt \$725.00, leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$334.00. This will be paid in the next six months. The church has raised for current expenses, \$65.00. This church will be dedicated next fall, and by next year will be able to contribute largely toward pastoral support. Jones Memorial has promised \$200.00 on the support of the pastor for the ensuing year. We can expect \$100.00 from Texas and our friend, who has generously helped this year, will give \$150.00, provided this Conference appropriates a like amount. We, therefore, ask for an appropriation from this Conference of \$150.00 for the support of the Pastor. We suggest that the churches be continued under the care and supervision of this Society for another year. We promise that in addition to Texas and Jones Memorial, we will do our utmost to regularly supply Chesaco Park.

This Society has appointed a committee to take immediate steps looking to the changing the location of Waverly church, and to the purchasing a lot upon which to erect a new church. We ask that a pastor be appointed to Waverly, under the supervision of this Society and that \$200.00 be appropriated to pastoral support.

The splendid growth of St. Paul's is not only gratifying to this entire Conference, but makes it absolutely necessary that the Sunday School room be completed during the Conference Year. We endorse this movement and also the application of said church for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 toward the improvements contemplated.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

Of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia.

The Society has been reorganized during the year.

We have paid \$200.00 on the salary of the pastor of Park Road Church, but was compelled to borrow \$100.00 of this amount.

Added to this, is a note for \$200.00, which the Society has carried for a number of years, making the total indebtedness \$300.00.

Because of this, we do not feel that it will be possible for us to assume any further obligation until this amount has been paid.

C. MORGAN COMPHER, President.

Report H

SUPERANNUATES.

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

1st. We recommend that \$5,000 be assessed on the district.

2nd. We report that F. L. Stevens, Mrs. W. J. Floyd, Mrs. D. A. Shermer and Mrs. J. W. Charlton, deceased during the year.

3rd. We report that C. E. McCullough and R. K. Lewis will take active relations.

4th. We recommend that J. M. Holmes, S. B. Tredway, F. H. Mullineaux, D. L. Greenfield, E. O. Ewing, Dorsey Blake, Mrs. F. L. Stevens, Mrs. R. T. Tyson, F. T. Tagg and J. S. Bowers be granted superannuated relations.

5th. We report that Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no request for this year.

6th. We report that the Fund paid 100% for the year.

7th. We recommend the following appropriations:

	Invested Fund	Collections	Amount Allowed
J. W. Gray	\$480	\$ 20	\$500
W. D. Litsinger	410	90	500
A. W. Mather	490	10	500
J. L. Mills	510		510
J. W. Norris	300	60	360
W. M. Strayer	480	20	500
J. L. Straughn	390	110	500
J. G. Sullivan	290		290
J. A. Weigand	150	150	300
W. R. Graham	430	70	500
P. L. Rice	90	260	350
S. B. Tredway	450		450

	Invested Fund	Collections	Amount Allowed
J. M. Holmes	520		520
F. H. Mullineaux	440		440
D. L. Greenfield	490	10	500
E. O. Ewing	330	70	400
Dorsey Blake	250		250
F. T. Tagg	470	30	500
J. S. Bowers	360	40	400
Mrs. D. Bowers	60	15	75
Mrs. C. T. Cochell	95		95
Mrs. H. C. Cushing	65	135	200
Mrs. W. T. Dumm	75	125	200
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice	45	180	225
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson	100	50	150
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert	15	110	125
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell	210	40	250
Mrs. J. B. Jones	115	35	150
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore	90	35	125
Mrs. R. L. Lewis	115	135	250
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger	35	215	250
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas	55	195	250
Mrs. A. D. Melvin	145	105	250
Mrs. C. B. Middleton	35	140	175
Mrs. H. E. Miskimon	60	40	100
Mrs. W. J. Neepier	155		155
Mrs. W. S. Phillips	115	285	400
Mrs. R. S. Rowe	205	45	250
Mrs. G. J. Smith	105	45	150
Mrs. S. J. Smith	10	90	100
Mrs. S. J. Valiant	15	85	100
Mrs. A. J. Walter	75	125	200
Mrs. R. S. Williamson	35	100	135
Mrs. H. F. Wright	65	185	250
Mrs. J. M. Yingling	15	35	50
Mrs. F. L. Stevens	95	205	300
Mrs. R. T. Tyson	45	105	150
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	\$9,580	\$3,800	\$13,380

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

S. W. COE, Secretary.

A. A. HARRYMAN.

J. B. JONES.

L. E. LeGATES.

F. G. REINICKER.

Report I

LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

Of the Committee.

I. LITERATURE.

We are gratified to learn of the largely increased circulation of the Methodist Protestant. We congratulate the able and energetic editor for the success which has crowned his efforts in giving to our people a Church Paper which for neatness of appearance, number of departments, forceful editorials, high literary tone, moral excellence, character and variety of contents is unexcelled. Our people should put forth every effort to increase its circulation, and the patronage of our book concern.

We rejoice to report that our Baltimore Book Directory is in such splendid condition. While there is a deficit from the Methodist Protestant, due largely to the increased cost of paper and other materials connected with its publication, yet, notwithstanding it is extremely gratifying that there is still a net gain in the business for the year of \$3,611.63, and that the reserve fund has been increased to more than \$7,000. The agent of the Book Concern is to be congratulated for the energy and efficiency which has made possible such a showing.

II. WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

While there has been nothing unusual in the ordinary routine of the College, it is gratifying to know that in spite of a slight decrease in enrollment below that of last year, yet its condition is satisfactory in every respect, and that notwithstanding the great increase in living expenses it has not yet made advance in prices beyond that of \$25.00 a few years ago.

We call special attention to the Golden Jubilee Celebration, beginning Sunday, June 10th, and to the Campaign for the raising of an endowment fund for \$50,000, nearly \$30,000 of which has been subscribed. Our people are earnestly urged to cooperate with every plan that may contribute to the securement of this proposed fund, thereby establishing this institution upon a secure and permanent foundation.

III. WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We congratulate Westminster Theological Seminary upon its large increase, about 36% over the number enrolled last year, the total number being 38, representing 12 conferences and two other denominations; the graduation this year of 7 students and the supplemental courses of lectures delivered by ministers in our own and from various other conferences.

This Institution, too, is now conducting a \$50,000 campaign for new buildings and endowment. We direct attention to the General Confer-

ence Resolution setting apart "Seminary Sunday" as an annual observance throughout the quadrennium.

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

The facts in reference to the item in the President's report regarding the request of Dr. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, relative to the assessment of \$2,000, to pay the debt on the late West Lafayette College, and referred to us by the Committee on President's Report, have been made known to this Conference by Dr. Miller. We respectfully recommend that the Conference refer the matter to the Board of Finance, with such instructions as the Conference may desire to give. (For the instruction see consideration of this report in the Journal of Saturday morning).

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

J. L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

Of the Baltimore Book Directory.

Dear Brethren of the Maryland Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

Following our usual custom, for your information, I am sending you herewith a copy of the financial statements of the Baltimore Book Directory, for the fiscal year, ending February 27th, 1917.

By order of the Board,

N. T. MEGINNISS, President.

Financial Statement of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern Feb. 28-'17.

Assets.

Current Assets:

Cash	\$1,659.61
Suspense Account Methodist Protestant	98.90
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant	312.18
Advance Orders S. S. Periodicals	1,532.50
Trustees Maryland Annual Conference	218.72
Baltimore Post Office	27.00
Accounts Receivable	5,190.92

Total current assets	\$9,039.83
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Reserve:

Baker, Watts & Co. (deposit)	\$5,000.00
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Working and Trading Assets:

Paper, Methodist Protestant	\$ 625.78
Sunday School Periodicals	94.42
Merchandise	15,425.97

Total Working and Trading Assets	\$16,146.17
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Fixed Assets:

Furniture and Fixtures	\$1.00
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Deferred charges to expense:

Merchandise Expense	\$ 143.09
General Expense	258.26
Property Improvement and Expense	553.91

Total deferred charges to expense	\$ 955.26
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Total Assets	\$31,142.26
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Liabilities and Capital.**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	\$1,037.42
Meth. Prot. Subscribers (advance subs.)	1,527.00
S. S. Periodical Subscribers (adv. subs.)	671.97
Donations for M. P. Subscribers	3.65

Total current liabilities	\$3,240.04
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Surplus:**Appropriated:**

Reserve for Bad Debts	\$ 103.82
General Conference	701.56

Free:

Emergency Fund	7,096.84
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Total Surplus	\$7,902.22
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Capital	\$20,000.00
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Total Liabilities and Capital	\$31,142.26
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**General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ending
Feb. 28, 1917.**

Income.**Methodist Protestant:**

Sales	\$3,864.78
Suspense Account (over)	203.91
Advertising	566.68
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy	1,000.00

Total Income for Methodist Protestant	\$5,635.37
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Sunday School Periodicals:

Sales	\$13,444.00
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Merchandise:

Sales	\$30,380.56
Discounts (cash)	213.96

Total Income from Merchandise	\$30,594.52
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Income from Other Sources:

Interest	\$ 201.49	
Profit and Loss credits	56.63	
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Total Income from other sources.....		\$ 258.12
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Total Income		\$49,932.01

Expenditures.

Methodist Protestant:

Commissions and Discounts	\$ 32.27	
Paper	1,123.88	
Postage	209.13	
Expense	397.64	
Printing	3,095.64	
M. P. and Recorder, comb. allowances	8.00	
Salaries	2,397.00	
General Expense	422.46	
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Total Expenditures Methodist Protestant		\$7,686.02

Sunday School Periodicals:

Purchases	\$8,945.08	
Postage, Express and Freight (out)	489.52	
Expense	284.74	
Salaries	1,467.44	
General Expense	422.46	
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Total Expenditures, S. S. Periodicals		\$11,609.24

Merchandise:

Purchases	\$20,679.50	
Salaries	2,445.74	
Merchandise Expense	2,144.88	
General Expense	422.47	
Postage, Express and Freight (out)	433.31	
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Total Expenditures Merchandise		\$26,125.90

General:

Expenses on Property	\$ 659.22	
Advances to Forward Movement	240.00	
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Total Expenditures other than operations		\$ 899.22

Net Profits Distributed as follows:

General Conference 20%	\$ 701.56	
Reserve Bad Debts	103.82	
Balance Emergency Fund	2,806.25	\$3,611.63
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Total Expenditures		\$49,932.01

CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent.

Of the President of Western Maryland College.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:

I have the honor of submitting my thirty-first annual report as the President of Western Maryland College.

After so many years it will be hardly expected that I can say much that is new, yet I hope that this old story still interests you. At any rate if there is monotony in the recital, it is not the monotony of failure. It is very gratifying to know that in this respect we are like those nations which are said to be blessed when they have no history.

There has been nothing unusual in this year so far as the ordinary routine of the College is concerned. We regret that our expectations as to the enrollment were disappointed. We hoped for a large increase, whereas in fact the number of students this year is slightly below that of last year. But we have had a good year and notwithstanding the great increase in our living expenses we shall be able to close the year without a deficit. We have steadily resisted any advance in our prices beyond that of \$25 made a few years ago, but it seems that we shall have to follow the example of other schools and meet the continued advances in all food prices by some increase in our rates.

We have been planning during this year for the celebration of our Golden Jubilee at the next Commencement, beginning with Sunday, June 10th and ending with Wednesday, June 13th, on which latter day we hope to have a great attendance of former students and friends, when the principal features of the celebration will be presented. We cordially invite the Conference to be with us on this day at least.

The other feature of the celebration is a campaign to raise \$50,000 for our endowment fund. The work has been carried on through many difficulties and discouragements, but we have had good success. Including the \$5,000 promised by the Conference we have now in good subscriptions nearly \$30,000. Our Vice President Ward has now taken the field and will continue to canvass our old students and friends of the Church until June in an effort to complete the full amount.

And now that we enter upon another era of College history, may we not hope that the favor of God which has done such great things in the past will still be with us; and that the interest shown by this Conference will be increased and widened until we shall have established this part of our Zion beyond the peradventure of failure.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, President.

Payments on Special Western Maryland College Golden Jubilee Assessment.

Alexandria, Va., \$22; Alnutt Memorial, \$50; Brooklyn, \$16; Christ Church, \$28; Evergreen, \$14; Hampden, \$38; Keen Memorial, \$30; Starr,

\$22; St. Pauls, \$24; W. Baltimore, \$40; Wilton Heights, \$22; Belair, \$20; Bivalve, \$22; Buckeystown, \$30; Cambridge, \$30; Cannon, Del., \$16; Centreville, \$12; Chesapeake, \$14; Chestertown, \$22; Conquest, Va., \$5; Crisfield, \$78; First Church, Cumberland, \$15; Mapleside and Fairview, Cumberland, \$24; Melvin Chapel, Cumberland, \$22; Denton, \$36; Finksburg, \$24; Franklin City, Va., \$24; Frederick, \$18; Georgetown, Del., \$20; Greensboro, \$6; Greenwood, Del., \$15; Howard, \$30; Kemp-town, \$25; Kent Island, \$10; Laurel, Del., \$24; Leeds, \$16; Lynchburg, Va., \$46; Milford, Del., \$44; New Church, Va., \$34; Newmarket, \$32; Oxford, \$26; Parksley, Va., \$46; Taylor Memorial, Phila., \$62; Pittsville, \$42; Pocomoke City, \$28; Potomac, \$28; Salisbury, \$60; Seaford, Del., \$36; Sharptown, \$16; St. James, \$30; St. Michaels, \$5; Susquehanna, \$12; Trinity, \$20; Washington, D. C., Cherrydale, \$5; First Church, \$10; Georgetown, \$10; N. C. Ave., \$16; Park Road, \$12; R. I. Ave., \$46; Westminster, \$20; Wilmington, Del., \$14; Whaleyville, \$14; Wye, \$12.

Of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Westminster Theological Seminary closes its thirty-fifth year with the following report.

STUDENTS.

There have been enrolled this year thirty-eight students, an increase of about 36% over the number enrolled last year. These students are from Indiana 1, North Illinois 1, Pittsburgh 1, West Va. 1, Alabama 2, Muskingum 2, Ohio 4, Eastern 5, North Carolina 5 and Maryland 14. In addition to these of our own church we have one student from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one from the United Brethren denomination. The Graduating Class consists of 7: West Virginia, Donzel Payne; Pittsburgh, George Elmer Schott; North Carolina, Paul Strayer Kennett; Muskingum, James Emmett Tripp; Indiana, Clyde Herbert Havens; and Maryland, Klein Kinzer Haddaway and Charles Richard Dutton.

SPECIAL LECTURES.

The regular curriculum has been pursued during the year and in addition we have had special lectures from the following persons: Rev. G. H. Miller, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa., on Ministerial Education; Rev. E. D. Stone, Baltimore, Md., on Men and the Bible; Mr. Homer Edson, Washington, D. C., on the Church and the Young Man; Rev. C. S. Heininger, A. B. B. D., Kalgan, China, the Work in China; Mrs. Florence Newberry Gribble, M. D., New Cumberland, Pa., Medical Missions in Africa; and Miss Olive I. Hodges, Yokohama, Japan, Our Work in Japan. In the Department of Practical Theology we have had five lectures from Dr. J. L. Mills of Baltimore and five lectures from Rev. W. M. Strayer of Oxford, Md.; five lectures from Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D. D., of Fairmont, W. Va., and ten lectures from Rev. A. L. Reynolds, D. D., of Sabina, O.

NEW BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, ENDOWMENT.

The last General Conference passed the following Resolutions:

"1st. That this Conference put its unqualified endorsement upon the \$50,000 campaign for the new building and added equipment."

"2nd. That all our churches open their pulpits for the presentation of this interest by the President or such representatives as the Seminary authorities may elect."

"3rd. That the Sabbath immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day be known as Seminary Sunday, at which time the interests of the Institution shall be placed before the various congregations and an offering received; also that the Sunday Schools observe a Special Seminary Service outlined and prepared by the Seminary authorities, and shall receive an offering equivalent to 10 cents per member; further, that this shall be an annual observance throughout the quadrennium."

A few days after the adjournment of the General Conference a letter containing this information, and also a letter self-addressed containing a card and envelope for his personal subscription was mailed to every pastor of our denomination. The responses have been many and generous and have come from every quarter of our church. Many postponed their replies until the meeting of their Annual Conference—notably those of Ohio, Onondaga, Pittsburgh, Muskingum, North Illinois, Alabama, North Carolina, and Eastern. The President of the Seminary visited three of the Maryland charges but as the Western Maryland College was launching a campaign for Jubilee Endowment, it was not deemed wise to press our campaign this year in the Maryland District. Pittsburgh District was entered but as Dr. G. H. Miller was pressing an enterprise for Adrian the Seminary gave him the right of way. The President and other Professors, when free from the Class rooms, have been doing some work in Ohio, Muskingum, West Va., North Carolina and Eastern Conferences and have secured in cash and subscriptions \$11,522.05.

We recommend: 1st, The assignment of H. L. Elderdice as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

2nd. That young men untrained, seeking admission into the Maryland Conference, be advised and urged by the Faculty of Instruction to take the full courses of study in The Western Maryland College and then in The Westminster Theological Seminary.

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

Report J

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK.

Of the Committee.

There have been reported to this Conference 36,364 scholars in our Sunday Schools. There are 3,896 officers and teachers in the Sunday

Schools, making a total of 40,260 and an increase of 2,076 over the figures of last year.

In the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, we have reported this year 6,421, and in the Junior Societies 2,584, making a total of 9,005.

The Sunday School standards for a front line school are as follows:

1. Cradle Roll and Home Department.
2. Organized Class in both Secondary and Adult Divisions.
3. Teacher Training.
4. Graded Organization and Instruction.
5. Missionary Instruction and Offering.
6. Temperance Instruction.
7. Definite Decision for Christ Urged.
8. Workers' Conference Regularly Held.
9. Full Denominational Requirements.
 - (a) Rally Day Offering for Denominational Sunday School Work.
 - (b) Adoption of Forward Movement, as follows:
 1. 25 per cent. Increase in Membership.
 2. 25 per cent. Increase in Number of Standard Sunday Schools.
 3. 25 per cent. Increase in Organized Adult Classes.
 4. 25 per cent. Increase in Teacher Training Classes.

The standards of efficiency for our Christian Endeavor Societies are as follows:

1. 25 per cent. New Active Members added15%
2. 50 per cent. average in prayer meeting attendance15%
3. Delegate to the Annual Convention5%
4. Installation service5%
5. Monthly business meetings10%
6. Mission study class10%
7. Contribution to C. E. Missionary10%
8. Contribution to Maryland Conference Union10%
9. New subscriptions to Methodist Protestant10%
10. Committee on publicity for society10%

The chart of these standards has been mailed to all of our pastors with the hope that they will be displayed advantageously.

We have read very carefully the report of the President of the Union of Young People's Work of the Maryland Annual Conference; and we appreciate highly the scope of work laid out by this Union.

We urge with the report in urging our people to attend the Annual Convention of the Union of Young People's Work. The Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies may reap much from sending their bright young people to these Conventions.

We recommend, That Teacher Training Classes be organized in all of our Sunday Schools, and Mission Study classes organized in all of our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies. We cannot hope for

larger contributions to missions until there is greater missionary information and enthusiasm.

We call the attention of all of our churches to the great need of life recruits. There is a great need of missionaries, deaconesses, ministers, and special workers in the local churches. This need can only be met, as it should be, by our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies giving special attention thereto.

Through the President of our Conference Union, the Executive Committee has suggested to the Conference the advisability of publishing a booklet to be used in the Sunday School, covering one quarter's study that will outline our denominational history and genius.

We, therefore, recommend, that the Annual Conference approve of this recommendation, and that the President of the Conference Young People's Union be authorized to edit such a booklet, and that the Baltimore Book Directory be requested to publish and offer the same for sale.

We commend Rev. Dr. H. L. Feeman, the Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, to the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of our churches. Dr. Feeman is one of the most efficient experts in the Young People's Work of our church and can be of great help to those who will communicate with him. There are an increasing number of Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies contributing to the maintenance of the Board of Young People's Work.

We recommend, that each Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society continue to contribute at least \$2.00 yearly to this cause.

We still see the need of an efficient Field Secretary, to go through the Conference, to organize, enthuse and direct our young people to greater activity and efficiency. The wisdom and advantage of this work has been clearly revealed by the experiences of many of our sister churches.

For the Committee:

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

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

The Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

It is not necessary that I should attempt to set in array before you certain reasons for the existence of this Union, nor is it needful that I should endeavor to convince you that you should be deeply interested in the children and youth of your churches. The Union has proved its right to exist and your zeal for the kingdom has discovered to you the inherences of the child. You will suffer this re-statement however, that the Union to which I am attached is endeavoring to interpret to the churches this new child day and to assist them in winning and holding the youth to the kingdom. Our method is of a two-fold character, conventions and through the year activities.

The first flush of the convention idea has gone. There are so many

now that much of the appeal is lost. We feel we know all that is to be said or presented. This is somewhat true but it can also be stated that the last word has not yet been said about young people's work. This is practically our only medium of exchange; to tell what we have done and to learn what others have discovered. It also is a fact that our interest needs an occasional stimulus that we grow not weary in well doing. The inspirational features of conventions are most valuable. But what we need remember most is that we are continuously growing a new crop of young people to whom it is all new and strange. Conventions offer the same attraction to them that once they offered to us and we should seek to encourage their attendance.

Through the year activities are fostered by the various superintendents of departments. Their services are always available for suggestion and organization. For the Endeavor societies certain standards or goals have been fixed, the attainment of which gives a recognition of efficiency.

The chart of these standards has been mailed to all of our pastors with the hope that they will be displayed advantageously.

We are also interested in the support of a Union missionary and the superintendent is busy enlisting our Sunday Schools and societies in this very worthy project. Teacher Training and other departments of Sunday School work also engage our active interest.

2. This question arises: What may the Conference expect from this organization? What are some of the results the Conference may legitimately demand? I am happy to answer this question.

a. The Conference has a right to expect better Sunday Schools and better C. E. societies. And our Sunday Schools are better. A large number of them are graded and are using the best literature, in our judgment, ever offered, the international graded series. But this is not an end in itself; we believe the best methods will inevitably bring the best results. As for the societies, we think that the character of the young people of the Maryland Conference is sufficient witness to the training they have received in testimony and leadership. The tendency has been to overload these societies with burdens outside the real function of Endeavorism and they have been exposed to unfair criticism because more apparent things have not appeared. For initiative, loyalty, consecration, leadership, we have in our young people an exhibition of high order.

b. Missionary enthusiasm. We confess we are not as far on our way as we should like to be; but we are on the way. We have developed a missionary interest of some dimensions; we seek to make it greater.

c. Life recruits. Ours is the field from which the Conference may expect missionaries and students for the ministry to arise. It is lamentable that so few missionaries have come from our Conference district. We should have many more preachers coming out of our ranks. I wish to assure the Conference that the Union will address itself studiously to this situation praying that it may be God's pleasure to help us bring this call home to our young people.

d. Denominationalism. We seek to develop a pride in our own; there is no occasion why we should trail in ideas or endeavors, as witness for enthusiasm our meetings during the last two conventions. We seek no small obligations, but think we have the root of the matter in ourselves. We can think for ourselves and can execute our plans. If we lack anything it is in definite instruction and I ask your indulgence for one method which has the sanction of the executive committee, which plan they have asked me to bring to you as a recommendation:

We propose the publication of a booklet to be used primarily in our Sunday Schools, covering one quarter's study, that will outline our denominational history and genius. The thirteen lessons might cover these subjects:

1. Organization and history of the Christian Church to the Reformation.
2. The reformation; its causes and beginnings.
3. The reformation; consequences in all lands.
4. Revival in England under the Wesleys.
5. Methodism; its rise and spread in America.
6. The Methodist Protestant Church; conditions and causes leading thereto.
7. The Methodist Protestant Church organized.
8. The Fathers.
9. Growth and development of the church.
10. The church and its educational work.
11. The church and its missionary work.
12. The church and its benevolences.
13. Its present program.

We would have this work done by our own men. If we haven't historians, we have men who can do this work intelligently and acceptably. For our own respect let us develop our own literature. 10,000 copies of this book of 75 pages, can be published for three and one-half cents per copy; 5,000 can be had for less than four cents per copy. Naturally we should prefer to have our publishing house to put out this book; but it is our feeling that if they cannot do it we can find a way of doing it ourselves. We are not wedded to this particular idea but we are convinced that we owe our young people some definite instruction about our origin, who we are and what we seek to do. The Sunday School is a good place to begin.

We shall appreciate very much the criticism of the Conference of this particular proposition and of our work in its entirety. We seek only to serve you and the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, President

Union of Young People's Work.

Report K

MORAL REFORM.

Of the Committee.

Your Committee has carefully considered the papers and suggestions which the Conference has submitted to it. We wish, first of all, to express our gratitude to Almighty God for the over-ruling providences that enabled the forces of righteousness to make definite progress against the evils that confront us.

We are grateful that twenty-six states of this nation have abolished the saloon; we are grateful for the decision of the Supreme Court which confirms the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon bill, prohibiting the shipment of liquor into "Dry" territory; for the amendment to the Post-office Appropriation Bill which makes it a felony to ship liquor into dry territory; for the bill which forbids the use of the mails to newspapers, magazines, circulars, etc., advertising liquors, when addressed to persons or firms where such advertising is prohibited; for the law which prohibits the manufacture and sale of liquors in Alaska and Porto Rico; which regulates the sale of liquor among the Indians, and for the seventeen counties in Maryland that have ruled out the saloon.

We most cordially endorse the purpose of the government in throwing around all army posts such safety devices as will prevent the ravages of the liquor traffic among the soldiers.

We endorse and approve the law which prohibits the manufacture and sale of liquors, as an economic war measure. This law will result in saving 600,000,000 bushels of grain now used in the manufacture of rum.

We endorse the Anti-Saloon League measure for state-wide prohibition for Maryland, and the "Bone Dry" law for the counties in which the traffic in liquor is now prohibited.

We cordially welcome the new Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, Mr. William W. Crabbe, and hereby express our confidence in him as a safe leader, and pledge to him our cooperation and support in his work.

We also take pleasure in endorsing the character and work of Mr. J. Bibb Mills, the active attorney of the League. He is one of our own men, well known to us, and honored and loved by us all.

We also endorse the plans of Rev. W. W. Davis, the agent of the Sabbath Day Alliance, who is actively engaged in securing the passage of an act of Congress to preserve and protect the sanctity of the Sabbath day in the District of Columbia.

The efforts to break down our Sabbath day laws must be met in an aggressive spirit by the Christian church and by all good citizens unless we are willing to forfeit all respect for the sanctity of this day.

Dr. Davis suggests that a committee be formed for this purpose in

each congressional district; that the ministers preach a special sermon one day in each year; that ten minute addresses on the sanctity of the Sabbath be delivered at least three times a year in every Sabbath school of the church.

We have adopted resolutions at every annual Conference session, on the subjects embodied in this report, but in a large measure we have failed to follow them with a united and determined purpose. We have not failed in expressing our principles in Conference resolutions, but have we not failed in a large measure in proclaiming these principles in our churches? Men who declare themselves as favorable to high moral standards, and who from motives of policy or party loyalty vote against temperance measures, the preservation of the Sabbath, the evils of race track gambling and other evils, cannot easily harmonize their conduct with Christian consistency.

We insist that a churchman should be a Christian when he votes, quite as much as when he worships. We must stand for righteousness with unwavering fidelity, or be counted against it.

F. T. TAGG,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
E. W. TULL,
R. G. NICHOLSON,
C. E. DRYDEN.

Report L

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Of the Committee.

We have examined the papers embodying the report of the Secretary of the Board of Deaconess Work, and find there are conditions confronting the Board that need immediate attention. The question of a home for the training of these young women, which was so vital at last year's Conference session, is still pending. We recognize that this is very essential for its perpetuation, but the Board has this year met with a further embarrassment by the failure of young women aspiring to the office and the necessity of one dropping out, because of ill health. These needs are indeed imperative and if the work is to be continued there must be candidates for the office.

Your committee of last year urged the formation of Deaconess Circles, but as yet we have not heard whether this recommendation has met with any response, and it now confronts us as a stern reality that if this worthy object, the youngest child of our beloved church is to gain strength and grow, it will not be until the pastors of this Conference get behind this project and give it their heart-felt cooperation.

The Treasurer, Mr. H. K. Muller, reports having received from Apr. 4, 1916 to Apr. 1, 1917, \$1,058.88, expenditures, \$507.75. Balance in bank, \$514.88, with \$500.00 yet to be received from the Conference Treasurer, making a total of \$1,048.88 net proceeds.

We have read the report of the Committee on Visitation of the Maryland General Hospital, and heartily endorse the work which is being accomplished at this splendid institution and bespeak the aid and cooperation of the whole church, that the hopes of those who are in authority may have their fondest ideals realized.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First, that there shall be a more uniform cooperation from the churches this year, that the pastor shall preach a sermon upon the deaconess work and encourage the sympathy and enlist the service of his people to make this work a success.

