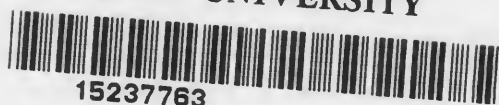
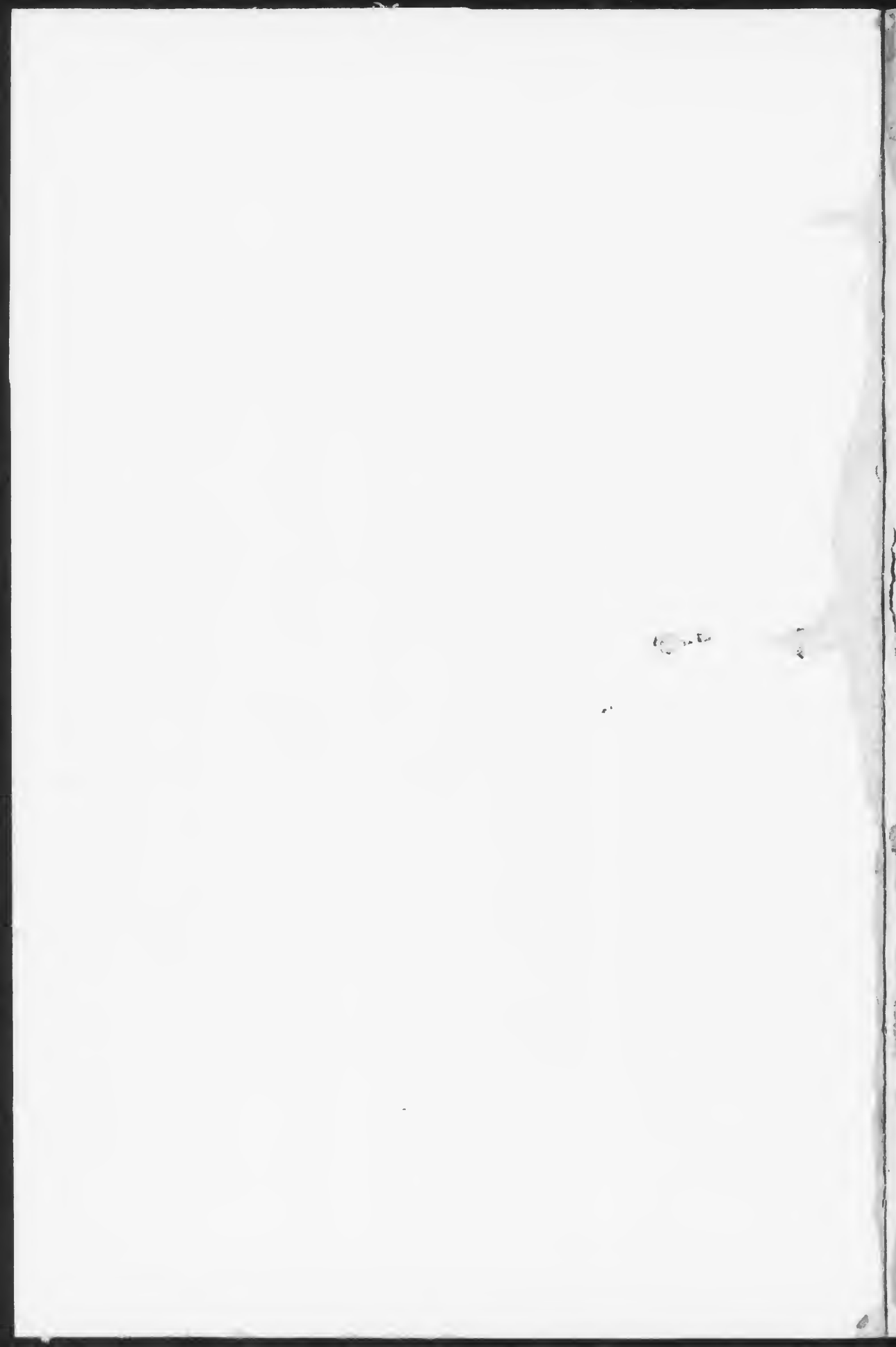




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377	T. H. Wright.....	1895	1893	425	Carroll Maddox.....	1905	1908
378	J. F. Bryan.....	1896	1897	426	W. P. Roberts .....	1905	1907
379	N. O. Gibson.....	1896	1898	428	C. M. Elderdice.....	1906	1907
380	F. A. Holland.....	1896	1897	429	W. L. Hoffman .....	1906	1908
381	E. D. Stone .....	1896	1898	431	J. D. Smith.....	1906	1908
382	G. H. Stocksdale.....	1896	1899	432	L. B. Smith.....	1906	1907
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389	J. L. Ward.....	1897	1899	437	H. B. Jester.....	1907	.....
393	C. M. Zepp.....	1899	1900	438	P. L. Rice.....	1907	.....
394	B. F. Ruley.....	1899	1900	439	F. D. Reynolds.....	1907	Tr.
396	T. R. Woodford .....	1899	1900	440	G. A. Ogg.....	1907	Tr.
397	G. E. Brown.....	1899	1904	441	E. A. Sexsmith.....	1907	Tr.
398	C. M. Compher .....	1900	1901	442	J. L. Nichols .....	1908	Tr.
400	F. J. Phillips .....	1900	1903	443	R. T. Tyson.....	1908	Tr.
401	W. N. Sherwood.....	1900	1903	444	G. E. Bevans.....	1908	.....
402	E. P. Perry.....	1900	1903				
403	E. H. Jones .....	1900	1905				
405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903				

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<i>Charge</i>	<i>Layman</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Layman</i>
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Alexandria .....	J. H. Trimyer	Georgetown Circuit.....	C. L. Ennis
✓ Alnutt Memorial .....	J. H. Espey	Glenburnie.....	Philip Morgan
Amelia.....	D. J. Homes	Greenwood.....	R. F. Thomas
✓ Baltimore .....	O. C. Morris	Grove .....	Burton Lewis
Bedford .....	Summerfield Hinkle	Hampden.....	J. G. Bowen
Belair .....	Z. T. Gilbert	Harbeson.....	G. A. Rust
✓ Bethany.....	J. R. Wiley	Harpers Ferry .....	.....
✓ Broadway.....	C. W. Simpson	Harrington .....	A. J. Kenney
✓ Brooklyn.....	G. L. Ward	Heathsville .....	J. T. Beane
Cambridge .....	R. R. Vincent	Howard .....	J. T. Clark
Campbell.....	.....	Hurlock.....	S. M. Wheatley
Cannon .....	J. R. Cannon	Indian River .....	.....
Caroline.....	A. T. Porter	Jefferson .....	Eli Nicodemus
Cecil.....	J. P. Davis	Keen Memorial .....	J. F. Miller
Centerville.....	C. S. Jump	Kempton .....	E. T. Lawson
Chesapeake.....	Samuel Burgess	Kennedyville.....	G. R. Rasin
Chestertown.....	W. B. Usilton	Kent Island .....	J. O. Phillips
Chincoteague .....	Lewis Cheericks	Laurel .....	E. B. Riggis
✓ Christ Church.....	A. R. Lewis	Laurel Circuit.....	W. R. Horsey
Clayton.....	Henry Seiders	Lauraville.....	C. H. Knox
Concord .....	M. E. Gabler	Lawsonia.....	Upshur Milbourne
Conquest .....	J. W. Broughton	Leeds.....	G. M. Senderling
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Cumberland .....	G. J. Fritts	Lewistown .....	.....
Cumberland Circuit.....	M. C. Grayson	Liberty .....	Calvin Metcalf
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Delmar.....	J. D. Mills	Mardela .....	Harley Twilley
Delta .....	C. F. Jenness	Mariners.....	W. A. Rayfield
Denton .....	T. P. Fisher	Middleway .....	.....
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Easton .....	C. E. Nichols	Mt. Nebo.....	.....
Elizabeth .....	W. C. Martin	Mt. Tabor.....	C. B. Cameron
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First Ch. (Wash.).....	W. B. Hartley	Payson Street .....	W. E. Harrison
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Frederick .....	P. J. Carpenter	Pittsville .....	M. A. Davis
Georgetown, D. C.....	W. T. Ballard	Pocomoke Circuit .....	S. T. Brown

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Potomac	Antone Mertens	St. Lukes	J. G. Hervis
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Queen Anne	C. B. Walls	Trinity	W. J. Hall
Reliance	L. H. LeCates	Union	Jacob Gootee
R. I. Avenue	J. P. Dodge	Union Bridge	R. O. Fuss
Rowlandville	H. D. Smith	Violetville	G. W. Dunkerly
Salém	B. K. Green	Wallace Memorial	D. S. Johnson
Salisbury	E. S. Adkins	Waltersville	J. D. Messick
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Cumberland		
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Deer Park		
Delmar		
Delta		
Evergreen		
Fairfax	E. W. Wakefield	
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1365  
1220  
108

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98  
136  
295



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First Church, Wash. ....	.....	W. E. Mobley
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Georgetown, Del.....	.....	D. L. Johnson
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Kemptown .....	G. F. Kindley .....	
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- 17 Sabbath Observance—F. H. Mullineaux, H. W. D. Johnson, H. F. Wright, W. W. White, J. M. Macklem, Jesse Linthicum.
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- 3 **On First Church, Wilmington, to Act with Board of Managers Church Extension Society**—T. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, S. J. Smith.
- 4 **On Deaconess Movement**—F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, C. E. Redeker, W. T. Ballard, W. O. Atwood.
5. **On Resolution Relative to Seating J. R. Caton, Messenger**—J. D. Kinzer, J. W. Kirk, J. M. Gill, T. P. Fisher, W. T. Ballard.
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- 8 **Delegates to the National Convention, Anti-Saloon League**—S. J. Smith, S. B. Tredway, F. H. Mullineaux, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. Bibb Mills.
- 9 **To Consider the Two Recommendations of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society**—F. T. Little, J. W. Kirk, A. S. Beane.
- 10 **On the Deaconess Movement**—F. T. Tagg, J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, E. C. Makosky, C. E. Redeker, N. T. Meginniss, Daniel Baker, H. K. Muller, A. R. Lewis, W. T. Ballard, Mrs. Theodore Barnes, Miss M. Bell Baker, Miss Estelle Gilligan, Miss Carrie H. Thomas, Miss Fannie M. Dearing.
- 11 **On the Appointment of Conference Evangelist**—T. O. Cronse, J. W. Trout, E. D. Stone, J. H. Roberts, W. W. Smith.

# FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION

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## Preparatory Course

- S. J. SMITH—Binney's Theological Compend.  
J. T. LASSELL—The New Testament. English Grammar.  
W. M. STRAYER—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners. Conference Official Reports.  
J. L. MILLS—Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience. Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church.  
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 blank, on which the 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.

## First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—Lewis' The Divine Credentials. Theology.  
D. L. GREENFIELD—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.  
A written sermon submitted February 1st  
T. O. CROUSE—English and Elocution. "Outlines of Rhetoric" by John F. Genung, and "Public Speaking and reading," by E. N. Kirby.  
Students will be examined in the theories and rules of Rhetoric and Elocution, and assisted in their practical application.  
J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.  
J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.

*Student*—G. E. Bevans.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Proofs of the Existence of God" to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st, 1909.

## Second Year's Class

- H. C. CUSHING—Miley's Theology, Vol. I, complete.  
S. B. TREDWAY—Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.  
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).  
J. E. MALOY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.  
D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.

*Students*—W. W. Johnson, E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to H. C. Cushing on or before February 1st, 1909.

### Third Year's Class.

F. T. BENSON—Miley's Theology, Vol. II. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

J. S. BOWERS—Foster's Supernatural Book.

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 :

J. S. BOWERS—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*—J. E. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith, L. B. Smith.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, 1908, to F. T. Benson.

Graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall not be examined in any of the studies of this course, except in Hebrew, Greek and English and Elocution ; but such students shall present each year theses on theological subjects to be appointed by the examiners in Systematic Theology.

All students to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE, in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth, or selections from the Psalms; 2nd year, Malachi, or selections from Isaiah; 3rd year, Jonah, or selections from Job.

J. T. LASSELL and S. J. SMITH, Associate, in Greek—Romans 12: 1-15.

J. L. MILLS will deliver a lecture on the Practice and Theory 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.

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.

J. S. BOWERS, *Secretary*.

J. L. MILLS, *President*.



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## First Day—Wednesday

SNOW HILL, MD., April 1, 1908.

The Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its Eightieth Annual Session this day at 9 o'clock a. m., in Bates Memorial Methodist Protestant Church, Snow Hill, Md. The President, J. M. Sheridan, conducted the devotional exercises, reading the one hundred and third Psalm and second Timothy, second chapter. After prayer the Conference sang hymn 15 of the Methodist Protestant Hymnal, "Come, Thou Almighty King." The Conference was then called to order for business.

F. T. Little was called to the chair, and the President read his report, (Report A.), after which reading, his character was passed.

The roll of ministers was called with the following present :

MINISTERS: W. M. Strayer, J. E. Maloy, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Mills, J. B. Jones, J. D. Kinzer, W. D. Litsinger, J. M. Holmes, A. W. Mather, J. T. Lassell, D. L. Greenfield, F. T. Tagg, A. A. Harryman, F. T. Little, S. B. Tredway, T. O. Crouse, W. R. Graham, G. F. Farring, F. H. Mullineaux, J. A. Weigand, G. Q. Bacchus, C. S. Arnett, J. M. Sheridan, T. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, S. J. Smith, D. W. Anstine, F. C. Klein, J. L. Elderdice, G. R. McCready, J. S. Bowers, J. W. Balderston, J. E. Nicholson, J. M. Gill, S. F. Cassen, J. W. Norris, J. W. Kirk, H. L. Elderdice, J. F. Wooden, B. P. Truitt, G. W. Haddaway, G. R. Hodge, W. S. Phillips, C. E. McCullough, H. S. Johnson, R. K. Lewis, L. F. Warner, Dorsey Blake, L. A. Bennett, C. M. Cullum, E. S. Fooks, A. H. Green, C. K. McCaslin, Louis Randall, G. M. Clayton, George Hines, W. B. Judefind, E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, A. S. Beane, G. J. Hill, W. H. Litsinger, F. S. Cain, H. S. Schlincke, C. E. Dryden, H. O. Keen, F. L. Stevens, T. H. Wright, J. F. Bryan, N. O. Gibson, F. A. Holland, E. D. Stone, G. H. Stocksdale, H. F. Wright, W. A. Melvin, E. T. Read, J. L. Ward, C. M. Zepp, B. F. Ruley, T. R. Woodford, G. E. Brown, C. M. Compher, W. N. Sherwood, E. P. Perry, E. H. Jones, J. H. Straughn, C. R. Strausburg, G. J. Hooker, Clayborne Phillips, R. L. Shipley, B. A. Bryan, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, C. E. Redeker, F. M. Clift, J. T. Bailey, N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, C. M. Elderdice, L. B. Smith, J. A. Kittell, W. S. Hanks, E. L. Bunce, F. D. Reynolds, G. A. Ogg, E. A. Sexsmith, Carroll Maddox, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice.

On separate motion, the names of S. B. Southerland, J. M. Yingling and J. H. S. Ewell, all of whom had died during the year, were transferred to the Dead Roll. The President stated that J. W. Gray was ill at the hospital in Baltimore and had requested him to explain his absence from Conference. The Secretary began the roll call of delegates. Announcements were made that delegates from Baltimore, Deer Creek and Lisbon were absent and on motion the cases were referred to the Committee on Credentials. There was objection to the reference and a motion for immediate substitution of the alternate delegates where the name of the alternate appeared on the credentials, and at the instance of the pastor of the charge.

In the midst of the discussion the Conference suspended the roll and entered upon the order of the day at 10:30 o'clock, the Conference sermon. Hymn 88, "Wonderful Words of Life," was sung, and S. B. Tredway offered prayer. I Corinthians, 14th chapter, was read as the Scripture lesson, and after singing hymn 318, "Jesus, Thy Dying Love to Me," J. W. Trout, the Conference appointee, preached the sermon on "Preaching the Word,"—"And again he entered into Capernaum after some days, and it was noised that he was in the house, and straightway many were gathered together, insomuch there was no room to receive them, no not so much as about the door, and he preached the word unto them."--Mark 2:1-2. The doxology was sung and H. S. Johnson pronounced the benediction

### Afternoon

The President called the Conference to order at 2 p. m. The motion affecting delegates and alternates, unfinished from the morning, was considered. On motion of W. S. Phillips the whole matter was laid on table until after the completion of the roll.

The following delegates answered present :

LAYMEN: Harry A. Lewis, J. H. Trimyer, D. J. Holmes, Owen C. Morris, Summerfield Hinkle, Z. T. Gilbert, J. R. Wiley, C. W. Simpson, R. R. Vincent, A. T. Porter, Samuel Burgess, Lewis Cheericks, A. R. Lewis, Henry Seiders, J. W. Broughton, J. B. Nelson, P. W. Ruth, G. J. Fritts, W. O. Atwood, Bayard Dorsey, J. D. Mills, T. P. Fisher, F. T. Turpin, C. E. Nichols, H. M. Erdman, F. Augabright, C. F. Henderson, M. W. Pyle, P. Frank Dill, Jabez N. Barnes, F. B. Holloway, W. B.

Hartley, T. S. Disharoon, P. J. Carpenter, W. T. Ballard, F. L. Hudson, R. F. Thomas, J. G. Bowen, G. A. Rust, A. J. Kenney, J. T. Beane, J. T. Clarke, S. M. Wheatley, Eli Nicodemus, J. F. Miller, J. O. Phillips, E. B. Riggin, C. H. Knox, Upshur Milbourne, G. M. Senderling, W. H. Steele, Calvin Metcalf, C. T. Hardy, Harley Twilley, N. W. White, C. B. Cameron, J. H. Hurtt, A. B. Stine, E. H. McGurryman, W. E. Harrison, Peter Drach, M. A. Davis, S. T. Brown, A. P. Ellis, A. J. Dashiell, J. P. Dodge, C. F. Truitt, A. Anstine, Samuel Mann, F. R. Keyser, J. G. Henvis, T. E. Harrison, G. W. Dexter, Jacob Gootee, R. O. Fuss, L. P. King, F. K. Herr, John Bishop, J. D. Messick, Wm. Offerhide.

At the conclusion of the roll of alternates, Owen C. Morris, from Baltimore charge; John H. Barrow, of Deer Creek; C. T. Hardy, of Lisbon; J. H. Hurtt, of North Baltimore, and B. K. Green, of Salem, were given seats in the Conference in the absence of the delegates. The Secretary then moved that the entire list of credentials be delivered to the Committee on Credentials, which prevailed. (See Report S).

The President then read the list of the Standing Committees. (See List).

G. J. Hill was excused from further attendance on the session of Conference, G. A. Morris was excused until Friday, and J. W. Trout until Saturday.

W. S. Phillips read his report as Secretary of the Conference, showing a balance of \$98.47 on hand. The report was adopted. (Report B).

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first seven rows of seats.

A partial report of the Committee on Conference Program was read and adopted. (Report W).

The order of the day for 2:30, election of officers, was announced. The vote for President was ordered, E. C. Makosky, F. A. Holland, H. M. Erdman and A. J. Kenney were made tellers.

The vote on bar of the Conference was reconsidered and the same was fixed at the first eight pews.

The vote for President resulted as follows: J. M. Sheridan, 169; W. R. Graham, 7; F. C. Klein, 1; J. M. Gill, 5; F. T. Little, 2; J. L. Elderdice, 1. The Secretary declared J. M. Sheridan elected President, who briefly addressed the Conference.

On motion of C. E. Redeker, the assistant secretary cast the

unanimous vote of the Conference for W. S. Phillips for Secretary, who announced J. H. Straughn and G. I. Humphreys, his assistants.

The following Stewards for the next session were then nominated, and on vote of Secretary were elected: Conference, Clayborne Phillips; Church Extension, R. L. Shipley; Superannuate Fund, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, H. O. Keen; General Home Missions, C. R. Strausburg; Education, E. P. Perry; Bible and Tract, G. E. Brown; Our Church Home, B. F. Ruley; Westminster Theological Seminary Silver Jubilee, F. J. Phillips.

The ballot for the Standing District Committee was ordered. S. B. Tredway moved that the Secretary cast ballot for the committee of last year. There was objection and the Conference prepared its ballot. The President appointed W. B. Judefind, C. E. Dryden, A. R. Lewis and T. E. Harrison tellers to take the ballot, who retired to make the count.

L. B. Smith and B. A. Bryan were appointed Committee on Statistics for next year.

On motion of J. L. Mills, the order of the day for 3 p. m. Thursday was fixed for the report of the Baltimore Book Concern and consideration of the *Methodist Protestant*.