Second, that the same assessment as last year be laid on the district and under the same conditions, which are one-half for the home and the other half for current expenses.

Third, we would again urge the immediate organization of deaconess circles in the churches of the Conference, and suggest that the Deaconess Board furnish literature to aid them in their work, and wherever possible to send one of the Deaconesses to assist in the organization of such circles.

Fourth, we note with pleasure the work which is resulting from the labors of the Rev. Dr. J. M. Stick, of the Maryland Tract Society, and Rev. J. H. Hyatt, of the Maryland Bible Society, and express our appreciation therefor.

C. M. CULLUM, Chairman,
B. F. RULEY, Secretary,
G. H. STOCKSDALE.

Of Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home.

Baltimore, Md., April 17, 1917.

April 4, 1916, Balance on hand	\$ 128.00
Money received for Home from Treasurer	500.00
Interest received up to April 1st, 1917	14.88
Received for current expense from all sources....	416.00
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	\$1058.88
Expenditures	\$ 507.75
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Balance	\$ 551.13
Balance on hand in bank toward Home	\$ 514.88
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Balance on hand	\$ 36.25

H. K. MULLER, Treasurer.

Of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Work.

We are sorry that our report is not as encouraging as we desire it to be.

At the last meeting of the Annual Conference, we had two deaconesses; but early in the Conference year, Miss Elma L. Lewis was forced by ill health to retire from the work. We now have but one deaconess, Miss Lillian DeMoss. But the great activity of this consecrated young woman has brought splendid success, and has furnished ample evidence of the value and importance of the deaconess work. She plans well, she works with tireless diligence and she accomplishes much in whatever she undertakes. A score of such noble young women in this work would bring such splendid results as would surprise the entire Conference. Those ministers who have had her service are here, and their testimony will be well worth while for the Conference to hear.

The purchase of a home has been delayed. The difficulty in securing a thoroughly suitable home comes from two facts that need to be considered.

First, no such home can be secured with the amount of money that the Board can command.

Second, the cost of the up-keep of the home would have been more than the Board thought wise to spend, having but one deaconess.

However, it seems plain to us all, that if we are to have a school for the training of young women for the deaconess work, we must purchase a suitable house and fit it up for that purpose. And we also feel confident that a permanent home would be an incentive toward securing young women for the deaconess work, as well as others from our churches who desire to take training for other kinds of church activity. We need Sunday School teachers, Sunday School visitors, church visitors, and Pastor's assistants in almost every church. This school would be just the place to go for such instruction.

The Board has adopted a course of study, but we have not found any students because we had no building in which to hold the school.

The Board feels that the time has come, when the work of Miss DeMoss should be approved by her formal consecration, and we ask that this be done during the present session of the Annual Conference.

If this work is to succeed, it is manifest that the Conference must take it far more seriously, not only by furnishing means to carry it on, but by stimulating Christian young ladies to enter this work. In addition to our pastors taking special interest in seeking young ladies to enter the work, it seems to the Board, that it would prove exceedingly profitable to have some member of the Board, or several of them as they could find opportunity, to go among the churches and present this work.

During the year, Brother J. P. Dodge resigned from the Board, because he felt it too inconvenient to attend the meetings; and Brother A. J. Williar was elected to fill out his unexpired term. Rev. L. B. Smith,

a wise and deeply interested member of the Board, will take work outside of the Conference, and he will not be able to attend the Board meetings, and another member must be elected to succeed him.

The terms of Rev. J. W. Kirk, D. D., Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D. D., Brother J. H. Roberts, Brother E. J. Paige, and Sister E. B. Fenby expire at this Conference.

F. T. TAGG, President.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

Report M

OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

Of the Committee.

1. Your Committee begs leave to report that it has examined the reports of the pastors and finds the following requests for superannuated relation: J. W. Gray, P. Luther Rice, A. W. Mather, J. M. Holmes, J. G. Sullivan, W. R. Graham, J. A. Weigand, W. D. Litsinger, J. L. Mills, W. M. Strayer, John L. Straughn, G. F. Farring, Dorsey Blake, J. W. Norris, S. B. Tredway, and we recommend that these be referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

2. We recommend that F. D. Reynolds, D. W. Anstine, Ronalds Taylor, and Claiborne Phillips, be left without an appointment at their own request, and that L. A. Bennett be left without an appointment to pursue the work of an evangelist.

3. We have considered the request of the Board of Home Missions for the loan of T. R. Woodford and L. B. Smith, and recommend that the request be granted.

Your Committee reports with pleasure that its duties have been rendered less arduous than in former years; due in part to the disposition of the Beneficiaries of the Board of Ministerial Education to discharge their obligations to the Board and of most of them to pledge definite payments during year, also to the growing purpose on the part of pastors and charges to have place on the Honor Roll; as evidenced by the fact that five more charges have paid their assessments in full this year than last year.

We have found nothing to bar the official character of any member of the Conference.

LADY VISITORS.

We would call attention of the pastors to the fact that lady visitors are to be elected by the membership meeting and not appointed by the pastor. The following Charges report no Lady Visitors to the Church Home: Accomac, Alexandria, Deer Creek, Dorchester, Elizabeth, Felton, Georgetown Ct., Grove, Harmony, Kennedyville, Leeds, Mardela, Nichols Memorial, Northumberland, Pocomoke Ct., Powellville, Quantico, Salem, Snow Hill, Union Bridge.

FURNISHING DISCIPLINES.

Pastors and Stewards of the following Charges failed to cooperate to furnish Disciplines: Alexandria, Bethany, Lowe Memorial, Starr, West Baltimore, Cambridge, Conquest, Crisfield, Mariners, First Church, Cumberland, Cumberland Ct., Deer Creek, Deer Park, Delta, Franklin City, Georgetown, Del., Georgetown Ct., Harbeson, Harmony, Kemptown, Kent Island, Leeds, Lisbon, Northumberland, Pocomoke Ct., Potomac, Powellville, Quantico, Reliance, Salem, Park Road.

Only forty-six charges report no new subscribers for the Methodist Protestant as against 83 last year.

INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

The following charges are reported as not incorporated: Bedford, Lewistown, Nichols Memorial, Pocomoke Circuit.

The following have one or more Boards incorporated: Caroline, Cecil, Fawn Grove, Howard, Kent Island, Newmarket.

The following charges have paid their assessments in full and are entitled to place on the "Honor Roll": Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, Alnutt Memorial, Broadway, Brooklyn, Calvary, Christ Church, Eutaw, Evergreen, Hampden, Keene Memorial, Lauraville, Lowe Memorial, North Baltimore, Payson Street, South Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, St. Paul's, Violetsville, West Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Baltimore Ct., Bedford, Belair, Bivalve, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Cecil, Centreville, Chestertown, Conquest, Crisfield, Cumberland—First Church, Mapleside and Fairview, Melvin Chapel, Delmar, Delta, Denton, Dover, Easton, Fawn Grove, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church, Newark, Frederick, Grove, Harpers Ferry, Howard, Indian River, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Laurel, Leeds, Lisbon, Lynchburg, Milford, Mt. Nebo, New Church, New Market, Nichols Memorial, Oak Grove, Oxford, Parksley, St. Luke's, Taylor Memorial, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Potomac, Prince George, Reliance, Salisbury, Seaford, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Michaels, Susquehanna, Wallace Memorial, Warwick, Cherrydale, First Church, Washington, Georgetown, D. C., N. C. Avenue, Park Road, R. I. Avenue, Westminster, Wilmington, Wye.

We wish to call attention to the small percentage of payment made by some charges as indicated by figures following name. The following did not pay in full: Bethany, Chesaco Park, East Baltimore, Waverly (99-40), Campbell, Chesapeake, Chincoteague (134-60), Clayton, Concord (196-92), Mariners, Crumpton (114-61), Deer Creek, Deer Park, Dorchester, Elizabeth, Fairfax, Felton, Franklin City, Georgetown, Del., Georgetown Ct., Greensboro, Greenwood, Harbeson, Harmony, Harrington, Hurlock, Kent Island, Laurel Ct., Leipsic, Lewes (62-12), Lewistown, Liberty, Mardela (194-94), Marley (128-35), Middleway (0), Milton, Northumberland (259-155), Patapsco, Pocomoke Ct. (157-36), Powellville, Quantico, Queen Anne (123-50), Rowlandville, Salem (134-60), Selbyville (0), Talbot, Mt. Tabor (169-94), West Wilmington, Whaleyville. Caroline and Texas, no report.

THANKS.

We hereby express our thanks to the Burroughs Adding Machine Company for the loan of one of their machines, also to the Underwood Typewriter Company and Remington Typewriter Company for the loan of typewriters, which loans have greatly facilitated the work of the Conference.

We would give expression to the deep gratitude we feel in our hearts toward the Pastor and Members of Starr Methodist Protestant Church for the use of their new and commodious building for the sessions of the Conference.

Again we would record our recognition of the generous hospitality of the homes of Baltimore City. This is the second year in succession they have been open to us, which action we heartily appreciate.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.
H. S. JOHNSON, Secretary.
H. L. SCHLINCKE.

Report N**MISSIONS.****Of the Committee.**

Your Committee on Missions has had the privilege and pleasure of having with them Rev. E. H. VanDyke, D. D., Rev. F. C. Klein and Dr. C. H. Beck, representing respectively the Boards of Foreign and Home Missions.

The work in Japan is especially encouraging in every department. The Nagoya College is taxed to its utmost capacity to care for its large roster of students and many are turned away each year for lack of room. The need of the hour is for larger and better equipped buildings if we are to hold what we have.

The Yokohama Night School and Tokyo Blind School are doing excellent work in a way that is especially helpful to an unfortunate class on the one hand and a class of men in mercantile life on the other, who have not availed themselves of a college education.

The Board has recently been requested to take over the property of a Mission in India, which has in the past been aided and assisted by some of our sister conferences in the south. This property is estimated to be worth \$10,000.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has likewise requested the Board to take over a part of its splendid work at Kalgan, China.

We cannot but express our delight and appreciation for this larger

vision that looms up before us in the near future and commend the wisdom on the part of our Methodist Protestant sisterhood, which we believe will stimulate our interest in missions and in the evangelization of the world.

The Children's Day offering is one of the hopeful assets of the Board. We no longer divide or divert this fund, and your committee expresses the wish that the offering may be larger this year than ever before.

The annuity trust bonds have not been crowded out of the market and the opportunity is still open for the investment of \$500. or \$5,000. that will pay a small interest here and dividends throughout all eternity.

In reference to the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Washington and Alexandria branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, that the Annual Conference designate Sunday, April 22nd as a day of prayer for the purpose of bringing to the attention of our people the needs of the heathen world, we have deemed it wise to make no recommendation, for the reason that the publication of the Minutes will not be in the hands of the ministers before that time and many of the ministers themselves will be migrating.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Saviour said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel", and the United States, with its cosmopolitan population, is a part of the world.

The Secretary of the Board reports an excellent year of progress both material, numerical and spiritual.

At some strategic points the work has become self-supporting, at other places the loans are being steadily and systematically refunded.

The Board's outstanding indebtedness was reduced \$5,000 and further reductions will be made this year.

New work has been opened at Charlotte, N. C., and the church at Paris, Texas, which was destroyed by fire last year, has been replaced by a new church building costing \$10,000.

Oklahoma City, and adjacent points are asking for aid, and these fast growing Western cities, which if assisted now will become strong centers of Methodist Protestant influence in the near future.

We are glad to note the increased interest in the Easter Day program the offerings which supplement the regular assessment for the work of the Board. This program is worthy of an introduction into every Sunday School in the Maryland Conference, and we trust in the future will be universally used.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We cordially commend the work of our faithful women in their efforts to carry the Gospel of the Son of God to the mountain whites of

Kentucky and bid them God speed in their work among our large alien population in some of our large cities in the middle West.

The missionary call is the cry of the twentieth century, let us not fail or falter in our devotion to our Blessed Lord in His last exhortation "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the ear.

J. McLAIN BROWN, Chairman.

J. L. WARD, Secretary.

Of the Washington and Alexandria Branch.

Resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

"That the Maryland Annual Conference designate Sunday, April 22nd as a 'Day of Prayer' throughout the Maryland Conference District, on which day our ministers shall use either the morning or evening service for the purpose of bringing to the attention of our people the need of men and money for the work of the Kingdom, and calling on the church to unite in prayer that God will call men into the ministry of His Son and lay on the hearts of the people the obligation of stewardship."

MRS. T. J. WILSON,

Cor. Secty. of Wash. and Alexandria Br.

Of the Maryland Branch.

The Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church extends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference in session in Baltimore, Md., and begs leave to submit a report of the work we have accomplished the past year.

We feel that we have advanced a little in our work.

We appreciate the co-operation of some pastors, and the efforts of Miss Annie L. Forrest and Rev. C. S. Heininger, which brought into our ranks sixteen (16) new auxiliaries, and more than three hundred (300) new members.

We need the women of every church in the Conference, and earnestly request the co-operation of the pastors in effecting organizations.

The need is greater than ever before, and we are anxious to enlist the women of the church in our work.

We are still supporting Miss Elizabeth Dawson, Missionary to Japan, and several scholarships in connection with the other various items of works.

From April 1916 to April 1917, we have raised \$2,364.81.

Yours for the Master,

MRS. W. E. KINDLEY, Corresponding Secretary.

Report O

OUR CHURCH HOME.

Of the Committee.

The Committee on Our Church Home begs leave to offer the following report.

It is gratifying to learn from the reports of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers and the Secretary of the Board of Lady Managers the splendid condition of the Home. There have been a number of improvements made during the past year which have added to the comfort of the inmates and the value of the property. The donations from the charges and individuals have surpassed in number and value those of any previous year. This is a noble charity and we heartily commend it to our churches.

We wish to add a word of tribute to the late Dr. Howell Billingslea, a member of our church in Westminster, who for many years gave his services as the faithful physician of the Home. His professional skill and fine christian spirit will hold him in memory among those who in years past organized this institution.

We are glad to note that the receipts (\$2709.83) exceeded the expenditures (\$2695.79)—the first time in the history of the institution, which was only possible because of the increased number of donations.

We recommend that the same assessment, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) be laid on the District for next year.

EDGAR T. READ, Chairman.

GEO. E. BROWN, Secretary.

Of the Board of Lady Visitors of Our Church Home.

The Ladies' Board met at The Home the second Wednesday of each month during the year. Many problems of housekeeping and finances, incident to the management of a large household, received our attention. In this work we were constantly assisted by our faithful matron, Miss Murray, who worked hand in hand with the Board to make The Home a haven of rest and happiness.

In checking over the bills for each month, we have found an increase in the price of almost every article. This would mean the setting of a very plain table and few luxuries, if it were not for the generous donations received from Churches and the many friends of The Home.

These donations include vegetables, meats, poultry, fish, fruits, groceries, canned fruits, and vegetables, jellies, flour, butter, cakes, wood, clothing, money, etc., sent by individuals and the following Churches: North Baltimore, Woodensburg, Cherrydale, Washington, D. C., Broadway, Mt. Herman, Finksburg, Deer Park, Uniontown, Junior C. E. Society of Liberty, Liberty Church, Harrington, Ladies Aid Society of Hayden, Wilton

Heights, Pittsville, Sandy Mount, Taylor Memorial, Miss Turfles Sunday School Class of Westminster Church, Congress Street Church, Georgetown, D. C., Ladies' Aid Society of First Church, Lynchburg, Laurel, Del., St. James, Brookville.

The Board has been especially careful to send cards of thanks to these friends immediately upon receipt of donations. In this work we have been greatly handicapped by the shippers who fail to send us name and address of donors; and if some received no card, it is because it was impossible to locate them.

Reports of donations, with names of contributors, have been published several times during the year in *The Protestant* and in the County papers, therefore it is not necessary to make special mention here. We do, however, want you to know that our dear family at The Home would have sat down to a Turkeyless Thanksgiving dinner, had the usual box not arrived from Washington. And, also, that one friend in Westminster has kept The Home supplied with all the wood used since the present Board was appointed in 1914.

It is our painful duty to have to report the death of our dear friend and benefactor, Dr. J. Howell Billingslea, who was physician to The Home since its founding. All these years, he gave his services freely and lovingly without remuneration, and we gladly take this opportunity to acknowledge our great debt of gratitude to him and to pay an affectionate tribute to his memory. We have been fortunate in securing Dr. L. K. Woodward as his successor.

The annual Visitors Day was held Aug. 1st, during the Ministers' Summer Conference at Western Maryland College. Luncheon was served to 125 guests, including Ministers and Lady Visitors from other charges. All enjoyed the day and many expressed themselves as delighted with The Home and its surroundings. Proceeds from the luncheon netted \$43.08. The sale of fancy articles by The Ladies of The Home amounted to \$16.12, which was divided among the contributors to the sale. The Ladies of The Home had on exhibition a beautiful silk quilt pieced by them, on which they hoped to raise money for The Home. The Quilt Fund was started on Visitors Day with \$4.40, and since then a total of \$32.00 has been raised for The Home. The quilt will be presented as a gift to our Foreign Missionary, Miss Hodges, to take back with her to Japan.

Invitations to Visitors Day 1917 will be sent out in plenty of time, and we hope to welcome many more Lady Visitors and Ministers than last year. We must get together at least once a year to make a success of this—our most beautiful charity.

Any Lady Visitor who wishes to have the merriest Christmas ever, let her come help the Ladies' Board prepare for Christmas at The Home. Old folks are very much like children, and it does the heart good to make them happy. This year "Santa Claus" placed at each one's plate Christmas morning a tarletan bag, decorated with bows of holly ribbon, con-

taining fruit, candies, and a brand new dollar bill. These, with especially good dinners Christmas Day and New Year's, made the holidays bright and cherry for them.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Mary M. Holloway which occurred Thanksgiving Day. She was 85 years old and a great sufferer for several years,—death came as a welcome messenger of rest and peace.

Mrs. Mary E. Potter entered The Home November 21st. The number of Inmates is at present 16. The general health of all is good for this time of the year, and all are enjoying the many comforts of The Home.

The Board has made few improvements this year, and only such repairs as were necessary, such as repapering and painting several bedrooms and placing radiator in room on third floor. We wish to suggest a very necessary improvement. There is no place at The Home suitable for curing and storing meat for winter use; and we recommend, as a matter of economy, the immediate erection of a meat house upon the premises.

We call your attention to our large family and pray your consideration of the many problems confronting us at all times. Hoping you will remember the needs of The Home in the future as you so generously have during the past year.

Respectfully,

The Board of Lady Visitors.

MRS. CHAS. BILLINGSLEA, President.

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, Vice-President.

MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH, Recording Sec'y.

MRS. T. H. LEWIS, Corresponding Sec'y.

MRS. GEO. K. MATHER.

MRS. JAMES PEARRE WANTZ.

MRS. H. L. ELDERDICE.

Of the Treasurer of Our Church Home.

Receipts.

1916.

Mar. 13, Balance as reported in hand at last report	\$ 293.02
Mar. 15, Cash from St. Johns Church account Michael McCann...	55.00
Mar. 18, Cash from Rev. F. D. Reynolds, Baltimore, Maryland..	1.25
Mar. 18, Cash from I. S. Owens, Bivalve, Maryland	3.00
Mar. 29, Cash from E. T. Read, Westminster, Maryland	32.00
Apr. 3, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	96.00
Apr. 3, Cash from Finksburg Ladies Aid Society	20.00
Apr. 3, Cash from T. H. Wright, Uniontown, Maryland	15.00
Apr. 12, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	1394.00
Apr. 20, Cash from A Friend for Easter	15.00
May 1, Cash from Mrs. J. G. Jones, Lady Visitor, Libertytown, Md.	5.00
May 11, Cash from Insurance on line of Mrs. M. A. Brooks, decd.	221.27
July 5, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	18.00

July 6, Cash from Joseph Brandenburg	5.00
July 26, Cash from T. A. Murray, Int. on Mortgage collected...	9.00
July 31, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	17.00
Aug. 3, Cash from Red Men's Lodge acct. death of Mrs. Brooks..	30.00
Aug. 10, Cash returned by Ladies Board for supplies	2.90
Sept. 29, Cash from Interest rec'd on account of Mrs. Baile	17.52
Oct. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	66.00
Nov. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	19.00
Nov. 3, Cash from Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia	12.00
Nov. 8, Cash from Mt. Lebanon Church of Baltimore	11.10
Nov. 22, Cash from Rev. A. Donovan for freight on supplies sent	2.74
Dec. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	23.00
Dec. 9, Cash from Libertytown M. P. Church	2.50
Dec. 9, Cash from A Friend in Uniontown, Maryland .....	.50
Dec. 16, Cash from Thanksgiving Offering, St. John's, Balto., Md.	13.83
Dec. 29, Cash from E. L. Bunce, Marion Station, Md.	1.00
Dec. 30, Cash from Ladies Aid Society, Lynchburg, Va.	8.00
1917.	
Jan. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	40.00
Jan. 3, Cash from Christmas Offering, Chestertown, Md.	7.75
Jan. 3, Cash from Telephone call returned .....	.20
Jan. 6, Cash from Christmas Offering, S. S. Class, Mrs. William J. Vannort, Chestertown, Maryland	4.25
Jan. 16, Cash from St. Lukes Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	100.00
Jan. 18, Cash from St. James Church, Chestertown, Md.	10.00
Jan. 27, Cash from Mary E. Miller, Washington, D. C.	1.00
Feb. 6, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	45.00
Feb. 21, Cash from T. A. Murray, Interest on Mortgage collected.	9.00
Mar. 3, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	51.00
Mar. 12, Cash from Rev. E. T. Read, Westminster, Maryland....	32.00
Total Amount of all Collections for Year	<u>\$2709.83</u>

Disbursements.

Interest paid Mrs. Annie E. Beaver for year	\$ 40.42
Paid A. J. Arbaugh for washing done at Home for the year	79.25
“ Morrit Mitten for bread furnished for the year	109.53
“ C. & P. Telephone Co. for rentals and tolls for year.....	19.14
“ T. W. Mather & Sons for supplies purchased during year..	53.35
“ C. V. Rebert for butter used during year	100.59
“ Miss Kate Murray, matrons salary for year	252.00
“ Miss Kate Murray, salary for helper at Home for year.....	99.25
“ Miss Kate Murray, cash for use at the Home	118.00
“ Denton S. Gehr for hardware	53.28
“ George R. Grumbine for Meats used during year	385.07
“ George R. Grumbine for Groceries used during year	261.72

" John J. Rose for drugs and medicines	49.35
" O. C. Corbin for green groceries for year	130.27
" George N. Hunter for Milk	70.15
" Consolidated Public Utilities Co. for electric light.....	74.65
" Consolidated Public Utilities Co. for Gas	10.31
" Consolidated Public Utilities Co. for Water	37.84
" Westminster Cemetery Co. for grave (old bill)	4.00
" Maryland Casualty Co., premium on Treasurers Bond.....	12.50
" Carroll County Mutual Fire Insurance Company	4.50
" C. R. A. Fogle for chickens	9.35
" Mary A. Gehr for sugar and eggs for use in Home for year.	21.87
" J. D. Crowl for ice cream	13.45
" Lumber Coal & Supply Company for coal	144.87
" Chas. Essom, Agt. for prem. on insurance of Mr. Brooks..	19.50
" George N. Hunter for green groceries	15.51
" Charles Harman for work during year	10.10
" Jabez Powell for work during year	33.00
" Mrs. Josephine Baile for interest on investment money....	26.72
" C. B. Hunter & Geo. A. Six for carpenter work	63.11
" Joseph B. Boyle for drugs	2.75
" Wm. F. Myers & Sons for green pork put up at Home.....	121.02
" Joe Cooper for labor	4.80
" Ice & Cold Storage Co. for Ice used	28.90
" Smith & Reifsnider for Coal	139.37
" Times Printing Co. for printing and stationery	11.00
" Matthews & Myers for papering rooms	13.05
" Meads Ohler for painting rooms	2.75
" D. S. Gehr and Theo. S. Mitten for potatoes	49.50
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Total expenditures	\$2695.79
Balance in hands of Treasurer at close of year	14.04
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	\$2709.83

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

March 13, 1916, Balance as reported in last report to Annual Conference of M. P. Church	\$ 746.81
July 31, 1916, Interest on investment bonds	120.00
July 31, 1916, Interest on Cash deposit in bank	14.93
Sept. 29, 1916, Cash received from Mrs. Josephine Baile	300.00
Nov. 22, 1916, Entrance fee of Mrs. M.-E. Potter	300.00
Jan. 2, 1917, Interest on cash deposit in bank	14.93
Feb. 1, 1917, Interest on investment bonds	120.00
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Total amount of all collections for year in investment fund.....	\$1616.67

March 13th, 1917, Balance of Cash in hand on deposit in Union
National Bank of Westminster drawing 4%\$1616.67

INVESTMENT FUNDS.

\$4000 Consolidation Coal Company 6% Convertible Bonds due 1923 carried at market price	\$4180.00
Cash on deposit at 4%	\$1616.67
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Total Amount of Investment Fund	\$5796.67
Balance as reported in last report	\$4926.81
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Net Gain for Year	\$ 869.86

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned committee selected to audit the accounts of Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer of The Home for the Aged of the M. P. Church, beg to report that we have carefully gone over his accounts in every detail, and find them to be correct, and all expenditures supported by the proper vouchers.

Signed,

ELIAS O. GRIMES.
FRANK K. HERR.
T. W. MATHER.
EDGAR T. READ.

Report P

AUDIT.

Of the Committee.

Your committee has carefully examined the Treasurer's report of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference; the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage; the Financial Statement in the report of the Conference Secretary and find all these accounts correct.

We have gone over the Cash and Disbursement Accounts of the Conference Treasurer's report and the same appear to be correct. As soon as the Treasurer closes up his accounts, a complete audit will be immediately made and report submitted to the next session of the Conference.

W. P. ROBERTS.
FRED P. ADKINS.

Supplemental Report of Committee on Audit.

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

On April 26th, 1916, when the books of the Treasurer were closed for the year, a more careful examination was made and all items were found to be correct in every particular. All money has been duly accounted for and properly disbursed.

On the above date the balance in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Md., was \$1267.78, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$1016.90, leaving a net balance of \$250.88 to the credit of the Conference Treasurer.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

Report Q

STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Your committee in performing the special duties imposed upon it by the Conference of 1916—as set forth in Resolution 10, page 103 of the printed Minutes of that session, reports, that acting for the Conference, we entered into arrangements with Starr Church, Baltimore, for the entertainment of the present session of the Conference in that church on the same conditions that obtained in connection with the session of 1916 at West Baltimore Church, namely, an agreement to indemnify the said Starr Church against any loss made necessary in providing board for the members of the Conference in a sum not exceeding \$400.

The result of this agreement will be made known later in the session.

Your committee, after three successive years in providing entertainment for the Conference under the resolution referred to above, does respectfully suggest and recommend to the Conference that, at its present session, it adopt some permanent plan for its annual meetings on the basis of paid entertainment.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

T. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

Report R

THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City submits its report for the year ending April 1st, 1917.

The personnel of the Board of Directors has remained unchanged during the year, and our relation to Western Maryland College and the Westminster Theological Seminary has remained the same.

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

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

F. T. LITTLE, President.

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

Report S

OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE METHODIST HOSPITAL.

Brethren:—

Your committee visited the Maryland General Hospital, known also as the Methodist Hospital, as late as April 6th, 1917. We found its private rooms and wards filled, the property improved and the spirit of all connected with the institution confident, not to say enthusiastic.

The recent financial campaign, by which more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars was raised, makes possible the payment of embarrassing indebtedness and greater facilities for the accommodation of the many who seek its healing. Several of the most influential Methodists of Baltimore have accepted membership in the Board of Governors. The future of the institution is assured.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the men who stood by the hospital in its dark days, so recent, and by whom its present condition has been made possible. These men carried it in the face of great discouragement, made personal sacrifices of time and money that few would have been willing to suffer, and at the same time gave it a name of which we are proud. It is a pleasure to mention in this connection, Mr. W. C. Scott, until recently the President of the Board of Governors, Mr. Daniel MacLea and Dr. G. M. Linthicum of the Executive Committee, and Dr. J. M. H. Rowland, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, as among the representatives of our own branch of Methodism.

This institution affords us an opportunity to perform a service for the welfare of society which without it would be impossible and which we gratefully and eagerly embrace.

F. T. LITTLE.
WM. H. LITSINGER.
R. N. STEVENS.

Report T

OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUANTICO CHURCH.

Your Committee reports that it has made no effort to sell Quantico Church this year. Soon after Conference, Rev. C. S. Larrimore, assigned to this Charge, asked for the opportunity of opening up the church for regular services. The opportunity was given and the results have been most gratifying. Between \$200 and \$300 have been expended for improvements and more improvements are to be made after Conference. The church now has 40 members and the pastor reports full congregations. The Church has pledged \$100 on Pastor's Salary for next year.