F. T. Tagg offered a resolution petitioning the Governor of Maryland, to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference. The resolution was adopted.

The President appointed G. A. Ogg for the Friday morning devotional service.

On motion Conference adjourned. W. R. Graham pronounced the benediction.

## Evening

The evening session was an open parliament, conducted by the President, on "Young Men and the Call to the Ministry." Short addresses were made by the President, H. L. Elderdice, J. M. Holmes and others.

## Second Day—Thursday

The morning devotional service was conducted by C. E. Dryden.

At 9:30 o'clock the President called the Conference to order for business. On motion of the Secretary the names of absentees of yesterday only were called. At the name of J. W. Gray, J. B. Jones offered a resolution of sympathy which the Secretary was instructed to forward to brother Gray. (Resolution 1). Wm. Offerhide, alternate, of Lynchburg, was given a seat in the Conference.

The minutes were read. S. B. Tredway moved to strike out that part of the journal affecting F. T. Tagg's resolution. A motion to postpone order of day for ten minutes was lost. The hour of the day for depositing reports was observed and the Stewards permitted to retire.

The report of the tellers on vote for Committee on Appeals was read. J. L. Mills, minister; M. A. Davis, layman, were elected on the first ballot. On motion of J. W. Trout the required number was completed by the election of those receiving highest number of votes. In compliance with Conference authority, the Secretary cast the ballot for J. D. Kinzer and W. M. Strayer, ministers; E. S. Adkins and T. E. Harrison, laymen.

The Committee on Program submitted the remainder of its report which was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report W).

The motion on striking out a part of the minutes was again considered. T. H. Lewis moved to lay the resolution to strike out on the table. F. T. Tagg moved a reconsideration of the original resolution. A point of order was sustained that a reconsideration could not be taken at this time. On motion of T. H. Lewis the adoption of the minutes was postponed until a reconsideration could be had. F. T. Tagg again moved the reconsideration of the resolution. After much discussion the Secretary moved the previous question, which carried. The vote for reconsideration obtained. On a further motion the President appointed T. H. Lewis, F. T. Tagg and C. W. Simpson a committee to take the matter under consideration and report.

F. T. Little then moved to amend the minutes by striking out the

section in question. The previous question was called, sustained and the minutes as amended were approved.

The tellers on vote for Standing District Committee reported J. D. Kinzer and W. R. Graham, ministers, elected; W. G. Baker, T. P. Fisher and W. B. Usilton, laymen, elected. The Secretary, by vote of the Conference, cast the ballot for J. L. Straughn as the third minister on the committee.

The Committee on the Request of G. L. Wolfe, appointed last Conference, reported through J. S. Bowers, Chairman, exonerating brother Wolfe of all reports and rumors affecting his moral and ministerial standing. The time was extended to conclude action on the report. The Secretary moved a recommittal of the report that a statement could be had on the request to withdraw from the Conference. The motion was lost, and on a further motion the Conference took a recess at 12:30 o'clock. G. Q. Bacchus pronounced the benediction.

### Afternoon

At 2:30 o'clock the Conference was called to order by the President. The unfinished report on Request of G. L. Wolfe was taken from the table. S. J. Smith moved to amend that the request to withdraw be not granted. The amendment was lost and the original paper adopted. (Report X).

A telegram of greeting from the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, now in session at Washington, D. C., was read to the Conference and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations, with instructions to formulate a reply reciprocating the greetings.

On motion of J. H. Straughn the Secretary was instructed to have the Conference program printed and have same distributed.

Hour of the day, 3 p. m. o'clock. J. L. Mills read the report of the Baltimore Book Concern, showing a gain of 15.9% over the profits of last year in Sunday School Literature; an increase of 58.4% in earnings in the Merchandise Business, and a loss in the *Methodist Protestant*, giving actual profits in all departments of \$1,029.34 for the year. J. L. Mills, secretary of the Board, F. T. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, W. B. Usilton, president of the Board, and T. R. Wood-

ford, agent of the Concern, addressed the Conference. The report was referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report J).

Several papers were transferred to the proper Committees. The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read and adopted. The report of the special committee or consideration of the resolution of petition to Governor of Maryland, submitted by T. H. Lewis, Chairman, was read. The paper urges our people to refuse support to those who defeated local option legislation at the last session, and petition the Governor not to honor such persons with public office. The paper was adopted, to be signed by the President and Secretary and a copy of the same to be forwarded to Governor Crothers. (Resolution 2.)

T. H. Lewis and W. O. Atwood were granted personal privilege.

A partial report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, sending reciprocal greetings to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, submitted by L. F. Warner, Chairman, was read and adopted with rising vote, and the Secretary instructed to forward the telegram. (See Report N).

The report of the Conference Temperance Secretary, S. J. Smith, stating that letters had been sent to pastors, catechisms published, and acknowledging Daniel Baker's generosity in providing funds, was read and adopted. (See Report L). The Secretary was instructed to reimburse Brother Smith for his personal expenditures.

The report of the special committee on a Sunday School Constitution was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools without reading.

A resolution offered by T. O. Crouse, defining the pastor's relation to the election of Church officials, and distinguishing such relation from meeting for election of Conference delegate, was read and adopted. (Resolution 3).

J. H. Lucas, Secretary Board Home Missions, and J. M. Arters, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of the Peninsula, were introduced and the latter addressed the Conference.

After announcements adjournment was taken with benediction by A. W. Mather.

## Evening

F. T. Little presided at the evening service, which was addressed by T. H. Lewis on "Jesus and the Bible."

## Third Day—Friday

The day's session began with the devotional service, led by G. A. Ogg. At 9:30 the President opened Conference. The roll call was omitted; the minutes were read and approved; H. O. Keen was excused from the day's session. The order of the day was observed, delegates deposited communications, and the roll of committees called. The report from the Woman's Board of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on Missions. The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was sent without reading to the Board of Finance, (See Report A.), and the reports of the Lady Managers and Treasurer of Our Church Home were referred to the Committee on Our Church Home. (See Report D).

A letter from J. L. Straughn was received stating his illness and requesting a continuance of his active relation. A communication from J. M. Brown, who is in North Carolina for his health, regrets his absence and asks for a Superannuate relation. R. S. Rowe's letter of like character, asking for a Superannuate relation, was received. The letter of H. C. Cushing, stating his inability to attend Conference, was read. In each of these instances the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of the Conference's concern and sympathy. The letter of C. S. Arnett was referred to the Committee on Official Character without reading.

A communication from C. E. Sheppard, President Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, requesting loan of J. H. Straughn for another year, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations, as was also a letter from the clerk of the Monterey Congregational Church requesting loan of C. E. McCullough; also the letter of E. A. Warfield, requesting active relation. (See Report O.)

A letter from T. J. Ogburn, Sec.-Treas. Board of Foreign Missions,



calling attention to the \$5,500 assessment for Foreign Missions, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

The Committee on President's Report submitted its report through J. W. Balderston, Chairman, which was called by items. The committee rejoices in the growth of the Church during the year in accession, buildings and increased salaries for ministers; recognizes Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese's continued benevolences, and also those of Pipe Creek, Jefferson and St. John's benevolent boards, and the gift of the children and grandchildren of the late Mrs. S. H. Lewis of the Greensboro Church property. These gifts as item 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3, placing St. John's Church on the roll of charges was adopted; Item 4, recommending the appointment of a committee of three to co-operate with the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society in the matter of the First Church, Wilmington, was adopted. Item 5, that a committee of three be appointed to consider the Deaconess movement and to report 10:30 o'clock Monday, was amended increasing the committee to five and changing the time to 3 p. m. Monday. The item as amended was adopted. Item 6, fixing the third Sunday in May for special sermon by pastors on the call to the ministry was adopted. Item 7, recommended the second Sunday of November as a day to consider the needs of Western Maryland College, with a special program. There were motions to amend, fixing time for September, and Sunday before Thanksgiving; also a motion to leave the day open. On motion of J. E. Maloy all amendments were laid on the table. The vote on the original recommendation was doubted and on a rising vote carried. At the request of the President, an item commending the Conference Parsonage Guild was appended to the report. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report O).

The delegate from St. John's was recognized and extended an invitation to the Conference to hold its next session in that church. According to rule the invitation was laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

The President of Western Maryland College was recognized and gave his report; showing a slight decrease of students, the erection of a building for young ladies, the need of another building, defining the relation of the College to the State, and that the present endowment is \$26,000. The report, with the concluding resolution that the

pulpits and charges of the Conference district are open to College representatives, in order to secure the half of \$25,000,—the other half guaranteed by the President of the College,—was referred to the Committee on Education. (See Report P).

The President called T. H. Lewis to the chair.

The Westminster Theological Seminary reported through T. P. Fisher. The addition to the building is completed and practically paid for; 29 students are in attendance, 7 of whom will graduate this year. There are four recommendations, that each pastor donate one volume to the Library; that each Church observe a day of prayer for recruits for the ministry, that laymen respond to the endowment of the Seminary, and that H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the Seminary with the request for the continued assessment of \$1800. The report went to the Committee on Education. (See Report P).

H. L. Elderdice called attention to the expiring term of the Board of Governors from this Conference. By authority of the Conference the Secretary cast the ballot for the old members, J. D. Kinzer, J. L. Mills, J. M. Gill, J. W. Hering and T. P. Fisher.

Rev. George R. Brown, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Board Ministerial Education, was introduced to and addressed the Conference.

On motion of Chairman Committee on Fraternal Relations, the Conference decided to hear Dr. Lucas in the interest of Home Missions immediately succeeding the Electoral College.

C. P. Nowlin introduced a resolution that the Faculty require of each candidate for admission to the Conference a promise that he will join the Mutual Relief Association, which carried. (Resolution 4).

On motion of H. L. Elderdice, the Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. J. C. Berrien a letter of sympathy in the affliction of Dr. Berrien, Secretary Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The President appointed the following special committees: To co-operate with the Church Extension Society affecting First Church, Wilmintgon, T. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, S. J. Smith. To consider the Deaconness movement, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, C. E. Redeker, W. T. Ballard and W. O. Atwood.

The report of the District of Columbia Church Extension Society, submitted by T. O. Crouse, President, was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. The report states its assumption

of the purchase of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre lot on which the Cherrydale Church is built. The report was referred to Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

At 11:30 the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Mutual Relief Association.

The Conference resumed at 11:55 o'clock, and the time extended to hear partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, which recommended that having examined the credentials of J. L. Nichols and R. T. Tyson and finding them satisfactory, they be received into the Conference. Each name was taken separately and approved. (See Report F).