In view of this exceptional evidence of new interest and new life, we recommend that nothing more be said of the sale of Quantico Church and that the Committee be discontinued.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

Report U

OF COMMITTEE ON WEST WILMINGTON CHURCH.

Your committee reports that from all the information received, this church has had a prosperous year. The pastor, J. T. Moore, has been faithful in his pastorate and has had the confidence and support of the membership. When he took charge, two years ago, the church was practically disorganized. He reports a membership of 38 and a Sunday School of 105.

There has been paid on salary, \$300, with an increase of \$100 for the ensuing year. Other current expenses have amounted to \$765. They have also raised \$25 on assessments.

We recommend that a special committee be appointed on our entire Wilmington work.

J. M. SHERIDAN.

J. H. STRAUGHN.

Report V

OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Your Committee on Forward Movement brings to your attention the action of the General Conference, adopting a Forward Movement Program during the quadrennium for an enlarged and increasingly efficient Methodist Protestant Church. Two great goals have been set before us: a 25% increase in membership and \$1,000,000 for our boards and in-

stitutions. A Forward Movement Commission has been named to have in charge the working out of this program, and this commission is now at work organizing the campaign and endeavoring to enlist all the conferences and churches in the cooperative activities necessary to success.

The Forward Movement plan includes the adoption of the Budget System of finance. By this plan the executive committee of the General Conference is authorized to assess upon the Annual Conference from year to year the minimum sum necessary to finance our denominational enterprises. The Annual Conferences in turn are asked to assess this amount on their several charges. The money raised on the General Conference budget is sent to the General Conference Treasurer, and is by him disbursed among the various interests belonging to the General Conference. At present the basis of distribution is as follows:

Foreign Missions	33 %
Home missions	30 %
Colleges	12 %
Ministerial education	10 %
Seminary	6 %
Board of Young People's Work	5 ½ %
Children's Home	2 ½ %
General Conference Expense	1 %

Maryland Conference has been assigned as its portion of the General Conference budget \$22,481. In consideration of the Forward Movement, as outlined in detail in the General Conference journal, and in a desire to enter into hearty cooperation with every other conference to the limit of our ability in the noble purpose to enlarge and render more efficient our great church, we recommend:

1st. That the Maryland Conference hereby endorse the spirit and aim of the Forward Movement program as defined in the report of the Forward Movement committee, adopted by the General Conference.

2nd. That we pledge cooperation in an endeavor to reach the two great objectives of the movement, namely a 25% increase in membership and \$1,000,000 for our boards and institutions in four years.

3rd. That we pledge cooperation with the Forward Movement Commission in their detailed plan of executing their contract as they apply it uniformly to the several annual conferences.

4th. That the Maryland Conference Forward Movement Commission be created, consisting of seven members, to be named by the President of the Conference, the President being also a member ex-officio, who shall be charged with the responsibility of working under the direction of and in cooperation with the general Forward Movement Commission in applying the program and making it effective in detail.

5th. That the increased amount of the budget of the General Conference of \$12,000 be assigned to the Forward Movement Commission, to be appointed, with the authority of the Conference to apportion the amount to the various charges as goals, to be reached, if possible, and

that the activity of the Commission be directed to helping the charges to secure this amount.

J. M. GILL.
A. N. WARD.
J. H. STRAUGHN.
T. PLINY FISHER.
FRED P. ADKINS.

Report W

OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET.

Your Committee has had referred to it the following communication:

Rev. J. S. Bowers,
Baltimore, Md.

At the direction of Rev. C. H. Beck I am sending for your information the following:—

Apportionment for General Interest (Maryland Conference) . . .	\$22,481.00
Old People's Home (Maryland Conference)	2,000.00
	F. C. CHAMBERS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they do not believe in view of the conditions now existing that it is wise to change either the form or the amount of the assessments now levied on the Maryland Annual Conference.

We suggest that all of the churches be notified of the wish of the General Conference that twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) additional to the present assessments be raised through the Annual Conference, and we shall be very glad if this can be done voluntarily by the churches but is not to be considered a part of our assessment plan.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY.
W. A. MELVIN.
DANIEL BAKER.

Report X

OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM SALARY.

The Resolution on Minimum Salary has been referred to this committee and we find as follows:—

That quite a number of charges have failed to pay the minimum salary of \$800.00 as required by regulation in Conference Manual.

We recommend that the Secretary of the Annual Conference be instructed to communicate by letter to each quarterly conference where salary is less than \$800, and urge that it be raised to, at least, that amount.

We further recommend that the success of this plan be considered by a special committee at the next Annual Conference.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Chairman.

W. A. BANISTER, Secretary.

A. N. WARD.

H. K. MULLER.

C. A. BENJAMIN.

Report Y

OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE NATION.

The undersigned special committee has had referred to it a resolution desiring an expression of this Conference on the state of the Nation, in accordance with which the following is submitted:

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church representing two hundred ministers and thirty-three thousand members, assembled in its eighty-ninth annual session, is called upon to face the dreadful fact of our beloved country dragged most unwillingly into war.

Followers of the Prince of Peace and preachers of His Gospel of peace, we deplore this situation fraught with so much suffering and sorrow. But as we have been taught that God will not be at peace with us at the expense of righteousness, it seems impossible for us any longer to maintain peace with those who violate solemn national pledges and deliberately enter upon a reckless and ruthless destruction of life and property in defiance of all the laws and traditions of civilization.

We therefore accept the situation in the spirit of our national leader, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States. We commend him for the unexampled forbearance and tact which he has exhibited throughout the critical period; for his noble and inspiring state papers and messages to the world at war; for his wise leadership amid divided counsels, and for the true Christian spirit he has yielded to in his whole conduct of this awful responsibility.

We pledge to him our deepest sympathy in this fiery trial, and our prayers. May the blessing of Almighty God be realized by him constantly for wisdom and strength and inspiration. And may the Cabinet, the Congress, and the Army and Navy be divinely protected and divinely guided for the speedy triumph of a righteous peace.

T. H. LEWIS.

F. T. LITTLE.

T. PLINY FISHER.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1.

Amending Manual—Restricting President's Term of Office.

WHEREAS, Previous to 1895, by common consent arising out of established custom, the term of office for the Conference President was limited to three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, At the 1909 Session of the Conference, held at St. John's Church, Baltimore, there was adopted by a vote of 83 to 55 this resolution—to wit, "That the Conference hereby expresses itself in favor of returning to the three year limit in the Presidency when another man than the present incumbent is chosen to that office"; And

Since the resolution above quoted, not being incorporated in the Manual, was not observed when the time came to do so, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Conference, now in its 89th session, do hereby reaffirm the custom adhered to previous to 1895 and again expresses itself in favor of the three (3) year limit for the Presidency as per Resolution Eleven (11) of the 1909 Session; And

That Regulation Two (2) Section Five (5) of the Manual, be, and hereby is, amended by the addition of these words—"And no minister shall be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conference for more than Three (3) years in succession."

G. I. HUMPHREYS.
G. E. BROWN.
JULIAN P. DODGE.

RESOLUTION 2.

Fixing the Stipend of the Conference Steward.

RESOLVED, That the Conference Steward shall receive \$25.00 a year for his services, beginning with this Conference.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN.
A. R. LEWIS.

RESOLUTION 3.

Urging Sunday Legislation for the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has no Sunday Law;

WHEREAS, We believe our Nation's Capitol should have a law protecting the Sanctity of the Lord's Day that will be a model for the Nation; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church that we request Senator John Walter Smith, our Se-

nior Senator and Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee, to introduce a Bill and press by all honorable means within his power to its enactment into a law that will safeguard the Lord's Day in the District of Columbia from the encroachments of greed and sport. Be it further

RESOLVED, That our President be authorized and requested to appoint a Committee of Five, of which he shall be Chairman, to cooperate with similar committees, and this committee pledge to Senator Smith the cooperation of our entire church in securing this legislation.

F. T. TAGG.
 J. FRANKLIN BRYAN.
 F. T. LITTLE.
 T. PLINY FISHER.
 THOS. O. CROUSE.
 H. O. KEEN.
 G. M. CLAYTON.
 GEO. E. BROWN.
 C. M. ELDERDICE.
 G. I. HUMPHREYS.

RESOLUTION 4.

Protesting Against Race Track Tax in Maryland.

WHEREAS, State Senator Peter Campbell has suggested to the Governor of Maryland that one method of raising revenue for the present unusual necessities growing out of the war might be to tax the race tracks in the state.

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Conference protest against any such method of giving the appearance of public benefit to the iniquity of gambling and our state entering into partnership with the race track interests.

RESOLVED, That a special committee be appointed to convey our protest to His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Maryland.

R. L. SHIPLEY.
 J. L. NICHOLS.

RESOLUTION 5.

Expressing Sympathy with J. F. Wooden.

WHEREAS, This Conference has learned of the sudden and sore bereavement which has befallen our dearly beloved Brother, J. F. Wooden and family in the tragic death of their adopted daughter, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference extend to Brother Wooden and family the sympathy of this Conference in their great affliction.

LOUIS RANDALL.
 N. O. GIBSON.

RESOLUTION 6.**Suspending Rule on Invested Fund of Superannuate Assessment.**

RESOLVED, That the Rule, that the annual 10% of the assessment of the superannuates be suspended, for this year, to meet the claims of the claimants, instead of being added to the Invested Fund.

C. P. NOWLIN.

G. W. HADDAWAY.

J. M. SHERIDAN.

RESOLUTION 7.**Requesting Offering for Superannuate Fund.**

RESOLVED, That the churches receiving the loan of Revs. L. B. Smith and T. R. Woodford, in Seattle and Columbus, be requested to make an offering for the Superannuate Fund of the Maryland Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY.

J. L. NICHOLS.

RESOLUTION 8.**On Minimum Salary of Pastors.**

RESOLVED, That the Conference appoint a committee of five, two ministers and three laymen, to take under consideration the regulation in the Conference Manual relative to making the minimum salary of a minister with a family \$800.00 a year; and that said committee report some plan to this Conference to make said regulation effective.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN.

A. N. WARD.

H. K. MULLER.

RESOLUTION 9.**Providing for Paid Entertainment.**

WHEREAS, The Conference on Saturday adopted the principle of paid entertainment for its annual sessions, and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to formulate some plan for making this action effective, therefore be it

RESOLVED, First, That the President of the Conference and the

Standing District Committee be a committee to determine the place of the meeting of the Annual Conference, this determination to be reached and notice thereof sent to the Conference Secretary by January first preceding the next session of the Conference.

Second, That each charge pay the expense of the entertainment of its pastor and delegate on such basis as the charge may elect.

Third, That the entertainment of the superannuated members of the Conference and the general agents of the Church and other guests be provided for by the Conference through the above named committee.

JABEZ N. BARNES.

T. W. MATHER.

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

RESOLUTION 10.

Expressing Sympathy to Dr. Howard A. Kelly.

RESOLVED, That the Conference has learned with regret that Dr. Howard A. Kelly, so well known throughout our State for his interest in and activity on behalf of the proper observance of the Lord's Day is suffering from temporary physical disability, and we hereby express to the distinguished and beloved physician our warmest sympathy, and we will continue to pray that he may be restored to health and his splendid service in all moral reforms.

T. O. CROUSE.

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

RESOLUTION 11.

That Historical Society Care for Records.

RESOLVED, That we request the Historical Society of the Conference to take under its care the preservation of the records of the church now deposited at the Book Room.

FRANK T. BENSON.

GEO. E. BROWN.

RESOLUTION 12.

Petitioning President Wilson for Prohibition.

WHEREAS, The manufacture and distribution of strong drink is controlled by our Government, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States is urging the nation to practice extreme economy, and

WHEREAS, Other nations are abolishing alcoholic beverages as a "War Measure", and

BISHOP F. D. ESTE
LIBRARY OF

WHEREAS, 640,000,000 bushels of grain are required for the manufacture of strong drink in this Nation, annually, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we petition the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, to urge upon Congress immediate action for National Prohibition.

H. O. KEEN.
 J. N. LINK.
 C. P. NOWLIN.
 A. S. BEANE.
 W. S. WALKER.
 A. P. WHITE.
 F. P. ADKINS.

RESOLUTION 13.

Amending Manual Conditioning Loan of Pastors.

RESOLVED, That no minister of this Conference shall go as a loan to any church outside of the Maryland Conference, unless said church is willing to contribute annually to the Superannuate Fund of this Conference.

RESOLVED, That this regulation be placed under the Duties of Pastors in the Conference Minutes.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN.
 G. W. HADDAWAY.
 JOHN S. BOWERS.

RESOLUTION 14.

"Methodist Protestant" Day.

RESOLVED, That the third Sabbath in October be recognized as "Methodist Protestant" Day, when the question of the duty of subscribing to the church paper shall be presented to the congregation and subscriptions taken for the paper.

WM. H. LITSINGER.
 CHAS. A. HASTINGS.

RESOLUTION 15.

Providing Conference Stationery.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference be authorized to provide stationery for the use of the officials of said Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY.
 A. N. WARD.

RESOLUTION 16.**Providing Memorial Day.**

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be directed to communicate to all the Quarterly Conferences of this Annual Conference the action of the General Conference, and urge that it be carried out, as follows:

"RESOLVED—1. That each Annual Conference be directed to have the Quarterly Conferences of its local churches appoint a Committee to locate the grave of every Methodist Protestant minister in its locality, and to provide for its proper and perpetual care.

2. That the first Sunday in June be designated Pastors Memorial Day on which occasion suitable exercises, including an address, shall be held, and the Christian conquest flag and flowers be placed on all the graves."

FRED C. KLEIN.

E. D. STONE.

RESOLUTION 17.**Remitting to Conference Treasurer.**

RESOLVED, That all pastors shall remit all collections, except Children's Day and Easter Offering, to the Conference Treasurer, and he shall disburse the same according to the order of the Conference.

C. P. NOWLIN.

R. L. SHIPLEY.

RESOLUTION 18.**Duties of Steward and Treasurer, Amending Manual.**

RESOLVED, That Rule 4, section 2, be amended to embody the following:

They shall meet on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock and open the pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelope and prepare the reports for the Conference. The financial envelopes shall be passed to the Treasurer, etc.

C. P. NOWLIN.

R. L. SHIPLEY.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuated Fund Society.

The meeting was called to order by T. O. Crouse. The Treasurer's report was read, and on motion by F. T. LITTLE, the first part, including the Treasurer's financial report, was adopted, and the second part was referred back to the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society, to be reported to the Conference next year, and hoping that the insurance suggestion contained therein might be adopted by the Conference.

On motion by G. W. Haddaway, a standing vote of thanks was tendered the Treasurer for his very faithful and efficient services.

On motion by J. L. Nichols, it was decided that the Treasurer be allowed \$250. as compensation for his expenses during the year.

The following officers and Board of Managers were elected:

Officers: First Vice President, J. L. Mills; Second Vice President, F. T. Benson; Third Vice President, C. M. Compher; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, J. L. Nichols; Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers: Ministers: J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Judefind; Laymen: Daniel MacLea, T. A. Murray, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. B. Mills.

There being no other business, the Society adjourned.

J. L. NICHOLS, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for Year 1916-1917.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in acct. with Superannuated Fund Society.

PERMANENT FUND.

To Balance as per last Report	\$	137.56
To amt. received in redemption of Ground Rent of \$49.00 on No. 2404 E. Lafayette Ave., at 6% ..	\$	816.67
To amt. received from Conference Treasurer:		
10% of District Collections	\$	415.90
Annual Dues	116.00	531.90
To amt. rec'd. acct. Principal Conf. Parsonage Loan:		
June 1-'16, In part payment	\$	300.00
Mar. 9-'17, Balance in full	309.15	609.15
To amt. from Sale U. S. Fidelity & Guar. Co. Rights.	267.50	\$2225.22
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		\$2362.78

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By amts. invested per Order of Board, as follows:

In purchase of Ground Rent of \$75.00 per annum on No. 1312 W. Lanvale St.	\$1331.94	
In subscription (under Rights) of 5 Shares Stock of United States Fidelity & Guaranty Comapny.	375.00	\$1706.94
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Balance on deposit to credit of Permanent Fund....		\$ 655.84
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		\$2362.78

INCOME ACCOUNT.

To Income on Investments received	\$6598.37	
To Interest rec'd on Conf. Parsonage Loan (in full) .	174.05	
To Interest on Deposits	41.37	\$6813.79
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By Rent Safe Deposit Box	\$ 5.00	
By 1917 Taxes on Securities	54.18	
By amt. allowed for Expenses of Collections, etc....	250.00	309.18
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By amts. remitted to Conference Treasurer:		
1916, July 28, Check to C. P. Nowlin, Treas...\$	1400.00	
1916, Oct. 12, Check to C. P. Nowlin, Treas....	1800.00	
1917, Jan. 31, Check to C. P. Nowlin, Treas...\$	1300.00	
Check herewith in full of Income in hand	2004.61	\$6504.61
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		\$6813.79

Apr. 10, 1917.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer with Vouchers, and find same correct as per above Report, and the Income from all Investments fully accounted for; and we have also examined the Securities belonging to the Society and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

J. W. KIRK,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
J. BIBB MILLS,
Auditing Committee.

The Treasurer is directed to submit for the consideration of the Conference a suggestion made to the Board of Managers of entering into a

Contract of Life Insurance for the Ministerial Members of the Conference upon the Group Insurance Plan.

The following extract from a letter upon this subject from the Manager of one of the principal Life Insurance Companies is submitted in explanation:—

“In regard to Insurance for the Members of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will say, contracts of this kind are written on what is known as a Yearly Renewable Term Plan. When there are one hundred or more, no examination is required, and to use a rough estimate, the Annual Rate is $1\frac{1}{4}$ % of the amount of insurance; however, the premiums are payable monthly, being one-twelfth (1-12) the Annual Rate. This contract pays an annual cash dividend; the dividend we are paying this year is 23 % of the total premiums paid in one year.

For the Members of the Conference, I feel sure our Company would take all who have not been retired, as coming in under the Group.

The Policies could be for \$500.00 or more each, not exceeding \$3,000. on any one life.

From above, you will see that the cost is about \$1.00 per month for each \$1,000., with practically $\frac{1}{4}$ of that amount returned in the way of dividend at the end of the year. Any new ones coming in under the Group would be subject to a short examination, and the premium for them would start at the time they entered.”

Under the plan suggested, the Annual Premiums for Policies of \$500. each for 100 Members will be \$625., subject to be decreased by such dividends as are allowed.

This Insurance would, however, be upon the Yearly Renewable Term Plan, under which, as we understand, it would be optional with the Insurance Company whether it would renew the contract from year to year, and the Annual Premium would be subject to increase at its option.

While the Board of Managers feel a deep interest in this matter, and would be gratified if some practicable and efficient plan of general insurance for the Ministers of the Conference at a reasonable cost could be found, they are advised that no part of the Income from the Invested Fund of the Society could be applied to the cost of such insurance, and especially as they understand the Superannuated Ministers could not be included therein, the matter does not admit of any action on their part, but they deem it proper to refer the same to the Conference for its consideration.

If such plan of Insurance commends itself to the Conference as desirable and feasible, and the cost thereof can be provided, the Board of Managers will be glad to further investigate the matter and carry out such instructions with reference thereto that the Conference may give, or the Conference may refer the matter to a Special Committee.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.

2. From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$10 for each year of his active service as a member of this Conference, and each widow of a minister of this Conference who is granted a superannuate relation, be entitled to \$5.00 for each year of her active service.

3. The amount received from the collections in the District during the year to be applied to the necessities of the claimants, considering: 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The size of family; 3. Peculiarities of condition; 4. Ability to contribute to self support by business capacity or by private income.

4. That when the Committee on Superannuates has information from claimants to the effect that they do not need the amount required by virtue of their years of service, that the Committee be governed by the information thus given. (For items 2, 3, 4, see report H. Superannuates, 1914 Minutes).

5. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, and shall make a quarterly distribution of the funds provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

6. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

7. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimants of any portion in the distribution of the emergency fund for the year.

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuate relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Age of your children, respectively?
4. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
5. Do your children attend Sabbath School? If not, why not?
6. What is the amount of your private income?

Church Extension Society.

The Church Extension Society convened on Tuesday, at 4 P. M., J. L. Mills in the Chair.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Report of the Board of Managers was read. Motion to strike out that part of the report referring to Lowe matter lost.

Motion to refer the report to Committee on Church Extension passed.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following officers: President, J. L. Mills; 1st V. Pres., E. C. Makosky; 2nd V. Pres., G. A. Morris; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg; Treasurer, Walter W. Smith.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following Board of Managers: Ministers: J. M. Sheridan, J. S. Bowers, S. F. Cassen, G. E. Brown; Laymen: W. W. Smith, T. A. Myers, E. B. Fenby, J. H. Roberts.

Adjournment.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

Report of the Board of Managers.

We respectfully submit the following report.

In obedience to your instructions a year ago, we proceeded to pay Rev. Thomas Lowe one hundred dollars per month. In the beginning of the second month, Brother Lowe deceased. We paid his widow the entire amount for the second month.

After a full consideration of the questions involved, we decided to pay Mrs. Lowe \$20.00 per month, for the other ten months of the Conference year. In view of Brother Lowe's death coming so early in the year and the personal needs of Sister Lowe, the Board decided to allow Sister Lowe a special amount of \$100.00, believing that the Conference would approve this liberal and Christian act upon our part, as representatives of this body.

The Conference Treasurer, C. P. Nowlin, placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this Board the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

In view of the great need of funds on the part of this Board to meet the obligations placed upon it and in assisting Park Road Church, we ask the Conference to permit the Board to retain the balance of the \$600.00 above named, and that you also direct the Conference Treasurer to pay to W. W. Smith, the Treasurer of this Board, the balance of the twelve hundred dollars appropriated to Brother Lowe's salary to be used in reducing the note in the Chestertown Savings Bank, which now amounts to \$2900. This note, which originally amounted to \$3800.00, was made by order of this Conference to purchase the ground of Park Road Church. The Bank Officials expect this note to be reduced annually, and this Board has very little funds with which to make the reduction. The report of the Treasurer of the Board will show this, after meeting other demands upon it, we have had no funds with which to reduce this note, except \$568.25 received from the sale of Fairview Church, which was thus applied.

We call your especial attention to the condition and needs of Park Road. While in this statement there is no thought or purpose to criticise the church or pastor, we believe the time has come for this Conference to be given full information as to the affairs of this charge.

We have all deeply regretted that in the last five years this church

has made very little progress, in the membership, the Sunday School or the finances. With our ministers and church people in Washington there is a difference of opinion as to the advisability of trying to establish a church at that location. In view of the large amount of money the Conference has in the enterprise it is the opinion of this Board that we should continue the work for the ensuing year.

The indebtedness is a mortgage of \$6,000, on which the semi-annual interest of \$165.00, due in February last, has not been paid. There is a note in the Washington Bank for \$750.00, and the Chestertown note of \$2900.00. In addition to these amounts, there is a floating debt of about \$300.00. We urge upon the Conference a full investigation of the affairs of this church and stand ready to give all the information we have.

If the Conference decides to continue the work, it will be necessary to make an appropriation of not less than \$600.00 for this Conference Year.

At the last meeting of this Board, Dr. J. M. Holmes made the statement that he did not intend to continue longer as Church Extension Superintendent. The Board has found Dr. Holmes a most agreeable brother with whom to work. His splendid character and beautiful spirit have endeared him to us all. His ability as a preacher has been recognized wherever he has gone, and we believe he has preached the Gospel to the congregations of the Conference to the edification and profit of all his hearers. We regret that the financial results of his labors this year are less than the first year—the Treasurer's report will show the exact figures.

The Board passed a resolution expressing the need of a man to represent the interests of Church Extension and establish new churches in the centres of population, and recommends the appointment of such a man, if his salary can be provided for by the Conference.

At the last session of this Conference, this Board was directed to pay W. A. Melvin as large a sum as possible on the claim he holds against Park Road. We regret to state that for this year the condition of our treasury has been such that we have not been able to make any payment on this obligation.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1916.

Mar. 31, Balance	\$ 568.12
Apr. 5, J. M. Holmes, Col. Salisbury	20.50
Apr. 5, J. M. Holmes, Col. Powellville	5.85
Apr. 26, Conference Appropriation	250.00
May 2, J. M. Holmes, Wilton Heights	10.00
May 2, J. M. Holmes, Milford, Del.	26.00

May 2, C. P. Nowlin, Conf. Treas., approved account Lowe Memorial Church	600.00
May 7, J. M. Holmes, Union Bridge	11.42
May 14, J. M. Holmes, Liberty Circuit	15.66
May 21, J. M. Holmes, Laurel, Del.	20.00
May 28, J. M. Holmes, Crisfield	22.68
May 28, J. M. Holmes, Trinity	18.80
June 4, J. M. Holmes, Wilmington, Del.	20.00
June 11, J. M. Holmes, Mariners	33.00
June 18, J. M. Holmes, Clayton	15.00
June 25, J. M. Holmes, Franklin City	4.75
June 30, Interest on Deposits	8.68
July 2, J. M. Holmes, Georgetown, Del.	10.40
July 2, J. M. Holmes, Georgetown Circuit	4.25
July 9, J. M. Holmes, Grove Circuit	4.15
July 10, J. M. Holmes, Franklin City .....	.25
July 16, J. M. Holmes, Fawn Grove	27.26
July 23, J. M. Holmes, Lisbon Circuit	28.40
July 30, J. M. Holmes, Mt. Nebo	10.50
July 30, J. M. Holmes, Delta	8.00
Aug. 28, Sale of old Church on Campbell Circuit	25.00
Aug. 28, T. A. Murray, Donation	10.00
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Shiloh Camp	10.85
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Trinity additional	1.90
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Mt. Nebo additional	3.00
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Wallace Memorial	26.00
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Oak Grove and Prince George	39.00
Sep. 28, J. M. Holmes, Amelia	30.00
Sep. 28, J. M. Holmes, Prince George	10.00
Sep. 28, J. M. Holmes, Amelia	10.00
Sep. 28, J. M. Holmes, Mariners	10.00
Oct. 1, J. M. Holmes, Accomac	57.19
Oct. 22, J. M. Holmes, Cecil Circuit	19.00
Oct. 29, J. M. Holmes, St. James	17.00
Nov. 5, J. M. Holmes, Starr	10.00
Nov. 12, J. M. Holmes, Harrington, Del.	10.00
Nov. 19, J. M. Holmes, Lewes, Del.	1.00
Nov. 26, J. M. Holmes, New Church, Va.	40.50
Dec. 3-10, J. M. Holmes, Newmarket	23.18
Dec. 17, J. M. Holmes, St. Michaels	22.85
1917.	
Jan. 1, Interest on deposits	5.70
Jan. 14, J. M. Holmes, Frederick Circuit	18.00
Jan. 20, J. M. Holmes, St. Michaels additional	15.25
Jan. 21, J. M. Holmes, Cannon, Del.	11.50
Jan. 28, J. M. Holmes, Caroline Circuit	13.11

Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Hurlock	14.77
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Milford, Del.	5.00
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Harrington, Del.	5.00
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Mardela	28.70
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Milton, Del.	10.00
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Harbeson, Del.	10.00
Mar. 28, J. M. Holmes, Bivalve	12.00
Mar. 28, J. M. Holmes, Cannon, Del.	9.50
Mar. 28, J. M. Holmes, Chincoteague, Va.	13.00
Mar. 28, J. M. Holmes, Pocomoke City	10.00
Mar. 28, J. M. Holmes, Franklin City, Va.	31.50
Total Receipts	\$2333.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

1916.