At 12:05 o'clock Conference took recess.

### Afternoon

At 2 p. m., T. H. Lewis called Conference to order, which immediately gave way to the Electoral College; resuming its session at 2:45 o'clock.

C. R. Strausburg, Home Missions Steward, reported of the assessment of \$2,640 for Home Missions, \$2,286 was paid. The report was adopted. (See Report Q).

Educational Steward, E. P. Perry, reported \$560 paid on Ministerial Education; \$1,722 on Westminster Theological Seminary; \$1,209 Western Maryland College. The report was adopted. (See Report P).

A resolution preferred by W. A. Melvin, memorializing the the General Conference to create a Fire Insurance Association for the benefit of our Churches, was adopted. (Resolution 5).

A succeeding resolution, offered by W. A. Melvin, requesting each Ladies Aid Society of the District to contribute \$1 a year to the Conference Parsonage Guild was adopted. (Resolution 6). The delegate from Clayton was excused until Monday.

The order of the day to hear Dr. Lucas on behalf of Board of Home Missions was observed. Dr. Charles Roads, Secretary Maryland Sunday School Association, was introduced to the Conference.

J. M. Holmes was recognized and made an appeal for the Bates Memorial Church, securing \$350.

A letter for the Committee on Missions from the Board of Home Missions was so referred. (See Report Q). A letter from Mr. W. H. Anderson, Superintendent Maryland Anti-Saloon League, was read in connection with the report of the Committee on Temperance, submitted through F. C. Klein, Chairman, which was also read. The report rejoices in the strong and growing sentiment for prohibition, recommending the appointment of 3 ministers and 2 laymen to serve on the Board of the Anti-Saloon League, and 3 ministers and 2 laymen as delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League convention. The report was adopted (Report L).

G. W. Haddaway, Transportation Committee, read his report, having secured the customary rates, and the report was sent to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (Report U).

The report of R. K. Lewis, Foreign Missionary Steward, was read, showing a total of \$9,176 raised for Foreign Missions interest of the Conference, an increase over last year of \$549. The report was adopted. (See Report Q).

E. P. Perry was excused from further attendance, and T. O. Crouse from Saturday noon until Monday.

The report of the Sabbath Observance Committee was submitted by F. H. Mullineaux, read and adopted. (Report R).

After announcements Conference adjourned at 4:25 o'clock. J. E. Nicholson gave the benediction.

## Evening

W. S. Phillips presided at the evening service, which was in the interest of Sabbath Schools, and addressed by Dr. Charles Roads, Superintendent Maryland Sunday School Association, on "Modern Sunday School Methods."

### Fourth Day—Saturday

F. A. Holland led the morning devotional service.

The roll was omitted. The minutes were read and approved. Following this, Conference gave way to the Electoral College, resuming at 10:10 o'clock. G. R. Hodge, M. A. Davis and delegate from Dover were excused from Conference.

The list of Committees was called.

The report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, through J. L. Mills, Chairman, was read and considered by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, as follows were adopted: Resolutions of bereavement and loss at the death of S. B. Southerland, the election of J. L. Mills, president, and J. S. Bowers, Secretary of the Faculty; that F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, J. T. Bailey and Carroll Maddox were passed out of the course; that J. E. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, J. D. Smith and L. B. Smith were passed into the Third year's class; that W. W. Johnson, E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice were passed into the First year's class. Recommendation 1, that G. E. Bevans be received on trial was adopted; recommendation 2, that J. D. Smith, Carroll Maddox, W. L. Hoffman and E. N. Baldwin be ordained, was adopted, J. D. Smith and W. L. Hoffman giving pledge in open Conference to continue their studies. Recommendation 3, granting license to P. L. Rice, H. B. Jester, G. E. Bevans and W. M. Jett was adopted. The last item stated the change in the course of study. (Report F).

The order of the day, the meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society, was deferred. On motion, the President received G. E. Bevans into the Conference on trial with appropriate remarks, and J. L. Nichols and R. T. Tyson were introduced to the Conference, having been received by transfer.

F. T. Little was called to the chair. A partial report of the Committee on Superannuates, fixing the assessment for Superannuates at \$4500, was adopted. (See Report H).

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension, that J. M. Sheridan be paid \$40 out of the appropriation for Lewes, Del., to cover cost of supplying the work, was adopted. (See Report G).

The report of the Educational Endowment Society, through J. D. Kinzer, President, stated the election of officers, and payment of interest to the Westminster Theological Seminary. The report was adopted. (See Report P).

The invitation from St. John's Church to hold the next session in that church was taken from the table and accepted with a rising vote.

The Committee on Literature, through the Chairman, J. L. Elderdice, submitted its report. It commends the conduct of the Baltimore Book Concern, calls attention to T. H. Lewis' book, "Divine Credentials," and to E. S. Fooks' "Optimism in Life's Dark Hours." It concludes with a recommendation that the question, "Have you tried to introduce the *Methodist Protestant* into every home?" be inserted in the pastor's report blank. There was a motion to strike out the recommendation, which was withdrawn. The time for adjournment was extended 10 minutes. G. W. Hines offered a substitute to the recommendation, constituting an honor roll of charges which has 10% of its members subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant*. During the discussion Conference took recess until 2 p. m.

### Afternoon

F. T. Little called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock. The report of the Literature Committee was taken from the table. The previous question was called and sustained. The substitute was lost. The vote to adopt the original report was doubted and on a rising vote carried. (Report J).

Committee on Church Enterprises, through D. W. Anstine, Chairman, recommended that the request for \$500 for the new church at Fairview Heights, Lynchburg, Va., be referred to Committee on Church Extension, and that the Green Bush, Va., enterprise be referred to the Quarterly Conference of Accomac Charge. The report was adopted. (Report V).

J. T. Bailey, Collector for Sexton, reported \$41 received. On motion of the Secretary, the amount was delivered to pastor of the church to divide same at his discretion between sexton of Church and janitor of the Court House.

The resolution by F. C. Klein, fixing first Wednesday in April for the next session of Conference, was laid on the table according to rule.

T. P. Fisher was granted personal privilege and read a letter from F. T. Benson, stating the severe illness of his mother. On motion of F. C. Klein the Secretary was instructed to address brother Benson with the sorrow of this Conference.

The Secretary appointed G. J. Hooker an additional Assistant Secretary.

At 2:30 o'clock the Conference gave way to the Electoral College, resuming at 3 p. m.

Our Church Home Steward, B. F. Ruley, reported \$909.50 paid, an increase of \$159.50 over last year; 41 charges failing to measure up to the Conference request. The report was adopted. (See Report D).

G. E. Brown reported \$308.68 paid for Bible and \$266 paid for Tract; an increase of \$16.99 in the former and of \$14 in the latter, over last year. The report was adopted. (See Report M).

The resolution of J. W. Kirk, that 3 ministers and 2 laymen be appointed a committee to take under consideration the advisability of a Conference Evangelist and to report next year, was adopted. (Resolution 8).

The Conference adjourned at 3:20 o'clock, N. O. Gibson pronouncing the benediction.

### Fifth Day—Sunday

The ordination sermon was preached by B. P. Truitt, Conference appointee, from Isaiah 6:8, "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send or who will go for us? and I said here am I, send me." Following the sermon, W. S. Phillips, Conference Secretary, presented to the President, J. M. Sheridan, Carroll Maadox, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith and Eben N. Baldwin, who had been elected to the office of Elders in the Church of Christ. The President, assisted by J. L. Mills, J. M. Holmes, F. T. Little and W. S. Phillips, ordained the candidates, presenting to each a copy of the Scriptures.

### Afternoon

President Sheridan had charge of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 2:30 o'clock. Following this very helpful service, G. M. Clayton read the Dead Roll. S. B. Southerland was eulogized by F. T. Little and J. E. Maloy. J. M. Yingling was feelingly remembered by G. R. McCready and S. B. Tredway. C. E. McCullough read the obituary of J. H. S. Ewell; C. E. Dryden, W. S. Phillips and others speaking in his memory. The service was one of much feeling and comforting power.

### Evening

J. M. Holmes preached the sermon in the Conference Church at 7:45 p. m., from the text, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed," addressing himself in particular to the delegates and laymen present.

### Sixth Day—Monday

G. E. Brown conducted the morning worship. President Sheridan called the Conference to order at 9:30. The roll call was omitted, the minutes were read and approved.

At 9:45 the Conference gave way to the Electoral College, resuming at 10:10 o'clock.

Avery Donovan and delegates from Fawn Grove, Lisbon and Cecil were excused from Conference. The list of Committees was called, for reports.

The report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference was read. J. L. Mills was elected President of the Board, T. A. Murray, Treasurer, and Rowland Watts, Secretary. The report was adopted, (See Report C), following which the Secretary was instructed to cast ballot for J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, T. A. Murray and Rowland Watts, whose terms expire at this Conference, who shall hold office until 1911.



Dr. C. W. Prettyman, of the Snow Hill M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society, through its President, J. S. Bowers, reported \$500 paid to the Lauraville Church and the conditional promise of \$700 to the St. John's (Canton) Church. The report also commends the generosity of Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, and the sympathetic work of the ladies of the Baltimore Churches. It was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

F. T. Little, Chairman, submitted the report of the Committee on Education, which was read and called for by items. Item 1, reviewing the report of the President of Western Maryland College, and opening the pulpit of our churches to College representatives for the \$25,000 fund, was adopted. During the discussion of the part of the report affecting Westminster Theological Seminary, at the suggestion of T. H. Lewis, further action was suspended until the President of the Seminary should be in the Conference.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, through its Chairman, W. R. Graham, submitting as a part of the report the new Constitution for the Sunday Schools, as recommended by the Special Committee. The conditions of membership in the Sunday School Association evoked discussion. T. H. Lewis offered to amend that only those belonging to the Church shall have the power to vote. A point of law was raised that the provision was in conflict with the discipline and on motion of F. T. Little, this item of the report, the Sunday School Association, was laid over until next Conference. The report as amended was then adopted. (Report K).

At 11:40 the Conference gave way to the Electoral College.

### Afternoon

President Sheridan took the chair at 2:30 o'clock. The Conference gave way immediately to the Electoral College and was again in session at 2:55 o'clock with F. T. Little in the chair.

W. M. Strayer offered a resolution pertaining to a new church organization in Alexandria, Va., and that J. R. Caton was present as

messenger with the proper credentials. (Resolution 9). On motion of the Secretary, the resolution was referred to a special committee of 3 ministers and 2 laymen. The President appointed J. D. Kinzer, J. M. Gill, J. W. Kirk, T. P. Fisher and W. T. Ballard.