Apr. 11, F. A. Holland—12 mo. Int. on \$750.00, \$45.00; 12 mo. Int. on \$200.00, \$12.00; 10 mo. Int. on \$200.00, \$10.....\$	67.00
Apr. 24, J. M. Sheridan, expenses Washington, D. C., account Park Road Church	1.10
Apr. 24, Park Road Church on Note	100.00
Apr. 24, Mrs. J. D. Bowers, Int. on Note	6.00
May 1, Rev. Thomas Lowe, Salary	100.00
May 1, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
May 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	100.00
May 7, J. M. Holmes, Expense Union Bridge	1.42
May 14, J. M. Holmes, Expense Liberty Circuit	4.66
May 28, J. M. Holmes, Expense Crisfield	1.37
May 28, J. M. Holmes, Expense Trinity	1.37
May 31, Kent County Sav. Bank on Note	500.00
May 31, Kent County Sav. Bank, Int. on Note	87.00
May 31, Telephone charges .....	.90
May 31, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
June 4, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Wilmington	1.62
June 11, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Mariners	2.75
June 18, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Clayton .....	.70
June 25, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Franklin City	1.75
June 30, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
June 30, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe, Special Donation	100.00
June 30, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Aug. 1, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Aug. 1, Thomas A. Murray	15.00
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Georgetown, Del. ....	.30
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Georgetown Cir., Del. ....	.30
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Grove Circuit .....	.83
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Fawn Grove	5.78

Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Lisbon Circuit	5.00
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Mt. Nebo	2.40
Aug. 1, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Delta	2.40
Sep. 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Sep. 4, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Wallace Memorial	8.00
Sep. 6, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Oak Grove & Prince George.....	3.20
Sep. 28, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Amelia	9.00
Sep. 29, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Oct. 2, Park Road Church, Int. on Mortgage	165.00
Oct. 2, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Oct. 2, Telephone charges	1.00
Oct. 10, Germania Fire Ins. Co., N. Y.	10.40
Nov. 4, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Accomac	6.04
Nov. 4, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Cecil Circuit	1.74
Nov. 4, J. M. Holmes, Expenses St. James	1.50
Nov. 6, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Nov. 6, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Dec. 1, Kent. County Sav. Bank, Interest	87.00
Dec. 1, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Dec. 2, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Dec. 2, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Lewes .....	.96
Dec. 2, J. M. Holmes, Expenses New Church	2.32
Dec. 11, Telephone charges	1.50
Dec. 11, Expenses Committee, Clark Station	1.50
Dec. 3-10, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Newmarket	3.18
Dec. 17, J. M. Holmes, Expenses St. Michaels	2.45
1917.	
Jan. 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Jan. 3, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Jan. 14, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Frederick Circuit	6.50
Jan. 21, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Cannon .....	.50
Jan. 28, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Caroline Circuit .....	.76
Feb. 1, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Feb. 1, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Feb. 6, Telephone charges	2.00
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Hurlock .....	.90
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Mardela	1.48
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Milton .....	.50
Feb. 27, J. M. Holmes, Expenses Harbeson .....	.50
Feb. 28, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary	41.67
Feb. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Mar. 22, Postage and Postal Cards	2.00
Mar. 22, Expenses Committee Clarke Station	1.00
Mar. 22, G. I. Humphreys, Expenses	1.00
Mar. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Expense Bivalve	9.39

Mar. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Expenses Cannon .....	.50
Mar. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Expenses Chincoteague	2.70
Mar. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Expenses Pocomoke City	2.40
Mar. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Expenses Franklin City	1.92
Mar. 28, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Salary for March	41.67
Mar. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe	20.00
Mar. 28, Expenses Committee to Park Road Church	3.00
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Total Disbursements	\$2151.53
Total Receipts	\$2333.15
Total Disbursements	\$2151.53
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March 31, 1917, Balance	\$ 181.62

WALTER W. SMITH, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

W. P. ROBERTS,
E. L. BUNCE,
FRED P. ADKINS,
Committee on Audit.

CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS.

1. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collection in the hands of the Conference Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

2. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

3. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is continued. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members" at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

4. When any number of the members of any of our Missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to the Discipline for trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their

number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the next session ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

5. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

6. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

7. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

8. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

9. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

10. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem conducive to the welfare of the mission.

11. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

12. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

13. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

14. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

15. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

16. Hereafter, no money shall be appropriated to any charge where the Board of Trustees refuses to be incorporated.

17. The Church Extension Committee of the Conference is hereby made a permanent or continuous committee, its members serving until their successors are appointed. The President of the Conference is hereby requested in naming the members of this committee from time to time, to retain a sufficient number of those familiar with its work to secure best results in the appropriation of the funds of the society.

In addition to the duties heretofore performed by the committee, it shall be the duty of the chairman and secretary thereof, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of each annual session of the Conference, to prepare and have printed lists of questions with blank spaces for answers, similar to those heretofore used by the Board of Managers, and shall mail a copy to the pastor of each charge seeking aid not later than the first week in October and March of each Conference year. The blanks may also contain such explanations as may be deemed necessary to enable charges to properly fill in the answers to the questions, with the request that the said blanks be promptly filled out and returned.

The chairman and secretary shall arrange these blanks in proper order, bring them to Conference and lay them before the Committee. The committee, in making appropriations to the respective charges seeking aid, shall be guided by the information contained in the blanks; and the charges are hereby notified in accordance with the above prescribed duties of the committee.

The Secretary of the Conference hereby is instructed to pay, out of the Conference funds, the expense of printing, postage, etc., incurred by the committee in the discharge of the duties here referred to.

When appropriations are made conditionally and the conditions are not complied with, it shall be the duty of the committee to so notify the Conference Treasurer, who shall withhold payment of the money until such payment is authorized by the committee.

The action of the Committee of 1907 is hereby reaffirmed as follows, "The Committee on Church Extension shall not report upon any case referred to it by the Conference, except such cases recommended by the President to accommodate the plan of appointments."

The Mutual Relief Association.

Baltimore, Md., April 16, 1917.

The Mutual Relief Association convened Monday morning, with G. A. Ogg, First Vice President, in the Chair. J. A. Weigand, the Secretary-Treasurer, presented his report, which was read and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of E. H. Jones and E. C. Makosky. The auditing committee reported the accounts were correct.

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

- G. A. Ogg, First Vice President.
- J. F. Bryan, Second Vice President.
- C. E. Dryden, Third Vice President.
- J. A. Weigand, Secretary-Treasurer.
- E. C. Makosky, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

It was moved that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to publish the minutes of the Society and a list of the membership in the Conference minutes. Carried.

Upon motion, the Society adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

For the Year Ending April 11, 1917.

Collected for all cases during year	\$ 907.00
Paid out as follows for six cases:	
Miss Florence Hammond	\$ 158.00
Mrs. F. L. Stevens	150.00
Mrs. P. McMaster (heir of Rev. T. H. Wright) ..	147.00
Rev. J. W. Trout	146.00
Mrs. C. B. Roberts (heir of Mrs. W. J. Floyd) ..	140.00
Rev. G. H. Stocksdale	144.00
Expense of collecting in six cases	22.00
	\$ 907.00

Members died during year	6
Members lapsed	
Members resigned	1

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary-Treasurer.

We, your committee on Audit of Report for the year ending April 11, 1917, have examined said report and the voucher, and find it correct.

E. C. MAKOSKY.

E. H. JONES.

Members of Mutual Relief Association.

Adams, Ziba	Bauscher, Rev. W. F.
Adams, J. Peyton	Bryan, Rev. B. A.
Alexander, C. N.	Bryan, Mrs. B. A.
Bacchus, Rev. G. Q.	Bryan, Rev. J. F.
Bennett, Rev. L. A.	Bryan, Mrs. J. F.
Bennett, Mrs. L. A.	Cassen, Rev. S. F.
Benson, Rev. F. T.	Cassen, Mrs. S. F.
Benson, Mrs. F. T.	Coe, Rev. S. W.
Bowers, Rev. J. S.	Coe, Mrs. S. W.
Bowers, Mrs. J. S.	Crouse, Rev. T. O.
Brown, Rev. J. M.	Crouse, Mrs. T. O.
Brown, Mrs. J. M.	Clough, Rev. N. C.
Balderston, J. W.	Clough, Mrs. N. C.

- Cullum, Rev. C. M.
 Cullum, Mrs. C. M.
 Cushing, Mrs. H. C.
 Davis, Howard L.
 Day, Rev. C. C.
 Dobson, H. N.
 Donovan, Rev. A.
 Dryden, Rev. C. E.
 Dryden, Mrs. C. E.
 Dudley, Rev. J. A.
 Dupuy, Rev. A. B.
 Dutton, Chas. R.
 Elderdice, Rev. J. L.
 Elderdice, Mrs. J. L.
 Elderdice, Rev. H. L.
 Ewell, Rev. A. W.
 Ewell, Mrs. A. W.
 Ewing, Rev. E. O.
 Ewing, Mrs. E. O.
 Farring, Rev. G. F.
 Gill, Rev. J. M.
 Graham, Rev. W. R.
 Gray, Rev. J. W.
 Greenfield, Rev. D. L.
 Greenfield, Mrs. D. L.
 Green, Rev. A. H.
 Green, Mrs. A. H.
 Haddaway, K. K.
 Haddaway, L. E.
 Haldeman, Rev. A.
 Holland, F. A.
 Hanks, Rev. W. S.
 Hanks, Mrs. W. S.
 Harryman, Rev. A. A.
 Harryman, Mrs. A. A.
 Hill, Rev. G. J.
 Hines, Rev. G.
 Hines, Mrs. G.
 Hoblitzell, Mrs. S. A.
 Hodge, Rev. G. A.
 Hodge, Mrs. G. A.
 Holmes, Rev. J. M.
 Hooker, Rev. G. J.
 Hungerford, Rev. M. E.
 Hungerford, Mrs. M. E.
 Johnson, Rev. W. W.
 Johnson, Mrs. W. W.
 Johnson, Rev. H. W. D.
 Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D.
 Jones, E. H.
 Jones, Rev. T. C.
 Judefind, Rev. W. B.
 Judefind, Mrs. W. B.
 Jump, Rev. Wm. L.
 Kindley, Rev. B. W.
 Kindley, Mrs. B. W.
 Kirk, Rev. J. W.
 Kirk, Mrs. J. W.
 Klein, Rev. F. C.
 Klein, Mrs. F. C.
 Lewis, Rev. T. H.
 Lewis, Mrs. T. H.
 Lewis, Rev. R. K.
 Link, Rev. J. N.
 Litsinger, Mrs. J. E.
 Litsinger, Rev. W. H.
 Litsinger, Mrs. W. H.
 Litsinger, Rev. W. D.
 Litsinger, Mrs. W. D.
 Little, Rev. F. T.
 Little, Mrs. F. T.
 Lynch, J. H.
 Makosky, Rev. E. C.
 Makosky, Mrs. E. C.
 Mather, Rev. A. W.
 Mather, Mrs. A. W.
 Miller, Rev. V. A.
 McCaslin, Rev. C. K.
 McCaslin, Mrs. C. K.
 McCready, Mrs. G. R.
 Melvin, Rev. W. A.
 Melvin, Mrs. W. A.
 Mills, Rev. J. L.
 Moore, Jas. T.
 Murphy, Rev. H. L.
 Neeper, Mrs. W. J.
 Nicholson, Rev. R. Y.
 Norris, Rev. J. W.
 Nowlin, Rev. C. P.
 Nowlin, Mrs. C. P.
 Ogg, Rev. G. A.
 Ogg, Mrs. G. A.
 Owens, Rev. I. S.
 Parris, Rev. J. W.
 Phillips, Mrs. W. S.
 Randall, Rev. L.
 Randall, Mrs. L.
 Raum, A. F. T.

Read, Rev. E. T.
Read, Mrs. E. T.
Rice, Rev. P. L.
Rice, Mrs. P. L.
Rowe, Mrs. R. S.
Reynolds, Rev. F. D.
Roberts, Rev. W. P.
Roberts, Mrs. W. P.
Shiple, Rev. R. L.
Schauer, P. M. R.
Schlincke, Rev. H. L.
Schlincke, Mrs. H. L.
Simms, Rev. E. W.
Simms, Mrs. E. W.
Sheridan, Rev. J. M.
Smith, Mrs. G. J.
Smith, Rev. L. B.
Smith, Mrs. L. B.
Snyder, Rev. W. M.
Stevens, Mrs. F. L.
Stocksdale, Rev. G. H.,
Stone, Rev. E. D.

Stone, Mrs. E. D.
Straughn, Rev. J. H.
Straughn, Mrs. J. H.
Straughn, Rev. J. L.
Strayer, Rev. W. M.
Strausburg, Rev. C. R.
Tredway, Rev. S. B.
Tredway, Mrs. S. B.
Trout, Rev. J. W.
Van Dyke, Rev. E. H.
Van Dyke, Mrs. E. H.
Walter, Mrs. I. S.
Ward, Rev. A. N.
Ward, Mrs. A. N.
Weigand, Rev. J. A.
Weigand, Mrs. J. A.
Williamson, Mrs. R. S.
Wooden, Rev. J. F.
Wooden, Mrs. J. F.
Wright, Rev. J. A.
Wright, Mrs. J. A.
Yingling, Mrs. J. M.

THE MEMORIAL ROLL.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day."—2 Tim., iv. 7, 8.

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays .....	....	1830	1831
William Bamber .....	....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson .....	....	1829	1834
William Kesley .....	....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger .....	....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh .....	....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D. ....	....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux .....	....	1838	1844
William W. Ball .....	....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley .....	....	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 Valliant	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
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

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols	1815	1838	1886
James Thomas Ward, D. D.	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
George Roberts McCreedy	1850	1880	1915
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond, D. D.	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.	1826	1845	1906
William John Neepier	1848	1871	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D.	1817	1841	1907
Jacob Matthias Yingling	1847	1873	1907
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell	1865	1889	1908
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D.	1828	1853	1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D.	1836	1866	1909
John Bayley Jones	1833	1860	1909
Benjamin Parker Truitt	1861	1887	1910
Solomon Asbury Hoblitzell	1836	1859	1911
John David Kinzer, D. D.	1841	1863	1911
William Sherman Phillips	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
John Carter Poston	1833	1913	1916
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens	1866	1895	1916
Robert Thomas Tyson	1867	1908	1916
Thomas H. Wright	1840	1895	1916

OBITUARIES

Rev. John C. Poston.

Rev. John Carter Poston, the son of John Poston, Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth Carter, was born in London, England, August 15, 1833, and departed this life suddenly March 28, 1916, aged 78 years. This is a brief record of a good man, and a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. His family belonged to the church of England, although an uncle, the Rev. Henry Bishop, was a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The even greater simplicity of the service of the Primitive Methodists, appealed to Brother Poston, so he united with that body. He preached his trial sermon in his twentieth year, and was accepted and ordained at the age of twenty-two, several years after his only brother. The brothers were closely associated in both church work and temperance reform. Both their names, and places of appointments are recorded in the "Methodist Preachers Plan" for 1865-6, in Leintwardine, Heresfordshire, England. In early manhood, he married Miss Fanny Evans, the eldest daughter of Evan and Mary Evans of Wolverhampton, England. More than forty years ago, he came to the United States, and soon after united with the Methodist Protestant Church of Lynchburg, and became an active member of the Virginia Conference of that denomination. He was the secretary of that Conference for years, and its honored president for more than ten years. For four times he was sent as the official representative to the General Conference, where he discharged the duties incumbent upon him, with credit to himself and honor to his Conference. In 1913, he united with the Maryland Conference, taking a supernumerary relation to the Lynchburg church, from which he was carried to his last resting place, on Thursday, March 30, 1916. Much might be written of this man of God. He was an active minister for more than fifty years, zealous for the advancement of the kingdom of God, and a great soul winner, and many indeed owned him as their spiritual father. During all these fifty years of his active ministry, he did not spare himself in any way to advance the cause of righteousness in the earth. He was an ardent temperance worker, for many years chief templer of his lodge. So decided were his views on this subject that never, even in times of severe illness, would he permit the use of alcohol in his home. The Masonic fraternity of which he was a loved and honored member, had his loyal support, and he frequently said: "it is next to the church in its efforts for the betterment of humanity."

Brother R. C. Wood, of Lynchburg, a member of the committee, writes: "I have known brother Poston all my life as a man of God, who hated evil and fought for the cause of Christ's kingdom here on earth. His influence will always be felt in our midst. He was truly a good man."

Rev. C. P. Nowlin, of St. Michaels, Md., writes: "As a boy, I knew

Brother Poston in the city of Lynchburg. He would preach for us, when I supplied Tyreanna for summer work. I met him in the church, and in his home. He was helpful in every way, time, money and talent, as he was the first time I met him so he was at the last, when I told him good-bye at the last Conference he attended. He was indeed a brother, friend and a true man. As a Mason, he was honored and beloved by his lodge, Marshall No. 39 of Virginia, of which he was one of the chaplains for many years. He was a devoted Christian and loved his church."

He was a frequent visitor at the home of the writer, while he was pastor of Lynchburg, and always welcome at any time. His presence was a benediction to us all. It was a great personal loss, when God called him to the best appointment the Almighty can give to any one. He had often expressed the wish that the Lord might call him suddenly, and this was granted him. It was his custom to call his children up over the phone, of an evening to inquire after their health, and bid them a loving good night. This evening he had just completed his calls, and hung up the receiver and suddenly fell to the floor dead. He left a loving wife, with whom he had lived for more than half a century, and six children, who mourn the loss of a good father and a loving tender husband. The latter years of his life he spent mostly at his home, near Tyreanna Church, Campbell Circuit, Maryland Conference, where he was loved by the entire community and called upon at all times for any service that it was possible for him to render.

All the young preachers that went to that work found in Brother Poston and his good wife helpful friends and a welcome home at any time. I loved him dearly, as a father in Israel, and shall be a better man because of the close association with this dear man of God. Small in stature, but great in heart and life, tender in his service to his fellow man, strong in his friendship, devoted to the church of his choice, and to Christ whom he loved to preach. Now, he "is not, for God has taken him."

"Servant of God well done!
Thy glorious warfare 's past;
The battle 's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

Signed for the Committee,
C. MORGAN COMPHER, Chairman.

Rev. Fitzhugh Lee Stevens.

Rev. F. L. Stevens was born in Prince George County, Virginia, July 2, 1866, and passed from his earthly home, at Landsdowne, Baltimore County, Maryland, to his Heavenly reward, August 12, 1916.

After spending several years at the Seminary, in Westminster, in

preparation for the Christian ministry, he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference in 1895, and was ordained in 1897.

On December 2nd, 1896, he married Miss Sadie B. Johnson of Middleway, West Virginia. She with three children mourn the loss of a loving husband and fond father.

Brother Stevens was faithful in his studies at school and was considered the best Hebrew scholar in his class. He was a close student of the Scriptures and had a clear comprehensive grasp of the great doctrines of the Gospel and was able to present them clearly and forcefully in his preaching. He was a Godly man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. His splendid Christian character and exemplary life commanded the respect and confidence of those to whom he ministered in spiritual things, and with whom he was daily associated. His great humility and lack of confidence in himself prevented him being as prominent in the Conference as his ability and worth deserved.

Rev. C. E. Dryden says of him: "We were schoolmates at the Westminster Seminary. He was quiet and had little to say, but was a splendid student. He was timid and unassuming, but I believe a very pious Christian gentleman." Another member of the Committee, Rev. E. H. Jones, says, "he was a good man, a pious brother, a faithful minister, a trusting child of God. He has heroically solved the problems, successfully met the trials, patiently endured the sufferings and humbly performed the duties of life here and has entered into rest and fellowship of the life yonder by the throne. Not many were the years of his active work among us, but his was a faithful, fruitful ministry." While he served the weaker charges of the Conference and his support was meagre, and he knew what sacrifice meant, he never complained, but endeavored to do his best to advance the work given him and has gained the approbation of Him who said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The funeral services were conducted in Baltimore by Rev. J. F. Bryan, who visited him during his illness, assisted by Dr. F. T. Little, Rev. W. A. Melvin and the writer. A number of the Baltimore ministers were present. Another service was held in the Methodist Protestant Church at Middleway, conducted by Rev. A. W. Ewell, where a large number of sympathizing friends of the deceased family assembled to pay their respects to their friend and former pastor. His body was laid to rest in the Middleway Cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
E. H. JONES,
C. E. DRYDEN,
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HARRY C. ROBINSON,
C. E. RILEY,

Committee.

Rev. Robert Thomas Tyson.

Rev. R. T. Tyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Tyson, was born at Bay View, Cecil County, Maryland, June 26, 1867. Robert inherited a happy combination of his father's fire and his mother's sweet patience. The foundation of his education was laid in the public school at Bay View. Spare time was spent working with his father in his carriage shop and he became an expert in every branch of carriage building. Among the boys of his own age in the neighborhood, he was the leader, and to the younger and weaker always a big brother. He was born again in the days of his boyhood, under the pastorate of Rev. D. A. Shermer, of precious memory. His gifts and graces immediately found expression in zealous work for his church, and his talks in the young people's meetings were of such merit as to attract favorable attention. He was fond of sharpening his naturally quick wit in discussion and debate. A minister of another denomination said of him then: "His mind is like the friction match in the quickness and brightness of its flame."

Brother Tyson early heard the call to preach and was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. He entered Westminster Theological Seminary in 1888, and graduated with honors in 1891. While there he made his mark both as a student and a leader of affairs, and was especially active in the great Western Maryland College revival of 1890.

In response to an urgent call of the New York Conference for men, he united with that body October 1911, and was ordained at the same session. His interest and ability in Conference matters was so genuine and evident that he was soon elected secretary, made fraternal messenger to the Maryland and New Jersey Conferences, President of the Conference Christian Endeavor Union, and a Member of the Faculty of Instruction.

In 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma T. Briggs, of Cos Cob, Conn., who has been a talented, faithful and true helpmeet to him through all the years of their devoted happy union.

He faithfully and successfully served the following charges: Cos Cob, Conn., 1891-'93; Eastport, L. I., 1893-'95; Tarrytown, N. Y., 1895-'97; Inwood, L. I., 1897-1900. An invitation from the Board of Home Missions to serve People's Church, Kansas City, Kan., was accepted and he transferred his membership to the Kansas Conference. Dr. D. S. Stephens, Chancellor Emeritus of Kansas City University, writes of Brother Tyson's pastorate at People's Church: "No pastor we have ever had proved himself more useful to the church, and endeared himself more to the people than did he. He was diligent and faithful to every duty, and labored intelligently in the upbuilding of the church. His lovable personal qualities, coupled with the amiable and cultured influence of his wife, won for them both the esteem and affection of many people out of as well as in the church." Brother Tyson labored in Kansas City five years. A part of the time he was financial agent for the university. One of his vacations was spent in building a Methodist Protestant Church in Lawton, Okla., for the Woman's Board of Home Missions. His next pastorate

was at Mechanicsburg, Ohio. While there he superintended the erection of a splendid concrete parsonage. He served this charge 1905-'07. He then decided to come home to the Maryland Conference and brought his transfer from Kansas. His first pastorate with us was Greensboro, which he served from 1907 to 1909. Then he was appointed to Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia, where he did the monumental work of his ministry. When he undertook this work he found a downtown church with a small membership, worshipping in a hall and heavily in debt. A part of the result of his work there was a well organized membership of two hundred and fifty eight, a Sunday School with an enrollment of seven hundred, and a beautiful granite church edifice with parsonage in a residential section of the city. In the spring of 1916 the Board of Home Missions again secured his services, assigning him to the pastorate of First Church, Seattle, Wash. The hand of death early terminated this pastoral relation, but he was there long enough for them to learn to refer to him as "Our dearly beloved pastor." Dr. Silsly, President of the Ministerial Federation of that city, said in his address at the funeral service in Seattle: "We loved the personality of the man. We esteemed the beauty of his mind, the vigor and clearness of his conscience and his consecration to the most noble ideals. He reminds me of Jesus Christ. * * * He not only lived Christ and preached Christ—He served Christ." Dr. McDonald, of the United Brethren Church in Seattle, said: "He was among us so brief a period and yet had entwined himself so round our hearts, that it was real agony to give him up."

The strain of Brother Tyson's super-active life had told on him in the failure of his heart. His departure, on Sept. 16, 1916, was instantaneous. In the twinkling of an eye he was transported from labor to rest; from valiant battling for the right to "more than conqueror." There was no anti-climax to his life; his ascent was continuous until with a bound he transcended the limitations of mortality. For him we rejoice. But for our loss we mourn, for his useful career here was cut short in it's height. Our "Why?" can only be answered when our limitations, too, shall be overcome. "Some day we'll understand."

The body was brought across the continent and on the 22nd a service was held in Taylor Memorial, with addresses by Revs. Louis Randall, J. W. Trout and R. W. Sutcliffe. On the 23rd services, with Dr. S. B. Tredway in charge, were held in the church of Robert's childhood, in the midst of his relatives and former playmates. Eighteen ministers of the Conference were in attendance. The participants were Revs. A. F. T. Raum, G. W. Haddaway, G. A. Ogg, W. B. Judefind, J. M. Sheridan, Louis Randall and H. L. Elderdice. In the old churchyard we sadly laid away his mortal body; not, however, sorrowing as those who have no hope, for we shall meet him again.

Brother Tyson was a man of high ideals and large vision, and an expert in organizing forces for their realization. His energy was indomitable and he never was on speaking terms with discouragement.

Dr. J. M. Gill, in giving his impression of Brother Tyson from having

heard him preach one sermon, exhibits him as he always was as a preacher: "He made a favorable impression both as to the matter and manner of the sermon. I was pleased both with the clear-cut truth of the sermon and the humble spirit of the preacher. But the thing that impressed me most was the wonderful vocabulary of the man, his command of words to express his ideas accurately and beautifully."

He was intensely evangelistic. Rev. R. W. Sutcliffe, his associate at Taylor Memorial, well says: "He was one of those men of God who could and would become anything or nothing in order that he might win souls for Christ. If ever a man offered himself a living sacrifice for the cause he loved, it was Brother Tyson." Hundreds of his spiritual children today call him blessed.

He was, in his pastoral work, to an unusual degree a veritable shepherd—an active personal friend and counsellor to each member of his flock.

Broad as the world in his Christian interests was he, yet absolutely loyal to the denomination into which he was born and from whose fold he never consented to be enticed. An ex-President of the General Conference says: "His death is a distinct loss to the denomination, for he had proved himself one of the constructive workers in the progressive and aggressive enterprises of the general church." Rev. J. L. Nichols writes: "Brother Tyson was a man with a large vision of the possibilities of the Methodist Protestant Church, which he loved and served so well. His service to his church could not be measured by his loyalty to one Conference. He belonged to the whole church. It was this very breadth of vision that twice took him from his native Conference into the mission field of the church and where he was faithfully laboring when God called him home."

Those of us who knew him well have sustained great personal loss in our earthly lives. A minister speaks for many when he says: "Personally I mourn Brother Tyson's departure as I would that of a member of my own family. He was always a helpful and beloved friend whose disinterestedness and loyalty were never doubted for an instant. His departure makes heaven richer and earth poorer."

"I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
He wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
That land must be, since he lingers there.
And you—O you! who wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return,
Think of him as faring on, as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here;
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—He is just away."

"O how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land!
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands;
To meet one another again."

G. A. OGG.

Rev. Thomas H. Wright.

Rev. Thomas H. Wright was born January 8th, 1840. He was converted when sixteen years of age and united with Mt. Olivet Church. He very soon became a class leader and was active in all religious work. He afterward transferred his membership to Fawn Grove Church and was licensed to preach. He continued to preach the gospel in his own community until 1892 when he began his work as a supply in the Maryland Conference.

During that long period he had the respect and confidence of the people and was an active and successful worker for Christ in the Methodist Protestant Church. He was ordained an elder in 1893 and was received into full connection in the Conference in 1895. His appointments were: Greenwood, Baltimore, Caroline, Kent Island and Pipe Creek Circuits in each of which he proved himself an earnest, efficient and successful itinerant. It can be truly said that he left every charge he served in a better condition than he found it. He was quiet and discreet, generous and courteous in manner, active and earnest in his work, pure and chaste in his conversation, consistent and devout in his conduct and zealous and faithful in his ministry. He was not a highly cultured man but was observant, receptive and well poised with a large measure of common sense to guide him. This enabled him to become an industrious, effective and acceptable preacher. He loved the work of the ministry and engaged in it with a whole heartedness that his congregation soon recognized and increasingly appreciated. The fact that on each of his appointments he was asked for year after year, so that he held long pastorates by the consent of the churches he served, was strong evidence of his usefulness and popularity. He was a frank and sincere man. He did not know how to practice subterfuge or inuendo in his relations with men, but neither was he rude, brusque nor churlish in his manner. On the other hand he was affable, considerate and amiable without a remote indication of affectation or insincerity. It was the high art of being an artless, candid, undissembling Christian gentleman that soon won the confidence and esteem of those who knew him. He preached but one sermon—Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God—and never for a moment did he swerve from the plain path of duty.

While earth has been impoverished by the removal of this battle-scarred veteran of the cross, God has been honored, churches awakened

and souls saved through his life and labors. He realized in the fullest sense the meaning of Christian citizenship. To him one of the grievous sights on earth was the legalized liquor traffic. He always stood uncompromisingly for the abolition of the saloon and when Carroll, the county in which he last lived, placed itself in the dry column, his was an ecstasy of joy, and out of the fullness of his heart he was able to say thank God for the victory.

Mr. E. L. Thomas, of the Committee, says: "Brother Wright was pastor of Kent Island five years and during his stay with us he was esteemed as a consistent Christian man. His memory will be dear to the hearts of many people at Kent Island and Winchester. His earthly journey is completed, and that which seems to us to be dark is to him the glory of an eternal day. We hope to meet him again in that non-clouded home."

He tasted the bitter waters of affliction. In early life he married Miss Margaret Jones. She was a gentle loving companion and proved herself a worthy helpmeet. She was especially skilled in the art of homemaking, and there the tired itinerant would always find a peaceful, cheerful retreat from the exacting duties of his ministry. She died after all the children but one had left home to establish homes of their own. A widowed daughter came in to take the place of the departed wife and mother and did her part nobly in caring for her father and continuing the home. He afterward married Mrs. Alva Price, a pious and cultured woman, whose gentleness of character and devotion to the church gave promise of a happy and useful union, but failing health seriously modified their expectations and after a lingering illness she too passed away and left him lonely and deeply bereaved. His daughter again took charge of the home and continued with him until December 23rd, 1916, when, surrounded by his children, he passed from the earthly to his heavenly home. The funeral services were held in Fawn Grove Church, conducted by Dr. Bowers, the President of the Maryland Conference and the pastor, Rev. H. L. Schlincke. Five children, Mrs. E. B. De Foresty, Mrs. Vallie Hawkins, Mrs. F. L. Masten, Mrs. Pearl E. McMaster and Mr. H. E. Wright, mourn his loss.

His number of the Death Roll of the Conference will be 131, which indicates the number who have passed from the Maryland Conference to the reward of the saints. He will not be unacquainted in the heavenly kingdom. Most of those who have passed away in the last forty years were his acquaintances and friends.

O, change! Stupendous change!
Burst are the prison bars,
This moment these so low,
So agonized, and now
Beyond the stars.

O, change! Stupendous change!
 There lies the soulless clod;
 The sun eternal breaks,
 The new immortal wakes,
 Wakes with God.

J. M. SHERIDAN,
 F. T. TAGG,
 H. L. SCHLINCKE,
 M. A. ZOLLICKOFFER,
 E. L. THOMAS,
 J. FRANK PORTER,
 Committee.

Mrs. W. S. Hammond.

On May 14, 1832, a little daughter came into the home of Mr. E. C. Thomas, a Christian gentleman living in Baltimore City. March 6, 1866, that little girl now grown into an intelligent, active, Christian woman, became the wife of Rev. Wm. S. Hammond, and entered into the activities of a Methodist Protestant minister's life. On the anniversary of her birthday, May 14, 1905, he was appointed to a more important position than he had ever filled before, in the city of God. He left her in the care of their only child, a daughter, whose praise is in all the churches on account of her abundant labors, and also to the care, love, sympathy and respect of the Maryland Annual Conference, to which they had both given their all. Finally, on April 6, 1916, the call came from the homeland for her to join her husband, and she passed on into the mists of the morning, and on to the sunrise of eternal day to find more than earth ever has to give.

She was retiring in her nature, quiet in her disposition, never aggressive nor disposed to seek the prominent places in church work, but always willing to meet her obligations in the position she occupied as the wife of a minister of the gospel. Her life was a quiet stream flowing through the woods and fields of human experience, showing a good example, loving the church, serving God in truth, and living in harmony with His word.

It is a beautiful plan of a merciful Father that we can grow old and die. When the infirmities of age gather around us like the soft blue haze on the autumn landscape, when the woods and fields seem to be dreaming happy dreams and the brook under the hill is singing a low lullaby to nature as she quietly sinks to sleep, so we feel that the resting and the ripening time has come for us.

Our duties are all performed, our tasks are finished, and we are content. Someone else will look after the things we once thought no one could do but ourselves and we are pleased to believe they will.

The soul rest comes as the mingling of the moonlight with the lingering sunbeams in the western sky just after sunset. This life and the other life meet as the Christian passes out of earth's evening into the heavenly morning. No dark valley and no dark river but a blending of the beautiful lights when we go home to God.

J. M. HOLMES,
F. T. LITTLE,
EDGAR T. READ,
T. W. MATHER,
DANIEL BAKER,
J. H. ROBERTS.

Mrs. W. J. Floyd.

Mrs. E. A. Floyd, widow of the late Rev. W. J. Floyd, on the sixteenth day of January, 1917, ended her long pilgrimage and entered the Father's house. "Short and simple" are the annals of her life, as must be with those whose worth is evidenced not in events, but in the principles which control and the spirit which animates their uneventful days. The daughter of James McCleary, one of the founders and official board of the old William St. Methodist Episcopal Church, she was born August 4th, 1832, and attained her eighty-fifth year. Her marriage took place Aug. 10th, 1851. She and her husband were converted at the same time, at a revival in Starr Church under the ministry of Rev. John R. Nichols. Until about seventeen years ago, when her husband's career closed at Mariners in Annamessex, Mrs. Floyd, the faithful wife, the devoted mother, cheerfully endured the sacrifices and discharged the duties of the itinerant life. An indication of the type of piety which was hers, was her love of the class meeting; she cherished her recollections of it, and never ceased to mourn its passing from Methodism through all her declining years. One of our number, who was with her in her hour of bereavement, and who knew her best, says of her, "Her chief characteristics were Christian friendship, affection, cheerfulness, patience in suffering, and deep appreciation of even the smallest courtesy." Her interest in the church, and her love of its scenes of worship, knew no decline even in her failing years. In age and feebleness extreme she found her way to the sanctuary to the very last.

She was a member of Mt. Lebanon Church, and in the first interview with her pastor during her final illness, she expressed the fullest assurance of her acceptance with God, and her sense of inviolable security even in death. But soul and body, so long together, found it hard to part. She was loth to die. She loved her children and friends; the beautiful world with its stars and flowers, its summers and winters she had known so long, and all its human interests. Happy are they to whom Grace makes life still dear, even when age and grief and sickness have done all they can to destroy its charm. But at length, so hard and pro-

tracted was the struggle, she sighed for rest and whispered, "Cease fond nature, cease thy strife; let me languish into life," and soon there fell on her the "blessedness of them that die in the Lord." Her daughters, Mrs. Emma F. Clark and Mrs. Cornelia B. Roberts, ministered to her to the last, and laid all that was mortal of her to wait the spring time of the Resurrection, in Mt. Olivet.

D. L. GREENFIELD,
for Committee.

Mrs. J. W. Trout.

In the autumn of 1858, at Winterstown, York County, Pa., the subject of this obituary, Mrs. Sallie Trout, was born. A few years later her parents, Colonel Andrew J. and Elizabeth Fulton, removed to Stewartstown, Pa., where they reared their children. While Sallie was yet quite young her father while out hunting for rabbits met with a fatal accident. Her mother, a splendid Christian woman, devoted herself to her home and children and church. By precept and by example the children were brought up in the fear of the Lord. Sallie always seemed to me to have been "born good." As long as I have known myself I have known her and I never knew her, nor have I ever heard of her doing anything that was not right for her to do.

We started to school together, sometimes the teacher would let us sit together; we attended the same academy at the same time, and at the age of sixteen years began teaching in the public schools and for the first year boarded at the same house. No purer, sweeter girl was ever raised in our town. Some years later she became the wife of a Mr. Spangler, of York, Pa., with whom she lived until God called him out of this world. On June 11, 1906, at 1626 Harlem Avenue, Baltimore, the home of Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., it was my privilege, assisted by Dr. Tagg, to marry her to the Rev. J. W. Trout, D. D., of the Maryland Annual Conference, and pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Protestant Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

What she was to her husband and her church is best told by others. Dr. Tagg says of her:

"Almost always death comes as an untimely visitor, but when it is one so young, and so useful in life, it seems as if the fatal dart should have been delayed until her life-work was more nearly accomplished, and at a time when

" 'Death should come
To one of gentle mould, like she,
As light winds, wand'ring through groves of bloom,
Detach the delicate blossom from the tree.' "

"From the day of her marriage it became apparent that it was a union of hearts. For ten years they lived together in an unbroken affec-

tion. She was a tender-hearted, well-poised and companionable wife, and he a devoted, thoughtful and considerate husband, and so the home life became a stream of happiness, and their plighted troth a sacrament. She was a quiet—at times a—reserved Christian, but when occasion demanded she gave emphatic expression to her faith, a faith which was always apparent to her friends, in her conduct and character. She practiced the broad charity 'which suffereth long and is kind, and which vaunteth not itself and is not puffed up.' Generous and true, she was

" 'A soul, too, more than half divine,
Where, through some shades of earthly feeling,
Religion's softened glories shine
Like light through summer's foliage stealing.'

"In her home she was a model of refinement, hospitality and generous kindness. In the church she was an intelligent, devout and consistent worshipper. As a friend she was guileless, confiding and straightforward. As a wife and mother she did not only prove her affection and devotion, but she had the greatest joy in doing so. What she rendered was the ingenuous and unaffected service of love. The death of such a woman brings sorrow and bereavement that cannot easily be put into words; but the memory of such a life brings solace and gratitude like the softened notes of an angel's song.

" 'She died in beauty, like a star lost on the brow of day,
She lives in glory like the sun amid the blue of June.'

"To me it was a source of extreme gratification that I had the privilege to enjoy her friendship and confidence, and with her loved ones I mourn her departure. May God bless and comfort them in their sorrow."

Dr. John Bayley Jones, a member of St. Luke's Church, and of this obituary committee, contributes the following:

"It is an honor to be on such a committee. I knew Sister Trout for nearly eight years and always considered her an ideal minister's wife in every sense of the term. As a hostess in the parsonage Sister Trout filled the position charmingly. One always felt that the welcome was sincere—no stiff formality was required of the visitor—one was at ease in her home. As a minister's helpmate in church work, whether along spiritual or social lines, Sister Trout was a cheerful and faithful coworker. Every department of our church misses her, especially the Sabbath School, where she performed practical Christian duties, teaching a class of young ladies who always loved her for her Christian example. These young ladies are living testimonials of what a faithful Christian teacher can accomplish in a Sabbath School class. They miss her—they knew her worth.

"Then again, in nearly every social function that took place in the

church Sister Trout could be seen as one of the leaders, doing her share of the work cheerfully. Brother Anstine, we all miss her. She is now in heaven with her sainted mother."

Brother Geo. G. Geikler, says: "St. Luke's Church was acquainted with Mrs. Trout for a number of years, and we truly miss her. We feel as if we had known her all our lives. She was devoted to her home and family, and loved by every member of the church. Her death is a loss not only to the church, but to the community. One can say Mrs. Trout was a true friend to everyone. The funeral service at the church on Tuesday evening will be one never forgotten. The church was one mass of flowers. I am sure while Dr. Trout and daughter were heart-broken, yet it must have been a comfort to see how much Mrs. Trout was thought of. It is hard to think we have lost one so good and kind and true; but she has gone to her heavenly home. I am sure this is Dr. Trout's only comfort that he will meet her some sweet day where parting is no more."

Another member of the committee, Brother W. L. Heck, pays the following tribute:

"Quiet and unobtrusive in manner and speech, Mrs. Trout had won the warm friendship and regard of the members of our congregation. As a true minister's wife, her interest in her husband's work was evidenced by her loyal and faithful attendance at the services of the church, and her active participation in all the social gatherings. She was teacher of the senior class of young women in the Sabbath School, whose love and esteem she had won, and the lessons she taught were beautifully exemplified in her own sweet and refined life.

"Her final illness was of comparatively short duration, and her pain and sufferings were borne with true Christian fortitude. A great host of friends were present at the funeral service held in St. Luke's Church to pay their tribute of love and respect; the floral offerings were most beautiful.

"She has gone to be with the Master, whom she loved and served; the memory of a beautiful Christian life remains."

Sister Trout was translated January 6, 1917, at 12.35 P. M. The following Wednesday afternoon we laid her body to rest in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Stewartstown, the home of her childhood, one of the saddest duties I ever performed. Some day—thank God for that "some day"—we shall see her again. Until then may the Lord comfort and help the sad and lonely hearted husband and friends.

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF FAITH.

"I have kept the faith"—2 Timothy 4:7.

As night gathered Jerusalem within its shadows, Jesus and the disciples met in the upper room of the good man's house. This was to be their most memorable night together. After they had partaken of the Paschal Supper, and Judas, condemned by the Master's words, had gone forth into the darkness, Jesus drew the disciples into a closer relation to Himself than they had yet experienced. He instituted the New Supper, and with them broke the bread and sipped the cup of the fruit of the vine, to be henceforth a perpetual memorial of His mystical union with His followers. Then, before they sang the hymn and went forth to Gethsemane, He spoke to them quietly, tenderly, lovingly to comfort and instruct and inspire them for the days of the morrow. How the world was to know, and what it was to know of Him would be through these men after He had gone. He depended upon them to continue the work which He had begun; and for that purpose gave them a priceless treasure, that would be theirs to give to the world.

The first words of His discourse were a challenge—"Ye believe in God!" Not a question asked, but a challenge to the fact of their belief in God. Why of course they did! Were they not Jews? And as Jews was not this belief fundamental to their thought? They had nursed this faith at their mother's breast; their father's teachings had but confirmed it; and in the school and synagogue it had been rooted and grounded in them. They knew God in the grand old terms of the ancient days, those awe-inspiring names of past revelations. Had they not believed in God they would not have been chosen His disciples.

What, therefore, was His purpose in challenging their faith? It was to make the challenge prepare the way for the charge; for immediately He charges them, "Believe also in me." This was the priceless gift He gave—to have faith in Himself. Do not these words link Caesarea Philippi with the Upper Room? It was when Peter confessed Him as the Son of God that Jesus declared such faith would be the foundation upon which all work for the Kingdom would be built. "Believe in me, for thou hast declared I am the Son of God."

There was naught men count earthly treasure He had to give. He who preached sermons that all sermons since have been but echoes, had no written words to leave, for His only written word was a woman's

pardon traced in the sand that passing feet soon effaced. He who called the Temple His Father's House, had no home to call His own, as the birds their nests and the foxes their dens. He who fed the multitude by the lake did so with a lad's few loaves and fishes. When the day closed He partook of the evening meal at a friend's table, and slept in a borrowed bed. He who was King of Kings had not the coin in hand to pay the tribute to Caesar, but sent a disciple to find it in a fish's mouth. He had no lands, nor houses, nor gold, nor silver, even the garments He wore were gambled for by the Roman soldiers. But though He had no earthly treasure, yet beyond all price was the gift He had to give—faith in Himself.

The disciples received the gift, not knowing at that time its great value. But afterward, when the day of Pentecost was fully come, having spent the times before in patient waiting and prayer, and they were all with one accord in one place, and the Holy Ghost descending upon them mitred their brows, crowning them more than kings, flaming their hearts with a passion for souls, loosening their tongues from slow, halting speech to fiery eloquence, then they went forth to prove by word and deed, by sacrifice and suffering, by ministry and martyrdom true to their stewardship of faith in the glorified Lord.

The words of the text are the words of Paul, "an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God," who, though not with Jesus in the upper room, in the company of the first-called, yet later became of that company, yea, even greater than any of them. "Are the apostles ministers of Christ? I more," he claims. At the time Jesus was speaking to His disciples, the night He was betrayed, this man was Saul the Pharisee. The challenge of Jesus, "Ye believe in God," was true concerning Saul. It was this faith in God and zeal for religion that fired his heart to persecute the followers of the Nazarene; and though separated widely, persecutor and persecuted were one in their belief in God. But there must come a change. This violent antagonist of those who walked in the Way, this Saul of Tarsus, must hear the challenge to his faith and the charge to the new faith in Christ, and become Paul, the greatest preacher of faith in Christ the world has known. Jesus is first—but Paul is the first in Him.

And the change came. Armed with authority to persecute Saul set forth toward Damascus. Oh! Saul, thou knowest not what the morrow will bring forth! Thou believest thou art right, but there is One wiser than thou! As he neared the city suddenly there came the shining light that blinded him and the Voice that halted him, and he heard that which henceforth changed his whole life. From the vision in the open road, through his Gethsemane of prayer in the darkness, guided by the prophet sent of God, Paul came forth with the light of glory shining on his face, and the unquenchable fire burning in his heart, and words rushing from his lips, literally with the zeal of the Lord consuming him, to be forever after the herald of the glorified Christ. What a change! No wonder the churches of Judea marveled, for the record is, "I came into the re-

gion of Syria and Cilicia, and was still unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ: they only heard say, He that once persecuted us, now preacheth the faith of which he once made havoc."

Paul never doubted he had seen the risen and glorified Lord. All in which he prided as a Pharisee was now counted but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord. And because he believed himself the steward of faith in Christ, having received from Christ Himself, though counting himself chief among sinners, he claimed equal standing and authority among the apostles, for thus he writes to the Corinthians: "Am I not free? am I not an apostle? have I not seen Jesus our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. My defence to them that examine me is this." And after years of ministry he writes to Timothy, "I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service; though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious; howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

More than thirty years from the scene on the Damascus road, and we now find Paul in Rome. The stretch between Damascus and Rome in Paul's life, the alpha and omega of his ministry, is not measured in length of miles nor span of years. It is in the multitude of experiences he had, the work he accomplished, the influence he exerted, the men and women who followed him as he followed Christ, whom he thankfully calls the seals of his apostleship. An old man before his day for age, sitting in his own hired house, though a prisoner of Caesar still a preacher of Christ. Behind him are his varied labors in many lands. Countless conversations and sermons, and immortal epistles to the churches and disciples. Journeys long and dangerous by land and sea, beset by robbers and thrice shipwrecked, a day and a night in the deep. Persecutions and sufferings above measure, five times receiving the stripes and in prison more frequent, beaten with rods and stoned. All these had pressed into his body their marks, verily marks for the Lord Jesus. He took these sufferings gladly, rejoicing that thereby he could glorify Jesus, weaving his crown of thorns into a diadem for his Lord, for with joy he writes, "I would have you understand that the things that happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in Caesar's palace, and in other places." All these things were behind him, and thus he triumphed over them, realizing fully now the words he had written to the Romans, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward."

Before him is the gleam that visions the hosts triumphant on the hills of God, and he is assured of that which he long ago deposited with God, and the reward that remaineth, and the love that will never die. "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities

ties, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." His body is in Rome, his finger traces the stylus over the parchment, as to his beloved son in the gospel, Timothy, he pours forth his heart in words of tender admonition and wise counsel; but his spirit is retracing the steps of the past and then soaring onward to the deathless days beyond, and he writes, "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 me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing." And of these words, this rings out so clear and triumphant, "I have kept the faith."

I—The Faith Paul Experienced. This faith that Paul possessed was a deep personal experience. A faith that practiced the presence of God in his life. He was a preacher of the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus; but he was first of all an experiencer of the riches in Christ. He lived and moved in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus was he powerful in his preaching. The world could not take this experience from him. Hardships, desertions, trials, thorns in the flesh, the weakness of men, all these and more assailed him but only to strengthen his faith. The things that made other men weak were to the perfecting of his strength, for he found God's grace sufficient in all things. He was hid with Christ in God. He lived the prayer he prayed for others:— He was strengthened with might by the Holy Spirit in the inner man; Christ dwelt in his heart by faith; being rooted and grounded in love it made him comprehend with all saints the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; he knew the love of Christ that passeth knowledge; and thus was he filled with all the fullness of God. If ever there was a man completely lost in an entire surrender to Jesus Christ, that man was Paul. His power for his outer life was gained in the times his soul was in travail before God, in the intensity of prayer or the quiet waiting for the appointed time of the Lord. Had he not lived so much alone with God he would not have wrought so mightily with men. And this faith as a personal experience in Jesus Christ he kept to the end.

Is our faith a mighty personal experience? We must have an inner life with God. The busy hour can only be safely and successfully met after we have been in the quiet hour. Back of our preaching must be the personal realization of the facts we preach. We must first feel, before others can. And the preaching of the need of a personal experience in the lives of the people to whom we minister, must also be in our message. It is sad to see the little value that is placed upon this personal faith by many today. Youth, looking with contempt on such faith; older men, quenching the deep strivings of the Spirit within the heart; and still older folk coming near the end of their days without true thoughts of God. They lose far more than they dream, who know not the secret of practicing the presence of God, as the old schoolmen called communion with God.

Sainted George Herbert, in his quiet little parsonage in Bemerton, was a patient heart waiting on the Lord. His garden was one of his sanctuaries; and there he met with God, for God and George Herbert walked together in the garden in the cool of the day. It was during such times of communion that many of his devotional poems were inspired. He knew the secret of the old promise, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint."

In Paul's experience faith in the power of prayer held a large place. From the day when a vision-blinded man in Damascus, to whom the Lord sent Ananias, saying, "Enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth," through all his days to the very end Paul was a man of unceasing prayer. Faith in the power of prayer completely possessed him. He was a man of prayer at all times and upon all occasions, literally he journeyed toward the heavenly city on his knees.

In his epistles there is no theory of prayer; but the fact, as strong to him as life itself, is present—that the Holy Spirit teaches us to cry, "Abba Father." He knew this as the operation of the Holy Spirit of God within the heart answering to the Holy Spirit of God without. To live the Christian life was to live the life of prayer, unhindered, constant communion between the child and the Father, the sinner and the Saviour. He desired mutual prayer, craving the prayers of his fellow-workers, that they might together be comforted in the gospel and strong in the faith. He poured out his soul in great love for the churches, and specially for some converts, like Timothy, who were bound to him by ties of peculiar fellowship in Christ.

In our day we must ever keep this same strong faith in the power of prayer. Is prayer the most vital act of our Christian life? Are we so in the practice of prayer that we daily wait before God in the hallowed atmosphere of the Secret Presence? Back of the sermon is the preacher, and back of the preacher is God; but the sermon will be sounding brass unless God and the preacher meet together in holy prayer. Back of the hand that ministers is the Hand of Christ; but only as the human hand has been warmed as it rested in the pierced Hand, will there be power to warm the dead into life. We must speak to Him, for He hears; yea, He is nearer than hands and feet.

Jesus did not teach His disciples how to preach; but He did teach them how to pray, both by word and example. It was seeing Him in prayer that caused them to ask Him to teach them how to pray. If the Son of God found His times of prayer, how much more do we need to feel the burning of heart that comes only in the school of prayer. Not far from where I live is a home known as the Warfield House, that in days past was one of the stopping places of Bishop Francis Asbury, that tireless traveller of the long road. The room where the good man slept had a little closet room adjoining; and in that little room the Bishop used to spend hours in prayer. To this day they call it the Bishop's prayer closet. Out of the years that have passed his memory remains in that lo-

cality, not as the preacher who stood in the pulpit, but as the man who prayed much alone. I shall never forget hearing John G. Paton, the ambassador of Christ to the court of the cannibals, say, when an aged white haired man he looked like a patriarch of old, that it was hearing his father praying in the little croft-room in the old Scotch home, and knowing that he was praying for him that helped more than anything else to make him a minister.

I believe prayer is the greatest power within the grasp of man. We cannot practice it too much, not preach its necessity too frequently. If men can talk across the spaces on ether waves and recognize each others voices, more truly can we talk on the waves of the Spirit and hear the Voice of God. If men can blow mountains to pieces by scientific means, surely we can, by prayer, have the faith to either remove or surmount our mountains. The spiritual world is transcendent over the natural world. Faith is mightier than force. I hold that we must have such faith in the power of prayer, asked in true surrender to God's will, to believe that God will make some things happen that would not have happened had we not prayed. Oh! let us keep a mighty faith in prayer, in the Name of Jesus who taught us to pray, for of this shall we be called some day to give an account of our stewardship.

What a tower of strength is the faith we gain in the Secret Presence, faith that endures life's testings and is the stronger thereby. A faith that walks through the valley of the shadow of death, and yet knows that the way leads out to the light; that sits in the hour of a surging sorrow, and feels the sustaining power of God's grace; that meets the onset of temptations with the spiritual equipment of a soldier of the Lord; that stands by the open grave and hears the words, "earth to earth," yet looks up to the light on the clouds of God—faith that has been through such experiences is the faith that holds. How little we keep, after all, as life lengthens. One by one things fall behind. The days and ways of childhood become only tender memories. The possessions of youth are lost in the larger things of maturity, only in turn to be set aside for the few things of age. Family and friends slip away. Children, who but yesterday were little folks, tomorrow leave for a new home of their own. Ambitions grow less keen and desires fail. But if we have known the experiences of the inner life with God, our faith will burn brighter and brighter unto the perfect light. There is an old legend of the cloister, that the cross worn on the breast during life will grow luminous as the hour of death approaches. It is only a legend and not true; but this is true, that faith in the heart which keeps us in a great experience of the things of Christ, will be brightest at the end, and give us the voice to shout, "I have kept the faith."

II—The Faith Paul Preached. By the faith Paul declares he had kept he also meant that body of truth which he believed he had received of Jesus, "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." He writes, "I delivered unto you first of all that which I also

received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures, * * * and that he was seen of me also, as one born out of due time." This was the gift he had received of which he was now ready to give an account of his stewardship. Paul faithfully preached the things he received, and the things he experienced. As a bell rings true, so his preaching sounded true-toned, for it was from the Master's touch. Paul knew the power of God unto his own salvation. Rejoicing in the peace that cometh after the storm of sin has been made calm by the word of Jesus, therefore he preached salvation to others out of a full heart. He knew the power of the Holy Spirit in his life, hence he warned against quenching the Spirit of God. He lived in the certainty of immortality through Christ, and his preaching was of the power of the resurrection. Thus back of his spoken words was his life hid with Christ in God.

There were ever two outstanding words he preached concerning Jesus—His crucifixion, the power of His death, and His resurrection, the hope of glory. The vision that had given him his precious faith was of the glorified and exalted Christ. He never wavered from this, for his declaration to Agrippa was, "O, king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Nevertheless he knew that Christ had reached His exaltation by the way of the cross. The cross came first. It was along the Via Dolorosa to the top of the hill, outside the city wall, where the tree bore Him to His death for the world's redemption, that Jesus had passed; and from that hill the Son of God had descended to the grave, not to be holden but to rise again in the eternal glory of the Easter morn, and leave behind Him the open tomb. Paul's faith was founded on the crucified and resurrected Christ.

These were not theories to him. They were facts which he believed with all his power and which he preached with might. Faith in the death of Christ was the only door he opened to all who would gain salvation; and the resurrection of Christ was the only assurance he gave that we shall live again. Wherever he went, whatever opposition he met, Jewish ritualism, or Greek culture, or Roman power, or Barbarian superstition he uplifted the cross and declared Christ the only hope of glory.

Paul stood before the world as a preacher trusting only in the power of God in his life. "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit, and of power. I determined not to know anything among you but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." Preaching was his consuming passion. He allowed himself to be impelled by the Holy Spirit, going whither he felt himself driven. As a ship with sails set to catch the winds, so he let the winds of God speed him ever onward. Thus he ceaselessly journeyed—one journey finished, another already planned. The world was his field, his parish wider than the Roman Empire, his dreams for Christian conquest outstripping Caesar's for temporal power. He heard voices calling of souls in sin; and he saw visions, not only of the man of Macedonia, but

men of every land. He purposed to go to Rome that he might have some fruit in the gospel; but he also planned to go everywhere. He felt debtor to all, and the debt he would pay was to preach Christ.

And he never ceased preaching—in synagogues and churches, in homes and by the river-side, on the streets and on shipboard, on Mar's Hill and in prisons—everywhere and all the time. He preached by his voice, by his sufferings, by his marks of persecutions, even the clanging of his chains sounded the praise of Jesus. He labored to support himself that he might preach and not be a burden to the churches. Nothing daunted him; nothing stopped him—not even the prospect of death. See how he replies to the prophecy of Agabus and the endeavors of his friends to keep him from going to Jerusalem, "What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." For Paul to say, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel," means "Woe is unto me if I ever cease preaching the gospel."

In the old Anglo-Saxon poem of Christ by Cynewulf, priest of Dunwich, who lived the latter part of the eighth century, is one of the most thrilling descriptions in all English poetry. It portrays a great blood-red cross, standing on the Hill of Zion, its top touching the skies. About it hover the hosts of heaven, at its foot are the multitudes of earth. The sun has set and the cross shines in place of the sun. Shadows are scattered, and its ruddy glow falls upon all things, revealing them in their true light. From top to foot it is red with the blood of Christ. Standing nearby is Christ, pointing to the cross; and as the good gaze upon it their faces are transfigured and great joy enters their hearts; but as the evil behold it they turn away their faces from its light and despair is written on their brows. By the cross are the good redeemed and the bad condemned. Paul lifted high the blood-red cross of Christ. He showed that the way of the cross, through the open tomb is the only way that leads Home. Oh! Paul, for a short time prisoner of earth, but forever freeman of heaven, not in boasting and vainglory, but in true spirit of thanksgiving, with what joy unutterable dost thou cry out, "I have kept the faith in the cross and the sundered tomb."