The letter from E. A. Warfield referred to the Committee of Fraternal Relations was recalled and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. J. Smith offered a resolution affecting qualifications of suffrage in the Sabbath School, being an interpretation of the Discipline. This was in agreement with the President's interpretation. W. O. Atwood moved a substitute to the resolution that the President's interpretation was correct. Both substitute and resolution were withdrawn, it being understood that the President's interpretation of the law was correct. The Conference gave way to the Electoral College at 3:10, resuming at 3:20.

The Steward of the Superannuate Fund Society desired to know what disposition should be made of balance due on appropriation to S. B. Southerland of last year. The Steward was instructed to pay the balance to the heirs of Dr. Southerland.

A partial report of Committee on Official Character was read. C. S. Arnett was granted a Supernumerary relation. E. A. Warfield's report went to the Committee on Education; reports of C. E. McCullough, A. N. Ward and J. H. Straughn to the Committee on Fraternal Relations; reports of H. C. Cushing, S. A. Hobiltzell, J. T. Lassell, W. D. Litsinger, W. J. D. Lucas, R. S. Rowe, W. M. Strayer, J. G. Sullivan, J. A. Weigand, G. L. Wolfe, to the Committee on Superannuates, the report of E. H. VanDyke to Committee on Missions. (See Report O).

Delegates from Salisbury and Westminster were excused from further attendance.

A resolution was offered by W. S. Phillips, providing for the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference, fixing assessment of \$700 on the District. On motion of S. F. Cassen, it was amended to read \$500, instead of \$700, and so adopted. (Resolution 10). C. P. Nowlin was excused after Tuesday morning.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates, submitted by A. W. Mather, Chairman, was read and according to rule laid on the table

for twenty-four hours. At 4 o'clock the Electoral College was in session, and at 4:10 Conference resumed.

On motion, T. R. Woodford was made treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund.

The order of the day was observed by considering the report of the Special Committee on the Deaconess Movement, F. T. Tagg, Chairman. The report concurs in the President's suggestion in his report that such a society be established. Three recommendations follow: that Conference authorize the establishment of the Deaconess Society; that the President appoint a committee of 15, consisting of 5 ministers, 5 laymen, 5 women, to establish and inaugurate the Society; and the General Conference be memorialized to provide a form of consecration. T. H. Lewis moved to amend to strike out the word "establish" in the second recommendation, and to add words instructing the committee to report to the next Conference as to its advisability. S. B. Tredway offered a substitute that the whole question be referred to the General Conference. The substitute was lost. The amendment was put and a division was called. The vote stood 37 to 37 and the chair decided in favor of the amendment, and the report so amended adopted. (Report Y).

The Church Extension Committee asked for an assessment of \$4,500 on the District for Church Extension purposes. J. F. Bryan moved to amend to make the amount \$4,000. The amendment was lost and the partial report adopted.

J. F. Bryan offered a resolution that charges deficient in assessment be required to explain before a special committee the reason of the deficiency. The resolution was laid on the table.

T. R. Woodford moved a reconsideration of the vote for the assessment for General Conference representatives. S. F. Cassen moved to make the reconsideration the order for 10 o'clock Tuesday, which failed to carry. The reconsideration was had. T. R. Woodford moved to amend by making the amount \$650. The vote was doubted and on a rising vote carried. (Resolution 10). The Conference adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, receiving the benediction by George Hines.

## Evening

The Church Extension Society had its annual meeting, beginning at 8 o'clock.

### Seventh Day—Tuesday

J. E. Litsinger conducted the morning devotional service, and at 9:30 the President called the Conference to order. The roll call was omitted and the minutes were read and approved. The report of the Committee on Education, deferred from Monday morning, was taken from the table. The unadopted part of the report affecting the Westminster Theological Seminary, and recommending concurrence in the requests embodied in the report of the Board of Governors of the Seminary, was adopted. The additional recommendation that E. A. Warfield be loaned to Western Maryland College was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (Report P). The Conference Choir on request was excused.

A letter from E. H. VanDyke was read and the Secretary instructed to address him a letter of fellowship from this Conference.

H. L. Schlincke, Chairman, submitted, the report of the Committee on Statistics, which was read, showing 73 Unstationed Ministers and Preachers, 1350 Probationers, 26377 Full Members. 1308 probationers received during the year, 2254 full members received. 280 Sunday Schools, 28312 Scholars; 133 Christian Endeavor Societies, 5217 members, 62 Junior Christian Endeavor Societies, 2431 junior members. There are 295 appointments, 292½ churches, 106 parsonages; value of Church property \$1,886,828, and of parsonage property \$250,675. The report was adopted with an amendment by G. W. Haddaway that the President report to the Committee on Statistics the churches and members which otherwise have no recognition in the Conference. (See Statistical Tables).

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read, commending the Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society to the interest of our churches, and makes no recommendation as

to life members in these respective Societies! The report was adopted. (Report M).

The report of the Committee on Credentials, submitted through Louis Randall, Chairman, was called for by items. Item 1, requests stewards of charges to send credentials of election in absence of pastors, and was adopted. Item 2, that 22 charges failed to fill up properly their reports, was adopted. Item 3, calling attention to law of the Church respecting chairman of meeting for election of delegates, was adopted. Item 4, seating alternates when delegates fail to appear at the Conference, was also adopted, and the report was adopted. (Report S).

The order was suspended for resolution by S. J. Smith, that the action of the Conference of last year affecting the Conference assessment be rescinded and that the assessment of this year be \$450, which resolution was adopted. (Resolution 11).

On motion of J. D. Kinzer the order of the day for 3 o'clock was made for a meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society.

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society read its report. It reviewed the work of the Society during the year and, considered by items, adopted the recommendation that Fairview be dropped from the list of appointments. The Board were unable to dispose of the property and it had passed out of their possession by reversion of title. The recommendation affecting Towson was amended to authorize the Board to pay to the pastor of the Church the appropriation of last year plus the \$300 already on hand for that Church, and as amended was adopted. A further item, authorizing the Society to continue their investigations and basis of tabulation and work was followed by an additional item designating the Society as the channel through which funds should be distributed. A motion to strike out the first of these items and to adopt the second was made. A substitute was offered and adopted that both items be referred to a special committee of three to report next Conference. A succeeding item affecting the policy of the Conference in dividing and subdividing charges as unwise, inasmuch as it was productive of so many requests for aid, was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See Minutes of Church Extension Society).

The order was suspended and the report of the Special Committee

on receiving J. R. Caton, messenger, Alexandria, Va., was read. It deploras the division in the Church of that city, but recommends that in the judgment of the Committee, the law of the Church prevents recognition of the messenger. (Art. 4. Sec. 1 of Discipline).

The time was extended 12 minutes. Conference decided to take recess during the discussion. Delegates from Leeds and Denton were excused, announcements were made, and recess had.

### Afternoon

T. H. Lewis called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock, and the unfinished business of the morning taken from the table. J. L. Mills moved as a substitute for the report of the Committee, that part of the original resolution which would recognize J. R. Caton as a messenger to communicate with this Conference directly. In reply to a question, the chair decided this recognition of the messenger does not recognize the organization he represents as a Methodist Protestant Church. The vote on the substitute was doubted, and on a rising vote it was adopted by a vote of 75 to 55. (Resolution 9).

The report of Our Church Home Committee, calling attention to increased interest in Our Church Home, submitting therewith the reports of the Board of Managers, Treasurer and Lady Visitors, and a list of delinquent charges, was read. An amendment was adopted striking out the list of delinquent charges, and the report as amended was approved. (Report D).

T. O. Crouse submitted a resolution offered by J. E. Litsinger expressing the sorrow of this Conference at the sudden death of Rev. W. H. Chapman, Agent Washington Bible Society. (Resolution 12).

The additional report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was considered by items. Item 2, granting the loan of J. H. Straughn to the West Lafayette College, was adopted. Item 3, granting the loan of C. E. McCullough to the Monterey Congregational Church, was adopted. Item 4, commending the loan of A. N. Ward to the Board Home Missions, was adopted. The remainder of the report was laid over until evening session.

J. R. Caton, messenger of a new church organization in Alexandria, Va., was introduced to the Conference.

The Committee on Missions, through J. W. Trout, Chairman, rejoices in its report in our growing work at Seattle, Wash., and the work of the Board Home Missions among the immigrants. The report does not concur in the request of the Home Board to increase the Home Missions assessment to 15 cents per member. Attention is called to the Home Missions Bulletin, making T. R. Woodford agent of the publication in this Conference. The Foreign Missions work continues to prosper. E. H. VanDyke's work in raising \$5,000 for the Coulbourn Memorial building in Japan is commended. The report was adopted. (Report Q).

The report of the Christian Endeavor Committee, submitted by E. T. Read, Chairman, calling attention to the decision of the Maryland Conference Union to support a male missionary in Japan, and to the Denominational Union Convention in Pittsburg, was adopted. (Report T).

The Conference Steward, Clayborne Phillips, reported \$27,886 paid for general interests, increase \$961; \$238,740 for local interests, increase \$76,776. The report was adopted. (See Financial Tables).

The Church Extension Steward, R. L. Shipley, reported \$3,743 paid for Church Extension purposes. (See Report G).

The additional report of Committee on Official Character, calling attention to deficient assessments and giving the honor roll of charges, was read. The report recommends the publication of the roll in the *Methodist Protestant*. H. L. Schlincke offered an amendment that the Conference Steward report to the Committee on Official Character delinquent charges which shall give to that Committee the cause of delinquency. The report as amended was adopted. (Report O).

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken from the table, granting relation and making appropriations. In the case of G. L. Wolfe, the request for Superannuate relation without appropriation was withdrawn. The report was adopted. (Report H).

A motion was made to refer resolution, giving G. L. Wolfe a Supernumerary relation, to the Committee on Official Character, which was approved, and the Committee on Official Character immediately recommended the granting of the relation as a supplemental report. It was adopted. (See Report O).

The Committee on Missions offered a supplemental report, that E.

H. VanDyke's relation be, "loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions." It was adopted. (See Report Q).

J. D. Smith, Collector Superannuate dues, reported \$105 collected. (See Report H).

The Collector Church Extension dues reported \$120 paid. (See Report G).

The Special Steward of the Westminster Theological Seminary Silver Jubilee Fund reported a total of \$6,894.86 paid. (See Report P).

A resolution offered by J. H. Straughn, pertaining to a Conference Stenographer for next year, was adopted. (Resolution 16).