III—The Faith We Keep. We are in the Apostolic succession of faith. This faith which Paul told Timothy was the trust committed unto him and which he was to hold fast, this faith "once for all delivered to the saints" and kept by the holy men and women of the past, has descended to us. It is a sacred gift we have received—we are honored beyond measure. Who can tell the value thereof—for with faith the door to heaven is unlocked. We are stewards of the faith, and must give an account of our trust. We have received the faith, not for careful wrapping in a napkin and hoarding out of sight; but to be employed by word declared and deed performed, that the world may receive faith through us. We, preachers and laymen, men and women, all who hold to the Name of Christ are keepers of the faith. Not elaborate creeds, man-made; but the simple faith in Jesus, the Savior of the world, and

Jesus, the resurrection and the life. Faith in prayer, that it is the child-like act of talking to a loving Father; and the faith of an experience of God in our heart. So let us keep this faith. Paul may or may not have known when he wrote this message to Timothy that his early days were soon to end. He had been in prison before and been delivered. But this one thing he did know, that up to the time of writing he had kept the faith. May the years of our service be lengthened far into the future, and many golden harvests be the measure of our labors; but of this one thing let us be constantly assured, that we can say, "I am keeping the faith."

The preaching of such a faith as this in Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Savior by the Cross, has ever been and is now the need of the world. It may not be what much of the world wants to hear—but it is what the world must hear to be saved. It is this faith that has been committed unto us. Where else is Jesus as the Savior by the cross, and Jesus as the hope of glory by the angel-opened tomb preached to the world but from the pulpit. The sacrifice by the cross is not the theme of the lecturer; it is far from the subjects of open forum discussions; it is not the inspiration of newspaper editorials; it is not taught by that class of books most read to-day, the latest fiction—it is declared only by the pulpit. Many and varied are the attacks upon the cross—the endless endeavors to supplant it; the social gospel that has no tint of red to show the footprints of the pierced feet of Him who trod the lonely way; and the explanations that try to make the future all heaven or no heaven. By the grace of God we are preachers of the cross of Christ—that is our message. We are stewards of the faith in Jesus as the Savior and the Mediator between God and man. Of this stewardship must we give an account. The hungry, tired, selfish, sinful world needs faith in Jesus, the Son of God; for He gives forgiveness that pardons, love that takes away the sting of self, rest that refreshes and food that nourishes; and the preaching of this faith in Christ, which is our joyous work, though counted by some foolishness, is reckoned by God as a power unto salvation. With Paul let us stand: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Oh! brother preacher, you and I, hand in hand, and heart to heart, are holding the treasure of faith in the blessed Redeemer. I hail you at the foot of His cross. As we stand before the people on the Lord's day, in that time of holy hush when they wait to hear us speak, God grant that we declare naught but what He speaks through us; and as the message comes, born of a great faith, may there be no other Name we know but the Name of Jesus, whereby men are saved. May we show no other way but the way of the cross. May we give no other hope but that which comes from the light that shone in the angel's face who said, "He is not here, He is risen."

These words of Paul have been the triumphant cry through all the ages. With the servants of the King the fact of the future reward has not been the cause of greatest joy; but the fact that faith, the priceless treasure from God, has been kept, and that they were enabled, by His

power, to prove true to their trust. One by one the men and women who knew Jesus in the flesh, returned a faithful stewardship, and heard their Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." For the keeping of this faith which the world could not take from them, though it could take them from the world, the martyrs met the beasts in the arena, saints suffered and died in prisons, and holy people endured all manner of trials by fire and sword, of whom the world was not worthy. The tortures of the Inquisition but rooted faith deeper in the hearts of the persecuted; while the leaders of the Reformation gave a new courage to the people in the keeping of the faith. Wesley and his hosts knew faith with a burning heart. From the earliest missionaries of the cross, who first pushed the far-flung battle line into heathen forests, to the heralds of our own day, their chief rejoicing has been that they kept the faith.

I heard Dr. William Kelley, the editor of the "Methodist Review," in a lecture on Matthew Arnold, tell this story. Not long before his death Matthew Arnold attended Sunday worship in Sefton Park Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, where Dr. John Watson—Ian Maclaren, dear to our hearts as the author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush"—was pastor. The service was unusually impressive, and the sermon was on the sacrifice of Christ. Returning to the home where he was staying, as he passed up the stairs he was humming the tune of the last hymn that had been sung; and he was heard to say, as he entered his room, "Well, after all, it is the cross." That was a great word from Matthew Arnold, the man who had counted so much on culture.

Yes, that is so. At the last there is but this supreme fact in which to trust; for towering over all the wrecks of time and doctrines and creeds, is the cross sublime. The cross is the final test—the cross in which you and I are keeping faith.

You and I are of a line of loyal men, who in days past, in this our Conference, through trial and suffering and sacrifice prayed and preached and wrought and kept the faith. They laid the foundation in faith; and we are building on that foundation. They wrestled with God in prayer by many a spiritual brookside. Wherever they had the opportunity to preach they uplifted the cross. We hear their names read once each year. Is it a meaningless list of names—or is it our own eleventh of Hebrews, our own heroes of the faith? Are we mindful what we owe to their prayers and their faith? Oh! God keep us true to the faith of our fathers, the faith in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world! Oh! God keep me true to the faith of my father, who said, but a short time ere he swept through the gates into eternal life, "Jesus Christ is a fact, the greatest fact in all the universe!"

"Faith of our fathers, living still,
 In spite of dungeons, fire, and sword,
 O, how our hearts beat high with joy
 Whene're we hear that glorious word!
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to thee till death."

DEACONESS WORK

History.

Delivered on the Occasion of the Consecration of the First Deaconess of
the Methodist Protestant Church.

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The Deaconess Board of the Maryland Conference was organized in 1909, by the organization of a Board elected and organized as directed in the Discipline of the Church. There have been four young women in the work. But after a short service three retired. Only one has continued in the work, so as to reach the period of formal consecration. The Board decided that a favorable period for the consecration service would be during the session of the Conference, and the service was held in Starr Church, April 12, 1917, in which Rev. J. S. Bowers, President of the Conference, Rev. F. T. Tagg, President of the Board, Rev. J. W. Kirk, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Rev. L. B. Smith, and Rev. J. F. Bryan, members of the Board, took part. A. W. Totten, Jas. H. Roberts, E. J. Paige, Mrs. A. E. Shockly, Mrs. T. W. Donoho, Mrs. W. C. Shriver, Mrs. Fred Donoho and Mrs. E. B. Fenby, members of the Board, were present. The sermon was delivered by Rev. F. T. Tagg.

"I commend to you Phoebe, our sister, which is a servant of the Church"
—Romans 16:1.

The word "servant" is rendered "deaconess" in the margin of the Revised Version. The Greek original has "*diakanos*", but there is a wide difference of opinion regarding the translation of the word. Many affirm that "*diakanos*" was not used by St. Paul in a technical sense. But from very early times translations were more or less affected by an undue emphasis of Sacerdotalism which was jealous of its honors, and its functions, and promptly resisted any intrusions upon its prerogatives. The opinions of those who insist that Phoebe was a servant, and not a diakanos, must, therefore, be taken with much allowance. It is not unfair to assume that Phoebe, Drucilla, Tryphona, Tryphosa and others were, in some definite sense, female ministers of the Christian Society in the early church.

They cooperated with the deacons, were ushers in their assemblies, assisted at the baptism of women, instructed those who were candidates

for baptism, arranged the "agapa" or love feasts, and ministered to the sick, the poor and the unfortunate. Certainly they were set apart for special services, and were heartily commended to the church and recognized as loyal and efficient helpers in it.

Though the origin and early history of the office is veiled in much obscurity, it is certain that from the third century onward, there existed in the Eastern church an order of women known as deaconesses, who filled positions analagous to those of deacons.

They were quite distinct, however, from the somewhat similar order of "virgins" and "widows", who apparently belonged to a lower plane order in the ecclesiastical order.

The deaconess order is recognized in the Council of Nice (325); in the Council of Chalcedon (451), and frequently mentioned in the writings of Chrysostum, some of whose letters were addressed to a deaconess at Constantinople. They are mentioned by Epiphanius, Basil, and indeed by most of the important fathers of the fourth and fifth centuries. The deaconesses were ordained in much the same way as the deacons, but the ordination conveyed no sacerdotal power or authority.

Several specimens of the order of service have been preserved, in the writings of the fathers, and in the Apostolic Constitutions. Our own service, as outlined in the Discipline, has these forms for its basis.

In the Western Church there is no account of a deaconess order, until after the fourth century, when an attempt was made to introduce it into Gaul. But there was so much opposition on the part of the clergy that it was finally condemned by the Council of Orange (441) and again by the Council at Epaone in 517.

In spite of this, however, the institution made some headway, and later on, traces of it were found in Italy. In the middle ages the order fell into abeyance, in both sections of the church, the "abbess" taking the place of the deaconess. As nunneries were established, the deaconesses were supplanted and not much more is heard of them in the church, until pastor Fleidner, in 1833, founded an order of deaconesses for the Rhenish provinces of Westphalia. His first intention was to train women for nurses and hospital work, but the scope was subsequently widened and they were trained for teaching and parish work as well. Thus Kaiserworth became the parent of many similar institutions, which were organized as far as the Lutheran Church extended its work in all parts of the world.

In 1847, Miss Sellon formed a Sisterhood at Davenport, in connection with the church of England. Her example was followed in other parts, so that by 1890 to 1900, women were living together in Sisterhoods. These are voluntary associations, and in no sense ecclesiastical sisterhoods, further than that they are banded together for Spiritual Fellowship and common service.

In 1861, Bishop Tait set apart Miss Elizabeth Ferrard as a deaconess, by the laying on of hands, and afterward she became the first President

of the London Deaconess Institution. The other deaconesses were permitted to adopt the innovation, and finally received the endorsement of the Lambeth Council, in 1897, which "recognized with thankfulness the revival of the office of deaconess."

Since then other denominations have established orders of deaconesses, so that they are now found in Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and locally in many other Protestant communions.

The advantages resulting to the Christian denominations in the establishment of the deaconess order are not only obvious, but numerous.

The widespread institutions of women in the present day, in Germany, England and America, under such titles as Ladies District Societies, Dorcas Societies, Ladies' Guilds, Ladies' Aid, Women's Temperance Societies, and Women's Christian Associations, as well as deaconesses orders, shows not only that women are an invaluable asset in the church, but, that much has been lost, when the church failed to maintain such organizations and utilize woman's work, and it also proves the need of reestablishing generally this primitive office.

Dr. Adam Clark in his commentary, says, "It is evident that the deaconesses were ordained to this office by the imposition of hands of the bishop, and the form of prayer used on the occasion, is extant in the Apostolic Constitutions." These friendly salutations of the apostle were based upon the loyal activities and the devout spirit of the Godly men and women whom he names. Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchrea; Priscilla and Aquilla, who at some time had hazarded their lives to shield or save the life of the Apostle; Mary, of whom we know only that she bestowed much labor on the Apostles and their work; Andronica and Junia, who were converted before Paul was, and who at some time seemed to have shared Paul's prison life; and Triphona, Triphosa and the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord.

We cannot go far astray in assuming that Christian women, as well as Christian men, labored faithfully in the ministry of the Word. In those times of simplicity, all persons, whether men or women, who had received the knowledge of the truth, believed it to be their duty to propagate the Gospel to the utmost of their power and opportunity. Many have spent much useless labor to prove that these women did not preach. But if living the Gospel is an effective way to preach it,—if ministering to the sick, the poor and the helpless, is preaching the gospel, then these women were preachers of a high order. Wearing a cassock and a white tie, and reading a pious essay is not necessarily preaching.

That there were prophetesses as well as prophets in the Christian church, we learn from the Word; that a woman might pray or prophesy, provided her head was covered we know; Paul declared in his first letter to the Corinthians, that "Whoever prophesied, spoke unto others to edification, exhortation and comfort." No preacher can do more, because to edify, exhort and comfort are the primary ends of the Christian ministry. If women did this, then women preached.

These salutations of the Apostle were not only personal, they were representative. "All the churches of Christ salute you," he said. They had the cordial approval of the whole body of Christians, as they were then known.

Women have always taken an active part in the work of Christ's Kingdom. They have not always been called deaconesses or preachers, but many of them did what few preachers have the privilege to do. If there should be printed an adequate biography of what Godly women have done, it would fill many volumes and constitute a very large part of the church's history.

As far back as the days when England was still in the Pagan gloom of Druidism, when Aiden was Bishop of Northumbria, Hilda and Hareswith, daughters of noble ancestors more than duplicated their Bishop's work. Out of the cloister of Hartelpool, these holy women fostered education, established homes for the afflicted, visited the sick, provided for the poor, redeemed slaves and sent them forth as missionaries and evangelists, and thereby successfully established the Gospel in the North of England and along the shorelines of the North Sea. There Caedmon sang the creation story from an original poetic translation of the Scriptures and broke forth into music, the vibrations of which found responsive echoes in the hearts of the Shepherds along the far extended highlands of the Cheviott Hills, and the fruitful lowlands that lie between.

A few centuries later, Hildegard, in one of the loveliest spots in Germany, where the Naha joins the Rhine, began a vigorous work, of which the historian says, "She became the comforter of all the afflicted; the counsellor of the oppressed; the peacemaker between feudists; the chastiser of the sins of individuals and of the classes, and in spite of a frail form and feeble health, took many journeys, preached often before all classes, and lived in the love of princes and paupers."

And what shall I say of Isabella Graham, who through multiplied misfortunes came from Scotland, only to endure greater trials and hardships, began her girl's school, in New York, and conducted it so well that it won the approval and patronage of Gen. Washington and many eminent men of her day. The effects of her school were felt in all parts of this country. She suggested and supported the first theological school in America, and in which some of the leading ministers of that day (1789) received their training. She raised up the first missionary that went from America into foreign lands. She organized the first missionary society in this country to work among the Indians. In 1798 she formed a society for the Relief of Poor Widows and Children. As President of the Magdalen Society; as teacher in the Lancasterian School; as a director of the New York Hospital; to sick females in the state prison; as member of a society for the promotion of industry among the poor; as a Bible distributor, before the Bible society was formed; as manager of an orphan asylum, and much more that I cannot take the time to mention, was all accredited to her active and fruitful career. Did not *she* preach

the Gospel? What minister has ever done more? How few do as much?

It would be easy to multiply names of women who adorned the faith in sacrifice and martyrdom. Perpighia and Felicitas, one of noble birth, the other a slave, and both martyrs, for whom the church at Carthage reared a monument, and the church established the Festival of Geta. Anne Askew, whom the infamous Bishop Bonner sent to the stake and the fagot; Monica, who trained her son, Aurelius Augustine, to become the father of Christian Theology; Renatta of Ferrera, who sheltered the persecuted Protestants, who were being hunted like wild beasts for slaughter; Elizabeth Fry, in her unselfish work for the forgotten classes; Susan Wesley, who cultured her great son in the truths of religion and enabled him to become the leading evangelist of modern times; Francis E. Willard, who led American womanhood to banish the saloon from our social system; Mary Lathrop, Clara Barton, Jane Addams, and hosts, many of whom the world is not worthy, and whose names illustrate and emphasize the transcendent and immeasurable support that woman has given to the work of Christianity.

What would become of our churches now, without the tireless work of our faithful women? We have them in our churches, and are grateful for their zeal and faith, but many of them are not utilized to the full of their commanding influence and capabilities.

The Methodist Protestant Church has made a beginning in the decision to organize and utilize the deaconess work in our denominational life. We have not been as successful as we had hoped to be. For reasons we need not name, several deaconesses, from whom we had expected much, have found it necessary to abandon the work. But we are now to consecrate *one* who has more than proven her worth, and who has shown by her zeal and efficiency, the value that a woman can be in the work of Christ's Kingdom. She has been wise and discreet in her activities; she has made herself a blessing in every home that received her ministry; she has been alert and resourceful in creating opportunities, and in making the best use of them; she has always been prompt, and cheerfully ready to respond to every call that has been made upon her time and services, and in all cases has conducted herself as a consecrated and consistent Christian. With all the sincerity of the Apostle we can say, We commend to you our Phoëba, Lillian N. DeMoss, our sister, which is a Christ-approved servant of the church, whose industry, intelligence, and fidelity to the work deserves the commendation of the Conference, and of all the churches. In consecrating her to this work we will worthily serve our Master, and the Church, and abundantly honor ourselves as fellow workers. How well, and how profitably we could use a score or more of such women! Of course, the deaconesses must be trained for their work, but so must the ministers. They must learn how to do it. But brethren, we must yet learn how to use the deaconesses so that their work will result in a maximum of fruitfulness. They are not to do *our* work, or we to do *theirs*. We should consider ourselves "As *working to-*

gether for the Lord." The ministers and the deaconesses should be two segments of our circle, or two partners of one firm, to accomplish what neither can do well without the other.

Doctor Gordon, of Boston, had an alley near his church that was vile in its awful wickedness. His heart was pained that he could not get a foot-hold to improve it. Every approach was met with such hostility and violence as to make the effort wholly abortive. He finally sent one of his devoted Christian women there, and in the course of time the value of her work began to appear. Conditions changed and improved until it became morally clean and religiously reverent. One day, a boy from that alley was asked by a colporteur "Do you know Jesus Christ?" "Oh yes," he said, "I know him. He lives in our alley now."

I will venture to affirm that there are homes of worldliness into which our deaconesses have gone, homes in which the children will say, "We know Jesus. He lives in our homes now." In their modest ministry they have comforted the sick, fed the poor, gathered children into our Sabbath Schools, and men and women into the church.

A score of deaconesses like Lillian DeMoss would be an asset to our Conference, equal to a well-organized seminary. There is not a church in the Conference that would not sensibly feel the inspiration and uplift of her ministry, provided the minister will learn how to use her to the best advantage. It is no child's play. She is called of God for a great work, and sometimes it is of a nature so delicate as that the minister can hardly undertake it.

When she goes into the sick room, it is not as a hireling, under a special contract, and under exacting rules. She goes to minister in the name of her Lord, and counts not the sacrifices nor the hours, until her work is fully accomplished. When she enters a home, it is not to make a call, and gather statistics. It is to minister to any need that may appear—and to do it lovingly—in the name of her Lord. Many incidents that are tender, pathetic and beautiful are recorded, proving that she may become an angel of light and life to the afflicted, the sin-burdened and the heart-broken.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	Charge	President.		Conference		Ministerial Ed'n		Theological Seminary.		Western Mary-land College.		Supcrannuates.		Church Exten		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Church Home		Deaconess Home	
		Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
1	Accomac, Va.....	25	25	6	6	6	6	18	18	21	21	40	40	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17	8	8
2	Alexandria, Va.....	12	12	4	4	2	2	6	6	9	9	15	15	22	22	9	9	10	10	8	8	4	4
3	Amelia, Va.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	9	9	15	15	21	21	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
	Baltimore:																						
4	Alnutt Mem'l....	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	22	22	99	99	135	135	55	55	63	63	38	38	22	22
5	Bethany.....	10	10	4	4	2	1	6	4	9	6	16	10	22	12	9	9	10	10	7	3	3	1
6	Broadway	25	25	6	6	6	6	18	18	13	37	40	40	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17	8	8
7	Brooklyn.....	20	20	4	4	4	4	12	12	11	11	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
8	Calvary.....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	20	20	16	16	21	21	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
9	Chesaco Park ...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
10	Christ Church ..	23	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	43	43	44	44	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	18
11	East Baltimore ..	28	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	7	...	44	44	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	6
12	Eutaw.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	10	10	11	11	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6
13	Evergreen.....	12	12	4	4	2	2	6	6	7	7	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	8	8	4	4
14	Hampden	42	42	8	8	8	8	24	24	26	26	60	60	80	80	30	30	40	40	28	28	14	14
15	Keen Memorial	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	16	16	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
16	Lauraville	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	10	10	17	17	24	24	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
17	Lowe Memorial.	23	23	5	5	6	6	15	15	16	16	34	34	39	39	20	20	22	22	15	15	8	8
18	North Baltimore	40	40	7	7	8	8	27	27	8	8	52	52	72	72	29	29	37	37	27	27	14	14
19	Payson Street ..	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	10	10	17	17	24	24	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
20	South Baltimore	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
21	Starr	65	66	10	10	13	13	42	42	11	11	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22
22	St Johns.....	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	21	59	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22
23	St. Pauls.....	8	8	3	3	2	2	4	4	13	13	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3
24	Violetville.....	8	8	3	3	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3
25	Waverly.....	10	10	4	...	2	...	6	...	10	...	16	16	22	14	9	...	10	...	7	...	3	...
26	West Baltimore..	60	60	10	10	15	15	40	40	18	18	90	90	125	125	52	52	60	60	40	40	20	20
27	Wilton Heights..	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	12	12	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
28	Baltimore Circuit.	20	20	4	4	5	5	10	10	12	12	25	25	36	36	15	15	20	20	12	12	6	6
29	Bedford, Pa.....	28	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	27	27	44	44	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	9
30	Belair.....	25	25	6	6	5	5	16	16	17	17	39	39	51	51	21	21	24	24	7	7	8	8
31	Bivalve.....	20	20	4	4	4	4	12	12	11	11	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
32	Buckeystown..	60	60	10	10	13	13	38	38	14	15	90	90	124	124	52	52	58	58	40	40	20	20
33	Cambridge	32	32	8	8	7	7	21	21	17	17	49	49	68	68	28	28	29	29	21	21	11	11
34	Campbell, Va.....	10	...	4	...	2	...	6	...	2	...	16	...	21	...	9	...	10	...	7	...	3	...
35	Cannon, Del.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	5	5	8	8	12	12	17	17	7	7	9	9	5	5	3	3
36	Caroline.....	23	...	5	...	6	...	15	...	12	...	34	...	49	...	20	...	22	...	15	...	8	...
37	Cecil	21	21	5	5	4	4	15	15	16	16	33	33	45	45	18	18	21	21	14	14	7	7
38	Centreville.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	10	10	4	4	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6
39	Chesapeake.....	18	18	4	4	4	3	10	7	6	4	25	25	35	25	15	13	17	16	12	12	6	5
40	Chestertown	60	60	10	10	13	13	38	38	10	10	90	90	124	124	52	52	58	58	40	40	20	20
41	Chincoteague, Va.	15	15	3	1	2	1	10	10	6	2	24	10	31	51	10	14	2	10	2	5	2	2
42	Clayton, Del.....	25	25	6	3	5	5	16	10	15	10	39	17	52	37	21	15	24	17	17	10	8	5
43	Concord, Pa.....	22	22	5	2	4	2	14	5	12	3	34	18	45	20	18	8	20	7	15	5	7	...
44	Conquest, Va	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	9	9	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
45	Crisfield: Crisfield	45	45	10	10	12	12	32	32	37	37	70	70	95	95	42	42	46	46	29	29	17	17
46	Lawsonia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	Mariners	20	20	4	4	3	3	9	9	13	7	22	15	36	36	14	14	16	16	13	9	7	4
48	Crumpton	12	12	4	1	3	1	8	5	5	2	19	10	28	18	11	5	12	5	8	2	4	...
49	Cumberland: 1st Ch.	25	25	6	6	5	5	16	16	21	21	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8
50	Melvin Chapel..	8	8	3	3	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3
51	Mapleside	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	9	9	14	14	20	20	8	8	9	9	7	7	3	3

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd Total.		Children's Day	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Easter for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League	Miscellaneous Gen'l	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun. School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number	
Ass'd	Paid								Ass'd	Paid										
243	243	...	...	...	...	...	8	251	800	800	100	265	200	...	700	...	2065	2816	1
101	101	15	...	11	22	...	29	178	675	675	...	245	206	38	140	44	1348	1526	2	
95	95	17	...	...	...	...	40	152	700	750	75	25	40	612	...	...	1502	1654	3
564	564	40	240	...	...	44	495	1383	1500	1500	360	1300	500	324	...	290	1274	5657	4
98	70	6	...	...	4	...	...	80	625	635	240	250	150	35	325	27	1662	1742	5
235	259	25	...	14	45	23	10	376	1000	1000	400	100	157	104	209	189	3059	3435	6	
173	173	33	...	10	26	42	34	318	900	900	300	401	215	218	450	300	2784	3102	7	
108	108	15	13	5	20	18	76	255	850	850	...	435	157	2599	362	288	4691	4946	8	
19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
289	298	35	56	79	70	36	360	934	1400	1400	410	1200	350	450	2000	1374	7184	8118	10	
253	243	5	87	...	...	10	...	345	1000	1000	...	435	137	190	...	35	1797	2142	11
157	157	25	...	100	18	62	9	371	800	800	300	272	268	264	1800	451	4155	4526	12	
100	101	5	...	...	4	23	14	146	500	570	...	138	168	380	100	94	1450	1596	13
360	360	48	38	150	...	161	67	824	1350	1560	420	1238	1875	475	3025	1718	10311	11135	14	
174	179	45	16	...	...	5	41	331	950	1050	360	350	300	1200	...	500	3760	4091	15
102	102	13	...	...	11	16	13	155	800	800	...	251	228	180	...	239	1698	1853	16
203	203	...	11	...	...	15	3	232	1200	1200	300	500	150	1400	400	600	4550	4782	17
321	321	84	128	63	14	220	2181	3011	1500	1500	500	1633	188	294	...	725	4840	7851	18	
102	102	32	5	...	...	...	6	145	500	500	173	169	180	30	...	236	1288	1433	19
173	173	11	...	...	11	19	12	226	800	1008	250	374	100	426	...	313	2471	2697	20
553	554	15	72	113	38	792	1800	1800	900	230	0	400	500	3000	2710	11610	12402	21
543	683	215	255	...	...	88	864	2105	1800	1800	750	2850	590	...	550	405	6945	9050	22
73	73	8	...	32	21	...	33	167	890	890	...	443	210	1000	125	403	3071	3238	23	
62	62	3	...	3	...	5	5	78	400	400	240	60	140	10	100	57	1007	1085	24	
99	40	...	...	...	...	...	7	47	500	500	180	100	256	...	...	123	1139	1186	25
530	530	200	152	35	18	35	65	1035	1400	1400	480	1506	520	600	...	1094	5600	6635	26	
101	101	25	25	...	17	...	54	222	1040	1040	...	516	179	8793	...	1164	11692	11914	27	
165	165	30	...	...	4	60	23	282	850	850	400	210	160	322	113	54	2109	2391	28
273	273	10	...	...	3	...	10	296	700	750	50	200	100	...	...	100	1200	1496	29
219	219	81	...	...	9	20	13	342	800	800	420	287	126	279	800	30	2742	3084	30
173	173	12	...	...	6	...	46	237	700	700	200	180	80	30	1000	350	2540	2777	31
519	520	110	185	9	103	165	165	1257	1000	1000	250	315	250	162	...	121	2098	3355	32	
291	291	24	...	2	...	10	41	368	1050	1100	200	300	175	115	1050	650	3590	3958	33	
90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
80	80	15	...	3	5	6	47	156	450	450	125	80	78	15	300	70	1118	1274	35	
209	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
199	199	15	...	...	13	20	...	247	650	650	125	150	75	75	...	25	1100	1347	37
150	150	35	...	8	5	...	28	226	600	600	200	559	63	35	205	26	1688	1914	38	
152	132	...	...	...	...	...	16	148	500	525	100	70	42	275	...	2	1014	1162	36
515	515	65	...	...	16	26	53	675	1200	1200	300	519	250	111	...	845	2725	3400	40
134	60	25	...	...	...	...	23	108	700	700	120	125	112	150	...	35	1242	1350	41
228	154	8	3	26	3	15	8	217	650	650	125	230	200	300	...	30	1535	1752	42	
196	92	17	...	...	...	...	...	109	530	600	...	125	85	...	401	60	1271	1380	43
98	98	20	...	...	...	5	9	132	650	650	100	60	34	...	...	165	1009	1141	44
435	435	62	105	22	37	10	112	783	1200	1200	200	607	289	39	152	296	2783	3566	45	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
157	137	7	...	...	...	...	6	150	700	742	84	171	122	1197	...	25	2341	2491	47
114	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	350	350	75	97	60	30	...	10	622	683	48
234	234	7	...	...	5	17	23	286	1000	1000	300	300	425	700	...	400	3125	3411	49
68	68	3	2	7	44	124	600	450	...	42	93	161	200	35	981	1105	50	
92	92	5	9	...	24	130	600	600	110	25	24	359	1118	1248	51	