An additional report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, placing men in the hands of the President was adopted. (See Report F).

The resolution fixing time of the next Conference was taken from the table and adopted. (Resolution 7).

A resolution that in the event of a surplus in assessment for entertaining Conference, it be paid Bates Memorial Church, was deferred.

A further resolution requesting the publication of J. W. Trout's Conference Sermon in the Minutes was adopted. (Resolution 13).

By a motion of H. S. Johnson, the President was requested to appoint some one to read the appointments in the Court House, simultaneously with the reading in the Church.

H. L. Elderdice introduced a resolution respecting the offer of the Harrison Nurseries to provide plants and cuttings to the members of the Conference. The Secretary was instructed to address the thanks of the Conference to the authorities and to forward them a copy of the minutes when published. (Resolution 14).

An invitation from the Conference Parsonage Guild to the President's reception Friday night was read to the Conference, and was accepted with the thanks of the Conference.

T. O. Crouse offered a resolution that this Conference does not approve of the baptism of infants of parents who have not made a profession of Christ. During the discussion, the President addressed the Conference respecting his inability to further consult delegates and ministers after a brief interval following his remarks. The Conference then took recess with the request that the pastor appoint ushers for the evening session.



## Evening

The Conference was called to order at 8 o'clock by T. H. Lewis. J. R. Caton, messenger of the new organization at Alexandria, Va., was recognized and addressed the Conference with the request that the new organization be admitted to membership in the Conference, having adopted the Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church. W. M. Strayer moved that the new organization be enrolled among the list of charges as Bethany Methodist Protestant Church, subject to the usual regulations of the Conference. At the request of J. M. Holmes, the delegate from Alexandria was requested to address the Conference. During the delegate's statement the chair ruled that the delegate must address himself to the question under consideration and not to introduce into the discussion the causes leading to the organization. The delegate appealed from the decision of the chair, in which appeal the chair was sustained. The President of the Conference made a statement of his efforts at reconciliation. Following this the delegate from Alexandria and the pastor of that church addressed the Conference, the time of the latter being extended. Following this discussion the Secretary moved the previous question, which obtained. The question was put and the vote doubted. Requests were made for a yea and nay vote and the roll was called with the following result:

YEAS—*Ministers*—W. M. Strayer, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Mills, J. B. Jones, A. A. Harryman, S. B. Tredway, T. O. Crouse, W. R. Graham, G. F. Farring, G. Q. Bacchus, T. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, S. J. Smith, D. W. Anstine, J. L. Elderdice, G. R. McCready, J. W. Balderston, J. E. Nicholson, S. F. Cassen, J. W. Norris, B. W. Kindley, J. F. Wooden, G. R. Hodge, H. S. Johnson, L. F. Warner, J. W. Parris, L. A. Bennett, G. R. Donaldson, A. H. Green, C. K. McCaslin, J. A. Wright, George Hines, F. S. Cain, G. A. Morris, G. H. Stocksdales, H. F. Wright, W. A. Melvin, J. L. Ward, W. N. Sherwood, E. H. Jones, C. E. Redeker, R. T. Tyson; *Laymen*—Harry A. Lewis, Summerfield Hinkle, Jos. R. Wiley, Robert R. Vincent, C. S. Jump, Henry Seiders, Wm. B. Usilton, John B. Nelson, Chas. E. Nichols, Wm. C. Martin, Jabez N. Barnes, Joseph G. Bowen, J. Frank Miller, E. B. Riggan, W. R. Horsey, Harley Twilley, Frank A. Covington, E. H. McGurryan, W. Edgar Harrison, Minos A. Davis, W. W. Smith, Abraham Anstine, Samuel Mann, Jacob Gootee, D. L. Johnson, John Bishop.—68.

*NAYS—Ministers*—J. E. Maloy, W. D. Litsinger, J. M. Holmes, D. L. Greenfield, F. H. Mullineaux, J. A. Weigand, C. S. Arnett, F. C. Klein, J. S. Bowers, J. M. Gill, E. O. Ewing, H. L. Elderdice, B. P. Truitt, G. W. Haddaway, H. W. D. Johnson, W. S. Phillips, C. E. McCullough, R. K. Lewis, Avery Donovan, S. W. Coe, Dorsey Blake, C. M. Cullum, E. S. Fooks, Louis Randall, G. M. Clayton, W. B. Judefind, A. S. Beane, H. L. Schlinke, C. E. Dryden, H. O. Keen, J. F. Bryan, N. O. Gibson, F. A. Holland, E. D. Stone, C. M. Zepp, B. F. Ruley, T. R. Woodford, G. E. Brown, C. M. Compher, J. H. Straughn, C. R. Strausburg, G. J. Hooker, F. P. Krauss, C. Phillips, R. L. Shipley, B. A. Bryan, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, W. B. Elliott, F. M. Clift, J. T. Bailey, N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, C. M. Elderdice, L. B. Smith, W. S. Hanks, E. L. Bunce, F. D. Reynolds, G. A. Ogg, J. L. Nichols; *Laymen*—J. H. Trimyer, D. J. Holmes, Z. F. Gilbert, J. R. Cannon, Louis Cheericks, W. O. Atwood, Jno. H. Barrow, C. F. Jenness, Falcon Augabright, P. Frank Dill, P. J. Carpenter, Wm. T. Ballard, A. J. Kenney, Jas. T. Beane, S. W. Wheatley, Geo. R. Raisin, W. H. Steel, Calvin Metcalfe, Wm. Ofterhide, Chas. B. Cameron, Dr. A. B. Stine, H. T. Mason, A. P. Ellis, A. T. Curtis, Levin H. LeCates, Julian P. Dodge, J. P. Cooper, Chas. F. Truitt, Louis P. King, Dr. A. W. Totten, Wm. A. Mikesell, Jno. D. Messick.—92.

The unfinished business of the afternoon was taken from the table, the resolution affecting infant baptism. A motion was made to refer the matter to the General Conference, which prevailed. (Resolution 15).

The unfinished report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was taken from the table thanking railroads and newspapers, the Conference Choir, Stewards and Secretaries, which items were adopted. A succeeding item, thanking the pastor of the Church and his Committee, was adopted. The items noting with pleasure the closing of school one day, thanking the churches, banks and Court House authorities was adopted. The item expressing the appreciation of the Conference for the courtesies of the homes of the city was adopted with a rising vote. The report as a whole was then adopted. (Report N).

The report of the Committee on Church Extension, submitted by B. P. Truitt, Chairman, commends the management of the Washintgon and the Baltimore City Church Extension Societies and makes the following recommendations: That Greensboro become a station; that Cherrydale be attached to Potomac charge; that St. John's be placed upon the list of charges; that Frederica be placed in the hands of the

President; that the name of Jefferson be changed to Buckeystown and that the Canton church be known as St. John's, Canton. Following these recommendations, the list of appropriations was given. The pastor of St. Michaels' stated they were unable to meet the conditions affixed by the report, but later withdrew his objection. C. E. Redeker moved to amend by striking out items of the report changing the name of Glenburnie to Marley. The amendment was lost. The pastor of Baltimore moved to amend the condition on their appropriation changing it to read, "three installments instead of four." The amendment was lost. J. F. Wooden moved to strike out the appropriation to Frederica, but the motion was lost. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report G).

The report of the Special Committee to act with the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society on the Wilmington church, reported with the recommendation that the church be left unsupplied. The report was adopted. (Report Z).

The report of the Board of Finance, submitting the list of the assessments, was adopted. (Report E).

A resolution that the Secretary be instructed to add a column in the tables of the Minutes for Children's Day offering was adopted, but by subsequent action was deferred until next Conference. (Resolution 16).

A resolution of love to Mrs. T. A. Reese on the celebration of her eighty-fifth birthday, was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 17).

The deferred resolution that the residue of funds for the entertainment of Conference be paid to Bates Memorial Church was taken from the table and adopted. (Resolution 18). J. M. Holmes was then given the floor and solicited subscriptions for the Bates Memorial Church, receiving \$228.

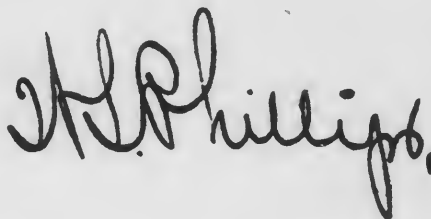
The President took the chair. The Secretary requested that the President be permitted to name the members of the several Special Committees after the adjournment of Conference. By motion the request was granted. The Secretary stated that two extra columns in tables ordered by the Conference would entail extra expense, and on motion of T. H. Lewis the insertion of the extra columns was ordered deferred until next Conference.

The minutes of the day were then read and adopted. The President then read the Plan of Appointments, (See Report A), following which the Conference sang the Doxology, the President then pronouncing the Benediction, adjourning the Eightieth Session of the Conference at 11.55 o'clock.

Approved :

J. M. SHERIDAN,

*President.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. S. Phillips". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the "Approved:" text.

*Secretary.*

# REPORTS

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## Report A

### The President

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Through the Providence of God we are assembled in this the eightieth session of our Conference to express our gratitude for the blessings vouchsafed during another year, to rejoice in the success which has attended our labors, to confer together and to adopt plans for greater achievements in the future.

Before entering upon the active work of the Conference, we pause to bring before you the names of those who, "in the hope of the gospel, as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast," have gone to their heavenly reward.

#### DEATHS

Rev. Silas B. Southerland, D. D., after a brief illness, died in Baltimore on September 5th, 1907. He was in the ninety-first year of his age, and the sixty-seventh year of his membership of the Conference. We had for years looked upon him as the connecting link between the past and present. He was a man of purity of life, brilliant attainments as a writer and preacher, and of uncompromising loyalty to the denomination. We shall continue to revere his memory.

Rev. J. M. Yingling, after a long illness, on December 25th, 1907, the day on which the Christian world was celebrating the nativity of our Lord, closed his earthly career. In the early years of his ministry, Brother Yingling was a man of powerful physique, and of great energy and industry, the evidences of which are the number of churches built and repaired by him, and the gracious revivals in which many were converted and brought into the church. In his illness he had time for reflection and prayer, and passed away with an unshaken faith in the power of the Gospel to save.

On March 22d, 1908, Rev. J. H. S. Ewell died at Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., where he had spent the conference year in a vain effort to regain his health. Brother Ewell had given eighteen years of service to the church. The name of Ewell has been an honored one throughout the history of our Conference, and for seventy

years has been represented on the active ministerial roll. He was an earnest and faithful minister of the Gospel, and it is a loss to the Conference that his career has closed in middle life.