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		52	Deer Creek	15	15	3	3	2	1	10	2	9	1	24	10	31	10	14	14	14	10	10	5
✓ 53	Deer Park	20	20	4	3	4	3	12	11	19	14	28	23	40	33	16	14	18	14	13	11	7	6
54	Delmar, Del	19	19	4	4	4	4	9	9	14	14	24	24	35	35	14	14	15	15	13	13	6	6
55	Delta, Pa.	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	13	13	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	12	12	7	7
56	Denton	24	24	5	5	4	4	15	15	13	13	37	37	47	47	20	20	22	22	16	16	8	8
57	Dorchester	24	24	5	2	4	2	15	10	14	10	37	30	47	20	20	10	22	11	16	8	8	5
58	Dover, Del.	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
59	Easton	43	43	9	9	7	7	26	26	9	27	64	64	87	87	35	35	40	40	29	29	14	14
60	Elizabeth, N. J.	30	30	6	4	5	4	19	17	15	15	42	42	58	54	22	20	26	22	18	15	9	7
61	Fairfax, Va.	12	12	4	3	3	2	8	6	10	7	19	14	28	22	11	8	12	9	8	6	4	3
✓ 62	Fawn Grove, Pa.	25	25	6	6	6	6	18	18	15	15	40	40	55	55	22	22	25	25	17	17	8	8
63	Federalburg	13	13	4	4	3	3	10	10	9	9	21	21	29	29	12	12	13	13	9	9	4	4
64	Felton, Del.	12	12	4	3	3	2	8	6	11	7	19	15	28	18	11	9	12	12	8	4	4	2
✓ 65	Finksburg	30	30	7	7	9	9	23	23	24	24	47	47	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20	10	10
✓ 66	First Ch., Newark, N.J.	65	66	10	10	13	13	42	42	37	37	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22
✓ 67	Franklin City, Va.	23	23	4	4	5	4	15	7	18	5	38	28	50	10	20	10	22	7	15	8	8	5
✓ 68	Frederick	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	21	21	34	34	47	47	19	19	21	21	15	15	7	7
✓ 69	Georgetown, Del.	20	20	5	2	4	2	12	8	11	6	28	15	40	4	16	16	18	18	13	10	7	4
70	Georgetown Circ't	13	13	4	3	3	2	10	4	15	8	21	10	29	12	11	13	12	9	4	4	4	2
71	Greensboro	10	10	4	1	2	1	6	2	3	1	16	4	22	7	9	3	10	3	5	3	3	...
72	Greenwood, Del.	22	22	5	3	5	3	14	10	18	12	34	25	47	30	19	12	22	20	15	10	7	4
73	Grove	15	15	4	4	2	2	10	10	16	16	24	24	31	31	14	14	14	14	10	10	5	5
74	Harbeson, Del.	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	4	14	7	16	10	23	10	9	8	10	8	7	6	3	3
75	Harmony, W. Va.	10	10	4	3	2	2	6	6	13	9	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3
76	Harpers Fy, W. V.	18	18	3	3	3	3	8	8	14	14	20	20	30	30	12	12	14	14	12	12	6	6
77	Harrington, Del.	22	22	5	3	4	4	13	13	12	10	35	35	48	48	18	14	20	15	15	15	7	7
78	Howard	22	22	5	5	4	4	13	13	15	15	35	35	48	48	18	18	20	20	15	15	7	7
79	Hurlock	15	15	4	3	3	2	10	8	9	7	24	20	31	20	14	12	14	12	8	7	5	...
80	Indian River	10	10	2	2	2	2	4	4	3	3	9	9	14	14	5	5	6	6	4	4	3	3
✓ 81	Kemptown	30	30	7	7	9	9	23	23	27	27	47	47	64	64	26	26	30	30	20	20	10	10
✓ 82	Kennedyville	16	16	4	4	4	4	10	10	5	5	22	22	31	31	12	12	15	15	11	11	5	5
83	Kent Island	20	20	4	4	4	4	12	7	5	4	32	17	45	19	17	16	20	14	13	10	7	6
✓ 84	Laurel, Del.	32	32	8	8	7	7	21	21	13	13	49	49	68	68	28	28	29	29	21	21	11	11
85	Laurel Circuit	24	24	5	2	4	3	15	10	14	9	37	25	47	12	20	5	22	18	16	5	8	3
86	Leeds	22	22	5	5	4	4	13	13	9	9	35	35	48	48	18	18	20	20	15	15	7	7
87	Leipsic	10	10	2	1	2	...	6	6	9	6	12	12	16	16	5	4	10	...	7	7	3	...
88	Lewes, Del	8	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	3	1	9	1	15	2	5	1	6	1	5	1	3	1
89	Lewistown	10	10	2	1	2	2	6	6	7	3	12	3	16	5	5	4	10	5	7	1	3	...
90	Liberty	20	20	5	4	4	2	12	12	11	10	28	25	40	32	16	12	18	14	13	12	7	7
91	Lisbon	27	27	6	6	5	5	19	19	28	28	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
92	Lynchburg, Va.	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	8	8	27	27	38	38	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7
93	Mardela	20	20	5	2	4	2	12	4	3	5	30	25	43	17	17	9	20	...	13	5	7	5
94	Marley	15	10	4	...	2	1	8	3	12	3	20	5	28	5	12	3	12	3	10	...	5	...
95	Middleway, W. Va.	10	...	4	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	16	...	22	...	9	...	10	...	7	...	3	...
96	Milford, Del.	27	27	6	6	5	5	19	19	23	23	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9
97	Milton, Del.	18	18	4	2	4	3	12	10	11	9	25	25	37	34	15	14	16	15	12	10	6	5
98	Mt. Nebo	18	18	4	4	4	4	12	12	18	18	25	25	37	37	15	15	16	16	12	12	6	6
99	New Church, Va.	18	18	4	4	4	4	12	12	17	17	25	25	37	37	15	15	16	16	12	12	6	6
100	Newmarket	28	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	25	25	44	44	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	9

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Ass'd Total.		Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Baster for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League.	Miscellaneous Gen'l.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number.
Ass'd	Paid								As'd	Paid.									
137	71	20	...	...	10	11	...	112	450	450	75	82	46	.....	.....	27	680	792	52
181	151	15	...	...	15	16	18	215	500	500	100	175	130	200	.....	70	1175	1390	53
157	157	...	...	...	...	7	...	164	800	850	150	225	135	50	500	222	2132	2296	54
200	200	10	...	...	4	14	30	258	900	906	200	170	30	86	46	89	1527	1785	55
211	211	60	...	...	...	19	45	335	1000	1000	200	251	117	.....	2950	269	4787	5122	56
212	132	7	...	...	2	...	10	151	710	760	150	75	125	45	.....	80	1235	1386	57
97	47	7	...	...	...	...	6	110	600	650	200	235	200	50	450	131	1916	2026	58
363	381	28	23	...	10	2	2	446	1000	1000	350	458	208	116	50	156	2338	2784	59
250	230	12	...	...	...	30	5	277	900	900	500	650	300	300	.....	470	3120	3397	60
119	92	17	...	...	...	6	.....	115	500	500	90	42	85	57	.....	16	790	905	61
237	237	57	...	...	26	73	37	430	950	950	200	249	131	1107	120	71	2828	3258	62
127	127	19	...	...	...	...	...	146	750	750	.....	150	100	.....	213	70	1283	1429	63
120	90	10	...	...	...	7	...	107	600	600	96	90	60	750	.....	75	1671	1778	64
290	290	55	...	...	17	...	208	570	900	925	125	250	275	300	.....	70	1945	2515	65
579	580	41	140	335	68	36	256	1456	2000	2000	720	2946	1107	622	1000	962	9357	10813	66
218	111	31	...	...	2	5	...	85	700	700	80	169	144	148	.....	31	1272	1506	67
210	210	100	67	...	4	10	43	434	800	840	144	125	240	29	.....	278	1656	2900	68
174	141	10	...	...	10	8	37	206	800	800	180	200	115	25	500	247	2067	2273	69
133	81	10	...	...	...	6	...	97	500	287	102	102	98	.....	.....	589	686	70	
90	35	13	...	...	...	6	...	54	350	350	100	82	33	.....	.....	77	642	696	71
208	151	.....	...	...	...	22	15	188	700	700	100	175	110	75	.....	15	1175	1363	72
145	145	5	...	...	...	2	.....	152	575	575	80	75	92	1200	.....	.....	2022	2174	73
103	72	53	...	...	...	11	10	146	600	600	75	60	70	110	.....	.....	915	1061	74
102	97	8	...	...	5	18	...	129	500	500	120	110	88	1100	.....	72	1990	2119	75
140	140	10	...	...	...	...	...	150	700	700	125	151	135	45	250	137	1543	1693	76
199	186	32	...	...	10	23	28	279	800	800	200	183	165	10	24	128	2510	2789	77
202	202	93	...	...	18	5	65	383	900	900	144	100	130	400	100	453	2227	2610	78
137	106	15	...	...	6	...	20	147	700	700	150	80	100	50	.....	210	1290	1437	79
62	62	...	...	...	8	...	...	70	125	125	.....	10	11	.....	.....	146	216	80	
293	293	50	...	...	4	6	25	388	900	900	150	250	255	1400	65	.....	3020	3408	81
135	135	5	...	...	5	5	9	165	550	555	120	119	81	.....	.....	198	1073	1238	82
179	121	.....	...	...	2	...	17	140	600	600	125	118	60	310	.....	11	1224	1364	83
287	287	65	46	...	34	29	46	507	1200	1200	300	438	225	125	1200	545	4033	4540	84
212	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	116	650	693	125	150	135	150	10	.....	1263	1379	85
196	196	45	...	...	5	10	7	18	281	700	700	150	100	52	.....	374	1376	1657	86
82	62	5	...	...	...	3	...	70	300	300	48	121	94	10	.....	20	593	663	87
62	12	.....	...	...	1	...	6	19	500	436	90	50	10	225	.....	9	820	839	88
80	40	18	...	...	6	.....	...	64	140	140	...	38	36	.....	.....	34	248	312	89
174	150	20	...	...	5	...	22	197	500	500	75	100	.....	271	.....	166	1112	1309	90
260	260	.....	...	150	10	...	...	420	900	900	200	150	200	50	300	123	1923	2343	91
168	168	103	80	125	15	...	86	580	900	900	300	500	100	.....	.....	198	1998	2578	92
194	94	10	...	...	3	4	...	139	810	814	100	64	188	50	.....	.....	1216	1355	93
128	33	.....	...	...	5	.....	...	38	650	614	180	115	80	115	.....	98	1202	1240	94
89	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	100	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	120	95
255	255	44	...	...	28	17	78	422	1200	1200	300	780	300	100	300	238	3268	3690	96
160	145	10	...	...	1	10	...	206	700	700	125	300	120	60	300	124	1729	1935	97
167	167	50	...	...	2	...	10	264	800	800	100	291	106	85	275	35	1692	1956	98
166	166	100	21	...	80	367	900	900	125	150	175	60	110	1520	1867	99
271	271	38	21	12	34	421	800	800	120	225	296	600	70	146	2257	2678	100

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		101	Nichols Memorial	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	10	10	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	4	4
102	Northumber'd, Va.	28	28	7	4	6	3	19	10	13	8	44	20	62	28	24	15	28	25	19	10	9	4	
103	Oak Grove.....	13	13	3	3	3	3	9	9	3	3	21	21	29	29	12	12	13	13	9	9	4	4	
104	Oxford.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	17	12	12	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	12	12	7	7	
105	Parksley, Va.....	25	25	5	5	5	5	16	16	23	23	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8	
106	Patapsco.....	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
	Philadelphia, Pa.																							
107	St. Lukes.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	21	21	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	12	12	7	7	
108	Taylor Memorial	18	18	4	4	4	4	12	12	37	37	25	25	37	37	15	15	16	16	12	12	6	6	
109	Pipe Creek.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	9	9	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	15	7	7	
110	Pittsville.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	22	22	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	15	7	7	
111	Pocomoke City....	43	43	6	6	7	7	26	26	16	16	64	64	85	85	35	35	40	40	29	29	14	14	
112	Pocomoke Cir....	18	18	4	4	4	4	10	11	...	...	25	4	35	4	15	2	17	6	12	...	6	...
113	Potomac, Va.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	15	15	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
114	Powellville.....	18	18	4	4	3	3	10	10	12	12	24	10	36	15	14	10	16	10	12	10	6	...	
115	Prince George.....	8	8	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	15	15	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3	
116	Quantico.....	13	13	3	3	2	2	8	5	5	4	21	21	23	10	12	12	11	11	9	8	4	4	
117	Queen Anne.....	13	13	3	3	3	3	10	3	6	2	21	10	29	12	12	...	13	...	9	6	4	...	
118	Reliance.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	17	17	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
119	Rowlandville.....	15	15	4	1	2	1	10	5	5	5	24	6	32	6	14	4	14	14	10	5	5	...	
120	Salem.....	15	15	4	3	2	1	10	3	4	2	24	10	32	10	14	8	14	5	10	3	5	3	
121	Salisbury.....	40	40	8	8	7	7	25	25	29	29	64	64	86	86	35	35	40	40	27	27	13	13	
122	Seaford, Del.....	28	28	7	7	6	6	19	19	19	19	44	44	62	62	24	24	28	28	19	19	9	9	
123	Selbyville, Del....	10	10	4	2	2	1	6	3	15	5	16	9	22	7	9	3	10	5	7	3	3	2	
124	Sharptown.....	25	25	5	5	5	5	16	16	18	18	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8	
125	Snow Hill.....	22	22	5	5	5	5	14	14	15	15	34	34	47	47	19	19	22	22	15	15	7	7	
126	Stewartstown, Pa..	25	25	5	5	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	15	15	8	8	
127	St. James.....	27	27	6	6	5	5	19	19	16	16	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9	
128	St. Michaels.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	16	16	14	14	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
129	Susquehanna.....	25	25	5	5	5	5	16	16	27	27	39	39	52	52	21	21	24	24	17	17	8	8	
130	Talbot.....	12	...	3	...	3	...	8	...	8	...	19	...	27	...	11	...	12	...	8	...	4	...	
131	Texas.....	3	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	
132	Tri-ity.....	27	27	6	6	5	5	19	19	10	10	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9	
133	Tyreanna.....	...	10	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	
134	Union.....	16	16	5	5	5	5	11	11	27	27	24	24	33	33	14	14	15	15	11	11	5	5	
135	Union Bridge.....	18	18	4	4	4	4	10	10	6	6	25	25	35	35	15	15	17	17	12	12	6	6	
136	Wallace Mem., Va.	10	10	3	3	2	2	7	7	10	10	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
137	Warwick.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	28	40	40	16	16	18	18	13	13	7	7	
	Washington, D. C.																							
138	Cherrydale.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	18	18	12	12	16	16	5	5	10	10	7	7	3	3	
139	First Church.....	26	26	6	6	5	5	18	18	17	17	41	41	57	57	22	22	25	25	17	17	9	9	
140	Georgetown.....	32	32	8	8	7	7	21	21	5	5	49	49	68	68	28	28	29	29	21	21	11	11	
141	Mt. Tabor.....	20	20	5	3	4	4	12	10	6	3	28	10	40	15	16	8	18	9	13	7	7	5	
142	N.Carolina Ave..	27	27	6	6	5	5	19	19	15	15	42	42	58	58	22	22	26	26	18	18	9	9	
143	Park Road.....	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	9	9	10	10	15	15	5	5	10	10	5	5	2	2	
144	Rhode Isl'd Ave.	65	65	10	10	13	13	42	42	25	25	99	99	134	134	55	55	63	63	39	39	22	22	
145	Westminster.....	55	55	9	9	12	12	36	36	10	10	86	86	116	116	49	49	54	54	32	32	18	18	
146	Wilmington, Del...	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	22	22	9	9	10	10	7	7	3	3	
147	W.Wilming'n, Del.	8	5	2	1	2	...	4	...	4	...	9	3	15	7	5	3	6	...	7	3	3	3	
148	Whaleyville.....	10	10	4	2	2	2	6	6	11	8	16	10	22	10	9	10	10	10	7	7	3	3	
149	Wye.....	12	12	4	4	3	3	8	8	6	6	19	19	27	27	11	11	12	12	8	8	4	4	

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Ass'd	Total.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special for Missions.	Easter for Home Mis.	Anti-Saloon League.	Miscellaneous Gen'l.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Paid for Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Number.
									Ass'd	Paid.									
65	65	...	...	16	10	7	...	98	500	522	192	210	56	45	300	221	1546	1644	101
259	155	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	800	800	100	200	50	50	...	65	1265	1420	102
119	119	24	...	...	...	...	22	165	400	450	...	32	55	184	...	300	1021	1186	103
199	202	17	82	...	...	11	53	365	700	700	150	105	150	...	116	15	1236	1601	104
235	235	51	...	5	25	...	57	373	1000	1000	180	450	300	200	2350	160	4640	5013	105
17	13	2	...	...	...	3	...	18	150	150	...	25	10	40	...	59	284	302	106
208	208	10	...	5	20	...	14	257	1000	1030	500	2200	561	250	...	296	4837	5094	107
186	186	15	...	39	22	...	72	334	1200	1200	480	950	1054	...	798	1058	5540	5874	108
196	199	27	14	...	2	...	12	254	650	541	150	139	54	286	...	145	1315	1569	109
212	212	70	34	5	18	51	59	449	1100	1100	250	191	284	550	1829	348	4052	4501	110
365	365	74	10	...	...	22	28	499	1100	1100	250	350	225	150	117	130	2322	2821	111
157	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	520	520	40	68	82	...	...	87	797	833	112
178	178	23	...	...	...	...	31	232	900	900	300	100	200	35	115	180	1830	2062	113
155	102	...	...	...	...	...	8	110	600	600	85	50	...	250	...	127	1112	1222	114
61	61	17	...	...	...	...	17	95	225	225	...	...	34	...	...	125	384	479	115
111	93	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	300	325	60	45	38	252	...	...	750	843	116
123	50	25	...	...	22	28	...	125	550	550	100	75	42	100	40	19	926	1051	117
180	180	30	...	...	...	...	8	218	800	800	150	114	94	400	...	129	1687	1905	118
135	62	...	...	...	...	...	6	68	600	467	60	95	25	20	...	1	668	736	119
134	60	5	...	...	...	...	...	65	500	500	100	115	30	1025	307	36	2113	2178	120
374	374	134	12	29	32	84	95	760	1300	1300	600	564	497	950	...	504	4415	5175	121
265	265	50	...	...	5	26	47	393	1000	1000	125	250	225	517	...	250	2367	2760	122
104	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	150	...	105	51	...	...	75	381	481	123
230	230	50	...	...	32	1	43	356	1000	1000	75	80	150	5600	...	14	6919	7275	124
205	205	58	13	...	40	...	8	324	900	950	200	220	265	100	500	175	2410	2734	125
225	225	25	...	...	5	35	13	303	800	800	150	240	175	80	...	70	1515	1818	126
248	248	100	10	10	32	25	79	504	700	706	150	121	165	388	...	12	1542	2046	127
181	181	45	...	2	10	39	61	338	800	800	250	145	125	150	150	108	1728	2066	128
239	239	27	...	...	4	...	24	294	720	720	200	158	113	700	64	25	1980	2274	129
107	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	131
242	242	25	11	26	4	4	65	377	1000	1025	250	187	90	135	475	189	2351	2728	132
...	24	10	...	...	6	...	4	44	300	300	72	20	15	100	...	...	507	551	133
166	166	26	...	...	...	...	8	200	850	880	150	140	180	250	150	50	1800	2000	134
152	152	20	66	...	5	...	54	297	600	603	180	103	76	313	...	15	1290	1587	135
99	99	10	...	...	5	...	...	114	700	700	125	91	146	594	...	216	1872	1986	136
170	170	31	...	...	...	...	...	201	600	671	75	143	63	547	...	18	1517	1718	137
91	91	14	...	...	13	...	15	133	800	800	300	282	311	120	265	547	2625	2758	138
243	243	36	83	...	39	16	10	427	1100	1100	600	398	348	200	...	677	3323	3750	139
279	279	50	60	...	...	...	56	445	1200	1200	400	703	180	150	...	354	2987	3432	140
169	94	19	23	...	...	...	10	146	900	900	258	250	130	50	30	180	1798	1944	141
247	247	22	46	16	21	3	82	482	1100	1100	400	1182	275	150	...	668	3775	4257	142
69	69	27	...	...	...	...	15	111	600	600	...	176	163	...	275	383	1597	1708	143
567	567	65	145	...	35	...	178	990	2000	2000	...	1200	500	150	1200	2035	7085	8075	144
477	477	40	159	80	10	100	52	918	1000	1000	250	465	170	50	...	360	2295	3213	145
97	97	10	...	...	...	8	40	155	500	710	...	172	113	201	150	252	1598	1753	146
65	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	300	300	...	78	80	200	...	95	745	770	147
100	77	16	17	8	20	138	600	610	120	45	70	15	...	50	910	1048	148
114	114	27	7	...	17	165	450	450	120	100	78	305	...	11	1064	1229	149

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Accomac, Va.....	399	7	2	4	...	12	338	37	375	1	160
Alexandria, Va..	32	97	32	9	16	3	1	24	25	115	70	184	1	60
Amelia, Va.....	1	200	17	17	...	20	...	2	12	...	21	317	...	169	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltimore:																						
Alnutt Mem'l	2	534	38	38	...	58	18	25	11	1	10	10	139	59	493	1	60	1	30	55	50	...
Bethany.....	2	574	5	...	...	23	7	22	2	1	16	20	116	76	250	1	25	...	...	...	...	...
Broadway.....	5	253	...	...	...	53	5	...	1	...	18	20	121	36	200	1	30	1	30	5	5	...
Brooklyn.....	...	158	...	...	...	37	6	3	1	...	5	31	120	30	213	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calvary.....	2	20	287	25	38	27	88	8	28	1	7	36	20	148	150	352	1	84	1	60	...	1
Chesaco Park	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christ Church	5	600	...	6	...	146	30	24	4	3	75	125	145	80	700	2	91	1	65	58	58	...
E. Baltimore..	...	182	10	10	...	10	...	...	2	5	4	...	118	28	125	1	36	1	18	10	...	...
Eutaw.....	1	13	174	10	8	146	3	1	...	...	14	10	120	30	149	1	20	1	24	7	15	...
Evergreen.....	3	136	...	1	...	28	4	3	2	...	7	25	114	41	166	1	45	1	25	...	...	...
Hampden.....	1	52	854	204	150	3	160	...	50	8	5	82	215	136	155	2500	1	85	1	75	...	25
Keen Mem....	2	88	215	100	...	12	...	...	12	2	4	40	65	129	23	350	1	66	1	65	...	5
Lauraville....	17	153	10	8	...	39	4	3	...	6	11	20	132	65	199	1	41	1	40	1	13	...
Lowe Memo'l.	...	360	...	...	...	160	...	...	...	1	54	200	130	300	300	1	38	1	35	...	5	...
N. Baltimore..	4	205	3	1	2	47	7	4	4	...	2	19	122	29	175	1	60	1	22	35	23	...
Payson Street	7	81	4	5	3	17	7	17	...	...	8	2	119	...	186	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S. Baltimore..	5	28	262	17	...	265	9	...	3	5	28	42	122	...	175	1	38	...	...	...	...	...
Starr.....	3	27	356	10	11	170	2	3	2	1	16	40	122	25	225	1	40	1	30	20	20	...
St. Johns.....	1	8	369	67	55	484	9	2	5	1	14	63	134	129	384	1	33	1	45	23	13	...
St. Pauls.....	...	266	...	...	...	107	8	14	1	2	35	93	125	93	282	1	35	1	55	...	20	...
Violetville....	...	68	...	11	2	3	3	1	1	4	1	119	10	91	1	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waverly.....	1	3	90	3	13	26	2	...	1	...	6	8	112	14	134	1	35	1	40	...	...	...
W. Baltimore..	1	...	445	88	88	...	109	4	...	7	2	12	104	134	119	415	1	75	1	60	80	35
Wilton He'hts	12	27	12	27	...	43	2	...	2	1	26	54	129	238	449	1	71	1	60	...	6	...
Baltimore Ct....	1	...	284	...	...	42	...	...	6	...	15	51	337	40	270	2	112	...	...	10	...	...
Bedford, Pa....	51	325	...	...	3	4	1	4	1	28	6	667	...	450	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belair.....	...	269	...	...	26	6	...	4	3	17	24	432	26	271	1	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bivalve.....	...	201	10	4	6	40	1	...	3	4	10	68	230	10	160	1	20	...	...	...	...	...
Buckeystown...	...	336	...	...	17	18	...	3	1	6	14	233	25	248	1	42	1	52	9	...	...	...
Cambridge.....	1	24	342	...	...	54	4	43	4	4	21	50	335	90	375	1	150	1	40	2	...	...
Campbell, Va..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cannon, Del....	8	115	8	8	...	8	2	...	...	9	10	120	25	140	1	35	1	46	...	3	...	...
Ca.oline.....	...	189	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	440	...	200	2	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cecil.....	...	213	8	8	...	13	7	15	8	2	10	7	435	4	284	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Centreville....	1	...	140	11	11	...	11	5	...	1	1	11	120	2	46	1	21	1	21	3	2	...
Chesapeake.....	2	81	1	...	...	13	5	...	2	...	...	110	...	75	1	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chestertown....	4	332	1	1	...	4	3	42	3	...	20	1	125	10	191	1	33	1	20	...	...	...
Chincoteag', Va..	...	102	...	2	...	1	4	...	2	4	118	...	190	...	190	...	...	1	34	...	...	...
Clayton, Del....	2	335	...	...	74	4	...	...	...	17	80	328	22	287	2	75	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concord, Pa....	...	385	20	20	...	20	...	...	3	20	...	328	...	214	2	155	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conquest, Va....	...	158	...	2	...	10	5	...	1	5	...	7	223	10	150	...	...	1	25	2	...	...
Crisfield: Cris'd	101	448	30	2	...	7	8	...	4	4	7	38	140	15	753	1	35	1	86	...	10	...
Lawsonia.....
Mariners.....	1	...	267	51	3	2	20	77	119	...	250	1	66

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Crumpton	60					1	2	2		2	14			88								
Cumberland:																						
First Church..	260		14	6	44	4		21	10	1	26	25	286	1	45	1	20					
Melvin Chapel	13	97	18	8	16	7	3	17	31	1	16	50	168	1	40	1	20					
Mapleside & F	2	87	16	41	2	7	1	3	25	127	2	18	167		2	110						
Deer Creek.....	25	185	36	11	12	2	1	5	1	39	2	19	4	128	2	46					10	
Deer Park.....	65	246	67	8	12	4	1	7	2	17	75	4	48	12	330	2	104				10	
Delmar, Del....		202		34	3	9		6		44	1	28	250	1	25							
Delta, Pa.....		297		5	2	18	2	1	9	2	1	22	11	146	1	37	1	33				
Denton		163	5	4	2	2	3		10		1	15	208	1	30							
Dorchester	31	272	29	4	3	1	7	69	2	16	2	16	270	2	40							
Dover, Del.....		132		26		1	1	3	14	1	18	25	181	1	38						5	
Easton	2	192	23	21	18	6	2	8	33	1	18	22	184	2	53	1	10				5	
Elizabeth, N. J.	1	22	234	4	13	4	3	12	15	130	20	213	2	50	1	30						
Fairfax, Va.....	3	9	179	13	5	3	23	5	4	5	13	433	178	4	112							
Fawn Grove, Pa.	14	348	8	10	14	7	31	3	23	10	235	16	231	2	120	1	23					
Federalburg	2	5	91	7	2	17	3	13		11	57	1	23	40	150	1	25					
Felton, Del.....	11	121	12	20	30	2	2	5	14	5	4	42	25	205								
Finksburg.....		561		20	4			40	15	460	30	445	4	250							10	
First Ch. Newark, N.J.	1	28	614	23	11	2	54	9	7	3	9	26	84	2	82	59	647	1	55		232	25
Franklin C'y, Va.		307		45	6	6	4	28	6	50	4	42	17	308	1	25					2	
Frederick		241		18	3	2	1	11	27	3	32	15	250	2	67						3	1
Georgeto'n, Del.	1	31	178	2	4	3	2	10	2	6	9	1	24	5	200	1	40	1	30	5		
Georgeto'n Cir.	2	55	196								4	36	269	3	122							
Greensboro.....		30				10	3	10	10	1	7	3	40		1	25						
Greenwood, Del.		294				1	1	6	2	30	12	315	1	50								
Grove	1	17	140	62	47	47		2	3	37	92	5	56	57	337	2	68	1	35			
Harbeson, Del..	44	182	6	11	5	1	13	5	3	34	20	200	2	40								
Harmony, W. Va.	10	149	20	10	1	1	2	11	9	2	28	45	230	2	44							
Harper's F'y, W. Va.		178		29		3	9	14	26	2	26	3	253									
Harrington, Del		204	1	6	84	3	5	12	6	1	30	47	260	1	24	1	20					
Howard.....	17	292	17	9		2	3	2	4	35	16	255	1	20								
Hurlock	30	182	71	46	53	4		2	7	130	2	23	30	170	2	75						
Indian River....	2	8	52	3	8	8			5	2	1	9	5	60								
Kemptown.....	2	4	480	10	7	8	5	4	19	18	5	65		465								
Kennedyville..		133		7	1	2	3	9	7	1	17	13	81	1	16	1	14	5				
Kent Island.....		106		5	1	3	5	50	2	18		85										
Laurel, Del	3	11	342	11	13	2	21	2	1	5	20	1	24	75	300	1	28	1	22			
Laurel Circuit ..	1		234	36	34	36		2	2	16	34	4	35	20	270							
Leeds.....	1		220		4	1	3	1	9		2	18	5	65	2	68						
Leipsic, Del....	1		179		3		3	1	2	1	10	4	169	1	35							
Lewes, Del.....	1		69	1	1	2	1	3	9	3												
Lewistown		151		12	2	1	10	18	2	22	12	124	2	135	1	15					2	
Liberty		160		19	1	20	2	1	10	32	2	31	11	180	1	35	1	51				
Lisbon	13	465	50	41	45	1	3	2	20	65	4	65	80	490	2	40						
Lynchburg, Va..	1		152		10	4	27	4		5	1	18	12	107	1	50					25	
Mardela.....	20	313	35	34	43	4	3	15	5	36	4	55	52	437	1	35					3	
Marley.....	1	2	183	2	3	5	2		21	3	3	23	40	200	1	60	1	55				
Middleway, W. Va.		46		1		1	2															
Milford, Del	84	351	43	20	46	40	6	36	3	2	12	90	1	26	74	300	1	80	1	65	10	
Milton, Del.....	1		212		5	1	13	4	6	15	1	19	10	150	1	40					2	3

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Mt. Nebo.....	339			14	4	28	2	6	45	24	3	32	55	319	2	67					
New Church, Va	250			5	7	2	3		1	6	3	43	12	234	1	57					
Newmarket ...	3	322		61	3		1	17	15	55	4	57	25	426	4	103	1	30	11	10	
Nichols Memo'	16	85		23	1			10	12	3	15		200								
Northumb'ld Va.	20	480	20	25	1	2	5	5	3	8	2	20	10	245	1	65					
Oak Grove.....	141			12				1		3	1	14		11							
Oxford	11	147		2	7	11			8	10	1	21	7	128							
Parksley, Va	378			19	3		4	15	8	30	2	49	8	415	1	110				5	
Patapsco	14	44	1	3	2	6	2	5	5	4	25	1	7	22	87	1	53		1		
Phila, St. Lukes	1	65	208	24	3	3	4	4	8	31	24	1	33	36	391	1	75				
Taylor Mem'l.	1	18	283	22	9	87	4	34	2	1	13	15	1	44	706	1	52	1	103	10	
Pipe Creek.....	210			2			2					2	15	8	178	1	45	1	20		
Pittsville.....	458	37	37	50	1	23	1	11	61	3	40	18	360	1	28	1	27				
Pocomoke City..	1	28	362	4	2	7	11	10	11	4	1	10	11	2	33	40	301	1	30	1	60
Pocomoke Circ't	2	6	239	6				1				4	34	64	225	1	64			6	1
Potomac, Va	14	217		4	3		1	1	8	5	2	35	12	245	1	60					
Powellville.....	47	244	91	70	28	70	6	32	10	10	15	124	3	21	20	330					
Prince George...	124			13	3	11		14	8	18	2	13	37	77							
Quantico.....	111	38	38	38	2		2	16	50	3	16	12	89								
Queen Anne.....	33	114		3	2		1	5	5	2	10	12	112	1	32						
Reliance	1	14	342	46	32	156	8	20	4	36	42	200	3	40	38	290	1	36			
Rowlandville....	3	176	5	4	4		1	2	3	5	3	24	18	75							
Salem	6	99		1	1	3				1	1	12	6	70	1	30	1	18			
Salisbury	59	522	6	38	1	51	9	2	7	10	1	42	132	644	2	125	1	47			
Seaford, Del.....	321			15	3	8	4	10	15	1	25	15	420	1	60	1	75				
Selbyville, Del..	110										1		200	1	30						
Sharptown.....	301			17	1		1	10	25	2	48	15	282	1	50	1	30				
Snow Hill.....	18	246	18	14	3	24	45	1	6	60	2	32	12	185	2	75	1	20	10		
Stewartstown Pa	2	248	18	18	36	1	2	8	16	44	2	45	40	288	2	70	1	15	6		
St. James.	217			28				5	31	2	28	31	302	1	49			4			
St. Michaels	7	151	8	1	4	3	28	4	2	10	8	3	27	195	2	75	1	45	30	2	
Susquehanna....	1	287	39	39	39	3		1	3	37	3	34	10	174	1	40			2		
Talbot																					
Texas Mission...	26	58		38			1	7	41	2	13	58	02								
Trinity	208			2	1	7	6	17			2	23	27	202	1	63	1	38	18	6	
Tyreanna.....	78	1	1	1	1		1	1	6	1	9		42								
Union	32	407		60	8		7	1	17	71	4	50	125	500	2	60	1	40			
Union Bridge...	76			1			1	8			2	19	16	112	1	45				1	
Wallace Me. Va.	1	4					2				1	20		177	1	50	1	25			
Warwick	210			22			2	1	4	20	3	27	34	114	2	49					
Washington:																					
Cherrydale ...	125			39	4	2	3	20	24	1	21	114	339	1	37	1	42	8			
First Church..	1	307	4	3	44	7	6	4	2	12	32	1	27	73	892	1	45	1	55	50	5
Georgetown ..	193			17	10	12	2	2	5	35	1	19	30	110	1	40	1	30			
Mt. Tabor.....	96			26			1	2	10		1	10	137	142							
N. C. Avenue	1	4	276	4	2	37	20	3	9	40	1	35	86	336	1	35	1	30	21	21	
Park Road....	59			5	9	5			5	2	1	28	45	119	1	25	1	56			
R. I. Avenue.	12	461	8	4	1	27	19	5	3	9	50	1	50	75	450	1	75	1	25		
Westminster	259			18	4		2	1	1	15	1	20	12	165	1	70	1	24	10	5	
Wilmington, Del	15	46	1	9	9		1	2	1	5	2	1	16	22	100	1	23			2	
W. Wilming'n, Del	7	38		1	3	7	5			9	30	1	5	45	105						
Whaleyville.....	37	191	7	2	2	4	4				35	2	27	15	225	1	20	1	30		
Wye	129	7	7	7			2		10	8	1	15	3	105	1	20	1	18			

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CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1917-18												
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Home	Deaconess Home	Total.
Accomac, Va...	3	3	1	9000	1500	500	3000	9	25	6	6	18	19	43	55	22	25	17	8	225
Alexandria, Va..	1	1	...	18000		521	6000	7	12	4	2	6	9	16	22	9	10	8	4	102
Amelia, Va.....	4	3	1	4000	2000	225	2900	17	10	3	2	6	8	16	21	9	10	7	3	95
Balto: Alnutt M'l	1	1	1	55000	6000	.....	24000	24	65	10	13	42	26	166	135	55	63	38	22	575
Bethany	1	1	1	5000	1700	1200	1400	11	10	4	2	6	12	17	22	9	10	7	3	102
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	1000	6000	15	25	6	6	18	10	4	55	22	25	17	8	235
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	10000	7000	3113	6800	20	20	4	4	12	11	30	40	16	18	13	7	175
Calvary.....	1	1	1	15000	2500	4150	7700	17	10	4	2	6	11	17	21	9	10	7	3	100
Chesaco Paik	1	1	...	1800	.....	550	1200	1	2	1	1	1	...	3	6	1	1	1	1	18
Christ Church	1	1	1	30000	3500	9700	17550	40	30	7	9	23	36	50	64	26	31	20	10	305
E. Baltimore.	1	1	1	25000	2000	.....	6000	7	28	7	6	19	6	47	62	24	28	19	9	255
Eutaw	1	1	1	20000	4000	4200	10000	14	18	4	4	10	7	27	35	15	17	12	6	155
Evergreen ...	1	1	...	6000	.....	100	5000	6	12	4	2	6	9	17	22	9	10	8	4	103
Hampden ...	1	1	1	26000	10000	2900	20000	72	42	8	8	24	25	64	50	30	40	28	14	363
Keen Mem'l..	1	1	1	16000	4000	1000	6000	20	20	5	4	1	18	30	40	16	18	13	7	183
Lauraville	1	1	...	5600	.....	1100	3500	7	10	4	2	6	43	18	24	9	10	7	3	136
Lowe Memo'l	1	1	1	20000	3500	7400	7500	14	23	5	6	15	16	36	39	20	22	15	8	205
N. Baltim'e...	1	1	1	36000	6000	6300	25000	23	40	7	8	27	9	56	72	29	37	27	14	326
Payson Street	1	1	...	4000	.....	1050	1500	10	10	4	2	6	9	18	24	9	10	7	3	102
So. Baltimore	1	1	1	22000	2000	833	3500	39	20	5	4	12	1	30	40	16	18	13	7	174
Starr	1	1	1	125000	10000	47000	40000	35	65	10	13	42	11	106	134	55	63	39	22	562
St. Johns	1	1	1	85000	7500	5625	32333	20	65	10	13	42	20	106	134	55	63	39	22	569
St. Paul's.....	1	1	...	15000	275	5750	6000	35	10	4	2	6	14	17	22	9	10	7	3	104
Violetville....	1	1	1	1200	2500	1100	2600	3	8	3	2	4	5	10	15	5	6	5	3	66
Waverly.....	1	1	1	2000	1200	.....	2200	3	10	4	2	6	26	17	22	9	10	7	3	116
W. Baltimore	1	1	1	70000	5000	6000	20000	35	60	10	15	40	21	96	125	52	60	41	20	539
Wilton He'hts	1	1	...	30000	.....	15000	20000	75	12	4	3	8	23	2	28	11	12	8	4	133
Baltimore Ct....	3	3	1	22000	4000	491	16000	15	20	4	5	10	14	27	36	15	20	12	6	169
Bedford, Pa.....	6	6	1	10000	1500	.....	2900	25	28	7	6	19	25	47	62	24	28	19	9	274
Belair	4	4	1	18000	7000	.....	10000	22	25	6	5	16	14	41	51	21	24	7	8	218
Bivalve	2	2	1	9000	1800	.....	4500	5	20	4	4	12	9	30	40	16	18	13	7	173
Buckeystown ...	2	2	1	23700	4500	.....	.....	18	60	10	13	38	13	96	124	52	58	40	20	524
Cambridge	3	3	1	25000	2500	5300	15000	16	32	8	7	21	20	52	68	28	29	21	11	297
Campbell, Va...	...	1	...	200	.....	.....	.....	...	10	4	2	6	...	17	21	9	10	7	3	89
Cannon, Del....	1	1	1	2000	2500	.....	2300	4	10	2	2	5	7	13	17	7	9	5	3	80
Caroline	4	4	1	5000	2500	200	3000	...	23	5	6	15	...	36	49	20	22	15	8	199
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2100	.....	6500	7	21	5	4	15	15	35	45	18	21	14	7	200
Centerville	1	1	1	13500	2500	75	8000	26	18	4	4	10	3	27	35	15	17	12	6	151
Chesapeake	1	2	1	6500	2000	.....	4500	8	18	4	4	10	3	27	35	15	17	12	6	151
Chestertown. ...	1	1	1	30000	6000	.....	24000	22	60	10	13	38	10	96	124	52	58	40	20	521
Chincoteag', Va	1	1	1	6000	1600	.....	1500	2	15	3	2	10	9	25	31	14	14	10	5	138
Clayton, Del....	3	3	1	9000	1800	.....	6700	14	25	6	5	16	15	41	52	21	24	17	8	230
Concord, Pa....	3	3	1	5500	700	199	3800	12	22	5	4	14	11	36	45	18	20	15	7	197
Conquest, Va...	2	2	1	4000	2500	475	4050	9	10	4	2	6	8	17	22	9	10	7	3	98
Crisfield.	1	1	1	30000	3000	485	11000	25	45	10	12	32	47	74	95	42	46	29	17	449
Lawsonia.....	1	...	...	3500	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1200	.....	4000	5	20	4	3	9	12	24	36	14	16	13	7	158
Crumpton	2	2	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	...	10	4	2	6	4	17	22	9	10	7	3	94
Cumberland																				
First Church.	1	1	1	16000	5000	2100	11000	14	25	6	5	16	10	41	52	21	24	17	8	225
Melvin Chap.	1	1	...	3600	.....	1250	800	3	8	3	2	4	8	10	15	5	6	5	3	69
Mapleside	2	2	...	2400	.....	33	2000	...	8	3	2	4	8	10	15	5	6	5	3	69
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	3000	2000	3300	8	15	3	2	10	6	26	31	14	14	10	5	136
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	8000	2000	6500	...	20	4	4	12	18	30	40	16	18	13	7	182

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CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1917-18												
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Home.	Deaconess Home.	Total.
Delmar, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	2500	2400	8250	15	19	4	4	9	13	26	35	14	15	13	6	158
Delta, Pa.....	1	1	1	6000	3000	521	6000	8	22	5	5	14	8	36	47	19	22	12	7	197
Denton.....	1	1	1	12000	2500	....	7500	12	24	5	4	15	13	39	47	20	22	16	8	213
Dorchester	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6000	26	24	5	4	15	13	39	47	20	22	16	8	213
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	12000	3500	3500	4300	8	10	4	2	6	9	17	22	9	10	7	3	99
Easton	1	1	1	16250	2 00	350	12885	16	43	9	7	26	9	68	87	35	40	29	14	367
Elizabeth, N. J..	1	1	1	17000	5500	4800	14300	5	30	6	5	19	11	45	58	22	26	18	9	249
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	5000	1800	.....	5925	5	12	4	3	8	10	20	28	11	12	8	4	120
Fawn Grove, Pa.	2	2	1	20400	3500	325	9000	20	25	6	6	18	12	43	55	22	25	17	8	237
Federalburg ...	1	1	1	10000	2000	600	5000	5	13	4	3	10	8	22	29	12	13	9	4	127
Felton, Del.....	4	4	1	5500	2000	357	45 0	1	12	4	3	8	12	20	28	11	12	8	4	122
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	20000	2200	.....	11000	58	30	7	9	23	24	50	64	26	30	20	10	293
1st Ch'h., Newark, N.J.	1	1	1	90000	10000	3700	48500	25	65	10	13	42	34	106	134	55	63	39	22	583
Franklin C'y, Va	4	4	1	7500	1000	.....	3100	12	23	4	5	15	17	40	50	20	22	15	8	219
Frederick	4	4	1	5500	2000	.....	4900	15	22	5	5	14	12	36	47	19	21	15	7	203
Geo'town, Del.	1	1	1	7000	5000	1700	3600	4	20	5	4	12	10	30	40	16	18	13	7	175
Geo'town Cir't	4	4	...	4500	.....	.....	3000	1	13	4	3	10	14	22	29	12	13	9	4	133
Gr'n'b'h & Tas'y	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	4	3	10	14	22	29	12	13	9	4	130
Greensboro	1	1	1	3000	1900	950	2200	2	10	4	2	6	2	19	22	9	10	5	3	92
Greenwood, Del	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	10000	12	22	5	5	14	16	36	47	19	22	15	7	208
Grove	5	5	1	9500	1600	.....	1300	...	15	4	2	10	19	26	31	14	14	10	5	150
Harbeson, Del..	3	3	1	3200	1300	.....	1500	4	10	4	2	6	11	17	22	9	10	7	3	101
Harmony	3	3	1	5500	1500	270	3000	12	10	4	2	6	11	17	22	9	10	7	3	101
Harpers F'y, W. Va	2	2	1	7000	3000	460	4000	2	18	3	3	8	13	21	30	12	14	12	6	141
Harrington Del.	1	1	1	15000	3500	900	7500	14	22	5	4	13	14	37	48	18	20	15	7	203
Howard	4	3	1	12800	3100	500	10200	34	22	5	4	13	14	37	48	18	20	15	7	203
Hurlock	3	3	1	8500	2500	.....	4900	7	15	4	3	10	9	26	31	14	14	8	5	139
Indian River...	1	1	...	700	.....	.....	.....	2	10	2	2	4	4	10	14	5	6	4	3	64
Kempton	5	5	1	10000	4000	1250	10000	60	30	7	9	23	26	50	64	26	30	20	10	235
Kennedyville...	1	1	1	4950	1300	.....	4000	7	16	4	4	10	4	24	31	12	15	11	5	136
Kent Island ...	2	2	1	6000	1800	.....	3000	16	20	4	4	12	4	34	45	17	20	13	7	180
Laurel, Del.....	1	1	1	30000	4000	8700	15000	36	32	8	7	21	15	52	68	28	29	21	11	292
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	5000	3000	250	4400	4	24	5	4	15	14	39	47	20	22	16	8	214
Leeds	2	2	1	8000	2500	.....	7000	7	22	5	4	13	4	37	48	18	20	15	7	193
Leipsic.....	1	1	1	3000	800	.....	.....	3	10	2	2	6	8	13	16	5	10	7	3	82
Lewes, Del.....	1	1	...	4000	150	500	2500	2	8	2	2	4	...	10	15	5	6	5	3	60
Lewistown	2	2	...	2800	.....	50	1400	2	10	2	2	6	8	13	16	5	10	7	3	82
Liberty	2	2	1	7000	2000	.....	5200	15	18	5	4	12	10	30	40	16	18	13	7	173
Lisbon	5	5	1	8600	5000	250	10170	15	27	6	5	19	27	45	58	22	26	16	9	262
Lynchburg, Va.	1	1	1	20000	5000	600	5000	15	20	5	4	12	12	29	38	16	13	13	7	174
Mardela	4	4	1	6500	1400	.....	2000	8	20	5	4	12	24	32	43	17	20	13	7	197
Marley	3	3	1	5200	2000	1300	3000	10	15	4	2	8	10	28	28	12	12	10	5	134
Middleway, W. Va	1	1	1	800	500	.....	.....	1	10	4	2	6	...	17	22	9	10	7	3	90
Milford, Del....	1	1	...	35000	400	300	15000	12	30	7	9	23	15	50	61	26	30	20	10	284
Milton, Del.....	1	1	1	3800	2500	450	3500	6	18	4	4	12	7	27	37	15	16	12	6	158
Mt. Nebo.....	3	3	1	9500	2200	2355	7075	7	18	4	4	12	17	27	37	15	16	12	6	168
New Church Va	3	3	1	8700	2200	.....	3000	23	18	4	4	12	15	27	37	15	16	12	6	166
Newmarket	4	4	1	20000	2000	285	9700	16	28	7	6	9	28	47	62	24	28	19	9	267
Nichols Memo'l	3	3	2	13345	5200	3000	10225	1	6	2	2	4	10	10	15	5	6	4	2	66
Northumberl'd.	4	4	1	14000	1600	.....	2000	23	28	7	6	19	12	47	62	24	28	19	9	261
Oak Grove	1	1	1	2500	1200	.....	1500	10	13	3	3	9	3	22	29	12	13	9	4	120

Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1917	1916	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3091	\$ 3098	\$	\$ 7
Conference.....	634	626	8	
Ministerial Education	596	591	5	
Seminary	1816	1798	18	
College.....	1795	1592	203	
Superannuates.....	4254	4159	95	
Church Extension.....	5734	5637	97	
Home Missions.....	2381	2292	89	
Foreign Missions.....	2774	2733	41	
Church Home.....	1836	1909		73
Deaconess Home	918	873	45	
Special for Missions.....	9487	7378	2109	
Miscellaneous	10241	5253	4988	
Total	\$45557	\$37939	\$7618	

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary.....	\$112820	\$108564	\$ 4256	
Parsonage Rent	25798	25426	372	
Current Expenses.....	47756	42545	5211	
Sunday School Expenses.....	25984	23243	2741	
Building and Improvements	51511	88443		36932
Paid on Debt.....	34985	32722	2263	
Miscellaneous.....	34306	35367		1061
Total for Local Interests	333160	356310		23150
Total for all purposes.....	378717	394249		15532

Assessments

President	\$ 3154	\$ 3147		
Conference	722	713		
Ministerial Education	657	650		
Seminary	2006	1995		
College	1940	1886		
Superannuates.....	4720	4711		
Church Extension.....	6518	6510		
Home Missions.....	2636	2630		
Foreign Missions.....	2997	2999		
Deaconess Home.....	2054	2052		
Church Home.....	1043	1042		

J. RALPH WRIGHT,
Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

Membership

	1917	1916	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers.....	150	143	7	
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	70	71		1
Probationers.....	1575	1628		53
Full Members.....	33440	31625	1815	
Probationers Received.....	1716	1617	99	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1272	1233	39	
Probationers Discontinued.....	226	199	27	
Full Members Received.....	3826	3162	664	
Full Members Withdrawn.....	508	439	69	
Full Members Discontinued.....	1022	1468		446
Full Members Deceased.....	326	350		24
Adults Baptized.....	356	350	6	
Children Baptized.....	1780	1665	115	
Conversions.....	4339	3954	385	
Sunday Schools.....	277	280		3
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	4019	3999	20	
New Scholars.....	4770	4907		137
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	36785	34185	2600	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	153	155		2
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	6501	6695		194
Junior C. E. Societies.....	68	73		5
Junior C. E. Members.....	2584	2831		247
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior Societies for Foreign Missions.....	831	878		47
Contributed by C. E. and S. S. to Con. Un. Mis.	454	340	114	

Property

Appointments.....	289	291		2
Churches.....	291½	289½	2	
Parsonages.....	125	123	2	
Value of Church Property.....	2633045	2582444	50601	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	397125	377925	19200	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	259674	275145		15471
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	1261605	1265846		4241
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	2084	1642	442	

JAMES A. DUDLEY,
Committee on Statistics.

COMPARISON FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

Membership and Property.

	1916	1912	Increase	Decrease
Ministers.....	143	143		
Full Members.....	31625	28437	3188	
Sunday School Membership.....	34185	30512	3673	
Value of Church Property.....	2582444	2287006	295438	
Value of Church Property.....	377925	323075	54850	

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MANUAL

Rules of Order and Regulations

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. 1. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.

2. The Pastor shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and to the pastor of the Church where the Conference is held.

3. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

4. The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Conference, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE. Duties of the President:—1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.

3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.

4. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

5. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

6. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

7. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

9. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

10. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

14. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$800 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

Rule III. Duties of the Secretary:—1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of such written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. Be the Committee on the Publication and distribution of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks to all ministers who are not pastors, on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

14. Be the Committee on Transportation.

Rule IV. Duties of Steward and Treasurer:—1. The Conference Steward and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from the pastors; and this Board shall be responsible to the Conference for all money and receipts and vouchers delivered to them.

2. They shall meet on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock and open the pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelope and prepare

the reports for the Conference. The financial envelopes shall be passed to the Treasurer, who shall have charge of all the moneys of the Conference for distribution, upon order of the Conference Steward, which shall be the voucher of the Treasurer for his transactions, to the persons designated by the Conference to receive them. The Treasurer shall disburse money collected by the Conference for every purpose; in which transactions he shall perform the work assigned heretofore to the Superannuated Fund Steward and of the Church Extension Steward, as per special rules of each Society, and he shall continue in office until his successor shall be elected. He shall keep a ledger and open account with some accepted bank, and his accounts shall be open for inspection at all times to the President of the Conference, or one designated by him.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

Rule V. COMMITTEES. All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

2. **The Standing Committees shall be:**—1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen, one of each order being members not on the Committee the previous year.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Young People's Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Moral Reform—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
11. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
12. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
13. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
14. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Committee of Audit—2 ministers, 1 layman.
16. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.
17. Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young People's Work—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.
18. Our Church Home—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full.

Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—

1. At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

2. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"

3. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the Secretary.

4. At 8.00 o'clock on the evening of the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, followed by the Lord's Supper. The President shall appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday. The time for holding Memorial Services for deceased members of the Conference shall be determined by the Conference Program Committee.

5. At 2.30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Steward. 4. Treasurer. The Steward and Treasurer elected at one session shall serve at the following session, and they shall appoint two assistants with the approval of the Conference. 5. Standing District Committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen. 6. Committee on Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

6. Examination of Official Character. At 10.00 o'clock Thursday morning the roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Relations.

7. The sessions of Friday and Saturday shall end at noon, that the Committees may have time for their work, and that the President may have opportunity to interview delegates and ministers.

Rule VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAILY SESSIONS:—

1. On each day following the opening session there shall be held a devotional service lasting thirty minutes, beginning at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

2. Reading of Minutes of the preceding day for correction and adoption.

3. Calling of the roll of charges in alphabetical order, for the presentation of any business by delegates or pastors from the churches they represent. When any such, upon recognition of the Chair, shall present any business it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business, or referred to the proper committee without motion.

4. Call for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up in regular order, or made the order of the day.

5. Reports of standing and special committees called for in order, and they shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

6. Miscellaneous business.

7. When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

8. Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

9. Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

10. When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule VIII. DECORUM:—1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

2. If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

3. No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

4. When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

5. In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

6. No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

7. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

8. Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule IX. MOTIONS:—1. Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

2. Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

3. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

4. It shall be in order to move the previous question, or that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending—except in cases in which character is involved—and if sustained by two-thirds of

members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.

5. When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

6. No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

7. A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

8. No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment; but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition.

9. All motions to fix the place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

Rule X. VOTING:—1. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is being put shall vote, unless the Conference for a special reason shall excuse him.

2. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

3. Votes for all Conference officers, the Committee on Appeals, Standing District Committee, Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other organizations shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yea and nay; but a division of the house being called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted.

4. A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

6. Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.

Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS. All motions or resolutions, whether submitted by committees or individual members, contemplating an amendment to these Rules and Regulations, must so specify. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon any other session of the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

REGULATIONS.

Regulation I. DUTIES OF PASTORS. 1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards."

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed Minister or Preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

9. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.

10. Station and Circuit Stewards shall furnish the pastor with a sufficient number of Disciplines, that he may be able to present each new member with a copy, in compliance with Disciplinary law.

11. That no minister of this Conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of Methodist Protestant Trustees.

12. No minister of this Conference shall go as a loan to any church outside of the Maryland Conference unless said church is willing to contribute to the Superannuated Fund of this Conference.

Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY. 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," of the Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher, and lay member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years. And no minister shall be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conference for more than three years in succession.

6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. 1. The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. The assessment of \$3,000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: five-sixths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One-sixth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan.

Regulation IV. RECORDS OF TRIAL CASES. In all cases of the trial of a minister, the Secretary of the Trial Committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges, and specifications, a copy of the finding, or verdict of the Committee—and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference.

Regulation V. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AND SUPERNUMERARY REQUESTS. All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Relations for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

Regulation VI. SABBATH SCHOOLS. 1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teachers' meetings should be steadily held under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Discipline regulations concerning the organization of our Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.

3. Children's Day shall be faithfully observed by all our Sabbath Schools, and the money received on that day shall be exclusively devoted to the Children's Day offering for Foreign Missions.

Regulation VII. OUR CHURCH HOME. 1. Every charge shall elect a lady visitor for the benefit of Our Church Home, consistent with the character of that institution.

2. The list of charges failing to meet the requirement of the Conference relative to Our Church Home shall be read at each session of the Conference.

3. The second Sunday of November of each year shall be known as "Donation Day" for Our Church Home, and all our pastors are instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and an endeavor made to have donations of provisions, groceries, and things needed to conduct the Home, sent to Mrs. Chas. Billingslea, Westminster, Md.

Regulation VIII. ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES. No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

Regulation IX. UNSTATIONED MINISTERS. The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

Regulation X. LOTTERIES. The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

Regulation XI. MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY. The placing of mortgage upon church property, for the purpose, directly, or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

Regulation XII. OBITUARIES. 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dic-

tate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

Regulation XIII. MARRIAGES. The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

Regulation XIV. TITLES AND DEGREES. Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

Regulation XV. UNFERMENTED WINE. The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Regulation XVI. DROPPING MEMBERS. Persons whose names are on the church register and cannot be found, or who have ceased to take an interest in the church, may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by the Quarterly Conference.

Regulation XVII. PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES. As the Discipline grants the Annual Conference the right to "make such regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the ministers and preachers," it is the judgment of this Conference that the charge to which a minister or preacher is assigned should pay the moving expenses of the incoming pastor

Regulation XVIII. CAMP-MEETINGS. 1. Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

2. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's Day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

3. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's Day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's Day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraph, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

6. In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

7. Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

Regulation XIX. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. 1st—In Stations. In stations the election of delegates shall be by the qualified members under the direction of the stewards and whose credentials must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting. The pastor shall announce the time and place of such meeting at least one Sunday before it is held, but in no case shall he preside at the election of delegates.

2nd—In Circuits. In circuits a vote of the qualified members shall be taken by the stewards in each church on the charge, after due announcement by the pastor, for a delegate to the annual conference. The votes shall be brought in separate packages to the quarterly conference where they shall be counted. Anyone receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared the delegate elect, but if no one receives a majority the quarterly conference shall proceed at once to the election of a delegate. When it is necessary for the quarterly conference to elect the delegate, someone other than the pastor shall preside during the election, and whose name, with the secretary of the quarterly conference, shall appear on the credentials of the delegate.

3rd. In both stations and circuits and also at the quarterly conference all voting shall be by ballot and the election must be held at least ten days before the session of the Annual Conference.

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