We record the death of Mrs. W. C. Ames, the widow of the late Rev. W. C. Ames, who died in Newville, Pa., on March 21st, 1907, previous to the last session of the Conference, but was not reported until after the close of the session.

On June 26th, 1907, Mrs. Samuel J. Smith, the beloved companion of Rev. S. J. Smith, after much suffering, sweetly and beautifully entered into the saint's rest. She was held in high esteem on account of her intellectual attainments, her sincere piety, and deep interest in her husband's labors which she cheerfully shared as her health permitted.

Mrs. Sarah E. Holmes, the wife of Rev. J. M. Holmes, after a long life of Christian activity, in which she had been a valuable helpmate to her husband in his ministry, on August 2nd, 1907, passed from the earthly into the heavenly home.

Mrs. Frances O. Wilson, the widow of Rev. Dr. David Wilson, of precious memory, died on September 6th, 1907, at Uniontown, Md.

The church was shocked to learn of the sad death of Mrs. Annabella Lewis, wife of Rev. R. K. Lewis, who died suddenly November 9th, 1907, in Baltimore, Md. This young woman, beautiful in graces and Christian character, was loved by all who knew her. Her sun went down while it was yet day, thus adding greatly to the loss sustained by her family and church.

I am sure I voice the sentiment of the entire Conference in extending sincere and heartfelt sympathy to all who are thus called to mourn, assured that they mourn not without hope, "for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Obituary committees were appointed promptly, and are ready to report.

#### CHANGES

On May 14th, 1907, Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, on account of ill health, and with the consent and action of the Quarterly Conference of Harper's Ferry, was released from said pastorate. Immediately upon the release of Brother Ewell, I appointed E. L. Beauchamp, of the Seminary, to Harper's Ferry, who remained until September, when he was succeeded by George H. Shurtz, also a student, who has continued the work.

The Quarterly Conference of Union Circuit, on August 25th, 1907, released G. H. Enfield from the pastorate of the charge that he might attend Western Maryland College. The charge has since been supplied by neighboring pastors, Rev. E. P. Perry having general supervision.

#### UNSUPPLIED CHARGES

There were eleven charges left unsupplied last Conference. This impressed me at the time, but as I came in touch with the people of these various charges, I realized as never before what it meant for a church to be without a pastor. During

my official visitations the impressions deepened, and the conditions existing there created the most perplexing problems which have confronted me during the Conference year.

Rev. J. L. Nichols, formerly of the Maryland Conference, who had been compelled to go south with his invalid wife, and was preaching in another denomination, applied for work, and on April 17th, 1907, was appointed pastor of Lynchburg, Va. Brother Nichols is well known to this Conference, and we are sure he will receive a cordial welcome among us.

On May 2nd, 1907, Rev. Theodore Darnell was appointed pastor of Conquest, which arrangement continued until October, when he resigned to return to the New Jersey Conference. Since then the work has been cared for by Rev. G. H. Stockdale, pastor of New Church.

On April 23rd, 1907, F. L. Brown, of the Seminary, was appointed pastor of Williamsport, and has continued during the year.

On the same date L. E. Oldaker, of the Seminary, was appointed to Mt. Nebo, which relation continued until September, at which time he went to West Virginia, to take work in his own Conference. Since then the work has been in charge of F. W. Obee, a student at Westminster.

W. H. King was appointed pastor of Lewistown, also on the same date, but, on account of illness, he left in July. The work was cared for by Rev. E. C. Makosky for three months, and since that time has been served by E. L. Beauchamp of the Seminary.

F. H. Ambrose, of the Seminary, on April 23d, 1907, was placed in charge of Montgomery. When he returned to school in September, at my request, Rev. C. P. Nowlin and Rev. J. A. Wright took charge of Ridgeville and Mt. Lebanon respectively. The other two churches on the circuit have had no pastoral attention.

On April 23rd, 1907, C. A. Swift, of the Seminary, was sent to Talbot where he remained until September. Since then the charge has had no preaching, except that Trappe and Bambury were served for two months by W. S. Hanks. While Dr. Hanks has not been able to fill the pulpits, he has kindly kept some supervision of the work, and has prepared the reports for Conference.

Quantico was supplied by W. D. Adams from April 23rd until his return to the Seminary in September. This work has since been in charge of E. W. Sims, a local preacher from Pocomoke Circuit.

On the same date, April 23, 1907, Ronald Horsey, a young student from the Seminary, was appointed to Fairfax, and continued on the charge until he returned to school. E. H. Hayman, a local preacher from Pocomoke Circuit, was placed in charge for the balance of the year.

At a conference with the ministers contiguous to Lewes, Del., I arranged a plan of appointments extending to October. Since then other brethren have aided, and the pulpit has been filled during the year. Rev. H. O. Keen has had charge of the work, giving what attention he could in connection with his own church.

George E. Bevans, a student, was appointed assistant on Caroline Circuit, and was assigned specially to Greensboro, a new appointment. He served it successfully

until his return to the Seminary. On September 27th, 1907, Rev. R. T. Tyson from Mechanicsburg, Ohio, was appointed to fill this vacancy, and has met with gratifying success. I hold his papers of transfer from the Kansas Conference, M. P. Church, properly signed, which I will present to this Conference. He is a Marylander by birth, and is well known to many of the ministers of the Conference. His character and record will bear the most careful scrutiny, and I take pleasure in commending him to this body.

Middleway was detached from Harper's Ferry at the last Conference, and placed in the hands of the President. I have been unable to give them a regular supply. Several brethren have kindly preached for them a Sunday each. Rev. L. B. Smith has looked after affairs, and made out their report. Epworth Church, formerly of Clayton, was placed under the pastoral care of Rev. C. J. Brndette of Crumpton. He has awakened an interest among the people, who have appreciated his earnest efforts.

Rev. E. S. Fooks, pastor of Dorchester Circuit, on account of ill health found it impossible to fill his appointments, and appealed to me for assistance. I called the pastors of our Baltimore churches together, and a plan was immediately arranged by which his work has been regularly supplied. I wish here to thank all the brethren who have responded to my appeals for assistance in keeping the work on the District going. The aid has not only been promptly rendered, but with a cheerfulness that has been most gratifying. I have seen as never before the loyalty of our brethren to the work at large.

#### INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES

At the head of this list stands Western Maryland College, with its property interests valued at \$300,000.00 and its splendid record of forty years of successful management, and the training of hundreds of young men and women for life's duties.

No man can visit the churches of the Maryland Conference without being impressed with the salutary effects of the College upon our young people. We often hear what the churches have done for the College, but let us remember what the College has done for the churches. In culture and in Christian activity the influence of the College pulsates through many of our congregations. Let the Conference feel, for its own good, that it cannot do too much for this institution.

The Conference has expressed its interest in the College by ordering a collection to equal an amount of five cents for each scholar and officer of the Sunday-schools. This gives an opportunity for aiding this institution in increasing annually its endowment, and interesting the young of our churches in the College, which is of far greater value than the money. I recommend that a Sabbath in November be set apart for the purpose of interesting our churches and schools in the College, and that a special program be arranged for this purpose, and that all our churches be urged to observe the same.

The great and constant need of the College is students, because buildings and endowment count for nothing without students. In nearly all our churches there are young people determined to have the advantages of a college education. Let



the ministers direct them to Western Maryland College whose curriculum is equal to any, and whose charges are as low as other colleges of the same standing.

#### THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

It is gratifying to note the growth of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and the excellent work it is doing in the preparation of young men for the ministry, not only in the Maryland Conference, but throughout the denomination. The Silver Jubilee, held last fall, was the occasion for the dedication of the new building which gives much needed room, and furnishes increased facilities for effective work. The standard of the institution has been materially raised by the lengthening of the curriculum.

The ministerial students who graduate from the College are usually encumbered with a heavy debt, and to enter the Seminary means an additional burden. We commend to our laymen the scholarship feature. The contribution of One Hundred Dollars per annum pays a young man's way for one year, and we doubt if any money given will bring better results.

We need the interest, cooperation, and prayers of all our ministers and churches in filling the Seminary with students.

I recommend that a Sunday in May be named as a day of prayer that the Lord will call laborers into his harvest, and that all our pastors be requested to preach on the subject.

#### OUR CHURCH HOME

This institution, located in Westminster, Md., is dependent upon the Conference for its support.

It is in charge of a Board of Managers who are often confronted with discouragements. There were twenty-five charges last year which paid nothing to this cause, and most of those who do pay wait until the close of the Conference year. The attention of the pastors is called to the action of the last Conference relative to the appointment of lady visitors, and that an amount equal to one-third of the President's salary be secured that this worthy institution may be properly supported. The offering at the Communion service will usually meet all requirements for this purpose.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION

The Conference Church Extension Society is a very important interest, and should receive not only the enthusiastic support of all our people, but the most careful and business-like attention of this Conference.

We note that the amount assessed on the District is the same as ten years ago. With the increased number of our churches, the growth of our membership, and the recognition on the part of our people of the claims of our benevolences, it would seem reasonable that there should be some proportionate increase in this assessment.

We wish also to call attention not only to the need of care in making appropriations, but the necessity for the adoption of some method by which there shall be a supervision of the charges aided, so that the appropriations will be strictly used for the purposes made.

In connection with this interest we present for the consideration of this Conference the condition of our First Church, Wilmington. While it is not necessary to enter into details, I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to act with the members of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society to consider this matter, and report at this session of the Conference.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society is still actively engaged in its local work, and is doing what it can to supplement the operations of the Conference Extension Society. We hope to see the day when it will enlarge its scope and sphere of usefulness, and accomplish far more than it is now doing in extending our denomination in that great and growing city.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society, which is a comparatively new organization, has done its first practical work in securing the ground on which the new Cherrydale chapel in Virginia has been erected.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have been active and successful in their labors to extend the cause of Christ in the foreign field.

The seven hundred women of the Conference now connected with these Branches represent but a small proportion of those who should be engaged in this cause. I suggest to the pastors the advisability of their cooperation in the organization of auxiliaries in all the churches of the Conference. It will not require a great amount of effort, and we believe will not detract from any other interest of the local churches.

The Maryland Bible and the Maryland Tract Societies have for many years had our moral support and our financial aid. We consider them important adjuncts to the churches in evangelizing the masses, and in reaching classes of people which are not directly ministered to by the churches. Their appeals to this Conference for cooperation are worthy of our consideration.

#### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

According to reports received there are 123 Young People's C. E. Societies with a membership of 5040, and 63 Junior Societies with a membership of 2503 in the Conference District.

Christian Endeavor has passed the experimental stage, and has taken its place as one of the permanent organizations of the church. It is a potent factor in the development of Christian character and experience, and at the same time a concentration of the energies and talents of our young people in church activity.

The Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union should have the hearty support of this Conference. There are two items of interest which need to be emphasized. The Conference Union is divided into six Sub-Districts with a Chairman appointed for each. The Sub-Districts should be organized, and local conventions held. This would be carrying Christian Endeavor in its educational and practical workings into every part of our Conference territory. The other is that the Con-

Union has assumed the support of a male Missionary in Japan, and their desire is to have some one to represent them from their own Conference.

While plans are being instituted for securing the funds, let prayer be offered that God will call the man.

#### THE BOOK CONCERN

We should all appreciate having a Book Concern in Baltimore, and Methodist Protestants should use it as their headquarters. We own the building, and conduct the business which consists of a book and general church supply department.

The fiscal year closing February 29th, 1908, shows a business of \$10,095.81 gross, which is an increase of 20 per cent. over the business of the preceding year. This yielded a profit of \$722.11. The Sunday-school periodical department shows a constant and healthy growth, with a profit this year of \$1402.98. We regret to state the condition of our official organ, the *Methodist Protestant*, does not make such a favorable showing. While 490 new subscribers have been added during the year, 652 were discontinued, making a decrease in number of subscribers of 162, compared with last year. The cost of the publication of the paper shows a net loss of \$1,095.75. The statement, therefore, shows that while the profits for the other two departments are \$2,125.09, the loss in the publication of the paper reduces the actual net gain to \$1,038.10. This department of our church should have the patronage of all our people, who should buy everything possible from our own Book Concern. The *Methodist Protestant* needs the hearty support of all the pastors in presenting its claims, and securing subscribers. The reward for all effort in this direction will be the intelligence, interest and loyalty created among the members by the weekly visit of this periodical into the homes.

#### BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS

The new church, known as Walker's Chapel, on Potomac Circuit has been completed and dedicated. It is a comfortable frame building costing \$3,000. The new chapel at Cherrydale, on the same charge, has recently been dedicated. The cost of the building, including the land, was \$1,550. The Vine Neck church on Millville Circuit has been moved to Dagsboro, a growing railroad town, and enlarged and improved at a cost of \$2,500. Our church at Elizabeth has had a small addition to the building erected. The audience room and exterior have been beautified making it a very attractive edifice. The cost of these improvements was \$1,200. The church at Cambridge has been renovated, and also the one at Madison, on the same charge. These improvements amounted to \$950. The splendid new church at St. Michaels has been finished and dedicated. Counting the old material used, its value is \$9,000. It is a great triumph, and marks a new epoch in the history of our denomination in that town. The congregation at Leeds, on the circuit of the same name, has improved its property at a cost of \$600. Trinity church on Laurel Circuit has been repaired at an expenditure of \$575. Another new church has been built and dedicated in Cumberland which cost \$1,000. This gives us four churches in that city. The Crisfield congregation has put in a splendid new pipe organ, and otherwise improved and beautified its property at a cost of \$4,200. Del-

mar has also installed a new pipe organ, and added other improvements amounting to \$2,578, and have plans already under way for enlarging and reseating the entire church. Centreville church has been enlarged, frescoed and painted, making it one of the most attractive audience rooms in the Conference. The cost was \$1,700. Improvements have been made to the church at Snow Hill at a cost of \$900. This church has also paid \$500 on debt. New Market church on Frederick Circuit has been repaired at a cost of \$150. The church at Union Bridge has been improved to the extent of \$1500, consisting of memorial windows, frescoing, and enlargement of the tower. The lecture room of Starr church has undergone repairs amounting to \$500. Crumpton church has been improved with new roof, windows and paint, costing \$500. Our people at Felton have moved their church to the lot on which the new parsonage was built last year, and are now engaged in repairing the building. The beautiful new church at Providence on Finksburg Circuit, which cost \$8,000, was recently dedicated. It means much for the future of our cause in that part of Carroll County. A new church in Lewes, Del., which will cost about \$3,000, is under roof. We trust with a regular pastor for the coming year the building will be completed. It will mean the permanent establishment of our denomination there. The new church at Liberty on Reliance Circuit was recently dedicated. It is an attractive country church, costing \$2,500. St. Luke's, Philadelphia, has added to its property a fine pipe organ, the cost of which was \$2,150. A house for a parsonage has been purchased in Trappe, on Talbot Circuit. This will give the charge the opportunity of having a married man, and insure a longer pastorate. An addition to the Sunday-school room at Westminster was completed some months ago, costing \$500. West Wilmington has improved its property to the extent of \$450. St. John's, Canton, has purchased a lot valued at \$4,000. They are hoping to begin the erection of their Sunday-school room in the near future.

We are gratified to report that Eutaw Church, after much delay, has purchased a lot in an eligible location at a cost of \$2,000. They will proceed early in the year to build a church commensurate with their needs.

We record with sincere gratitude the munificent gift by Dr T.H.Lewis and his sisters of the valuable church property in Greensboro, Md., as a memorial to their mother. The property has been put in thorough repair by the congregation at a cost of \$500, and now presents a very attractive appearance. This gives our church a standing in that town which makes its future a certainty.

Keen Memorial has made a payment of \$600 on its debt, while North Carolina Avenue has reduced its indebtedness \$500, and North Baltimore has paid balance of Sunday-school building debt amounting to \$400, and made improvements to the extent of \$248. Fawn Grove has paid \$800 on debt, and Salisbury \$1400.

Towson reports having raised \$1300 on church building fund this year. Plans have been drawn, material is on the ground, and the work of building has begun.

St. John's Independent Methodist Church, commonly known as Clarke Memorial Methodist Church, having decided, by a vote taken at a duly called meeting of the male members of said church, December 12th, 1907, to adopt the Constitution and conform to the Book of Discipline and means of grace of the Methodist Protest-

ant Church, and having amended its charter to conform to the same, and having made application to the Quarterly Conference of North Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church held December 18th, 1907, was, with the consent of said Quarterly Conference, duly recognized by the President of the Maryland Conference, and taken under his care until the meeting of this Conference. The church has elected W. O. Atwood as its delegate to represent it at this Conference.

It was in the old St. John's Church on Liberty street that the Methodist Protestant Church was organized. It was a great sorrow when, years ago, it ceased its active relation with the Maryland Conference, and this should be a day of rejoicing as it now resumes its former relation with us. Much praise is due Rev. J. S. Bowers who, through his long pastorate, has wisely directed the affairs of this church, and done much toward making possible this grand consummation. This congregation has a magnificent property valued at \$65,000, eligibly located, and offers a splendid opportunity for future development. The membership stands ready to take its place, and assume its obligations with the other churches of the Conference.

Mrs. T. A. Reese has continued her generous gifts to our ministers and the various interests of the Conference. We unite in expressing our gratitude to this noble and devout sister. The shadows of the evening of life are falling across her pathway, but she is calmly resting on the promises of her Saviour.

Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and St. John's Board of Beneficence have continued their liberal aid to our pastors and churches, and should have this public expression of appreciation from the Conference.

#### A DEACONESS MOVEMENT

The importance of the Methodist Protestant Church taking steps toward the establishment of a Deaconess Society is not only apparent to many who have given consideration to the subject, but it has become the conviction of a large number that such a movement is absolutely necessary if we are to keep pace with other denominations, and employ the gifts and talents of our women in the church in doing work along certain charitable and philanthropic lines which is not, and cannot be done by pastors.

Such a movement is not only scriptural, but meets the growing needs of the day among the sick, the poor and children who have not the blessings of Christian homes, and the influences of Sabbath school training.

I, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to consider this matter, and that a special order of the day be named for the subject to be discussed, and action be taken thereon at this session of the Conference.

#### SUMMARY

A summary of the work indicates gratifying results for the year.

The figures, as I have been able to gather them from the postal cards and other sources, show that for buildings and improvements there has been expended the sum of \$50,776.55, and paid on debts \$16,349.96. These are amounts raised in cash, and do not represent the entire cost of improvements, or unpaid subscriptions, but the amount of money actually paid during the year. If \$65,000, the value of the

property interests of St. John's Church, be added it will show for building, improvements and amount paid on debt the grand total of \$132,126.51.

The increase in pastors salaries marks an advance in the Conference District which is worthy of special mention. The letter sent to the churches by order of the last session of this Conference was received with general favor, and I took occasion to emphasize in my regular visitations the importance of the needs therein set forth, and appealed for prompt and adequate action on the part of all our people. It is with great satisfaction that I am able to report that for the year closing fifty-five charges have increased pastors salaries amounting to \$5,098, and for next year twenty-four charges have increased to the amount of \$1,835. This makes a total increase for the two years of \$6,933, with several charges not heard from, which will give an increase of nearly 9 per cent. over last year in total salaries. This came upon the churches without previous notice, and while there was a disposition on the part of nearly all to respond favorably to Conference action, some did not see their way to do so at once. I am convinced that the end is not yet, and I kindly urge the delegates present, representing churches where there has been no increase, to note this excellent record, and return to their charges with the determination to use their best efforts to have their pastors, salaries raised and thus share in this important and necessary movement

When we consider the spiritual work of the Conference, the reports are equally encouraging. There have been several great revivals in the District. At Hebron, on Mardela charge, there was a revival lasting for several weeks, in which there was a wonderful manifestation of the Spirit's power, resulting in 165 conversions, and nearly 100 accessions. At Cambridge there was a great awakening which was felt throughout the town. At this meeting 130 confessed Christ, and 100 united with our church. This will surely mean much for our cause there. Georgetown, Del., reports a meeting of equal interest and power, although the conversions and additions to the church have not been quite so great. Rhode Island Avenue has lately closed a wonderful meeting lasting several weeks, and which resulted in increasing the spiritual life of the church, and bringing many into her membership.

The reports which have come to me show 2,757 conversions, and 2,488 accessions. We unite in giving praise and honor and glory unto our God who has magnified His word through the ministry of his servants.

The work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, however, cannot be fully estimated in figures. These given, although indicative, show but a part of the work actually accomplished in all our churches. Seed has been sown, the harvest of which has not yet been gathered. Thousands of people have been instructed in the knowledge of the Gospel, aided and comforted in the time of temptation and sorrow, and have been encouraged to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

With a consciousness of the great responsibilities of this office, I have endeavored to faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties which have devolved upon me. I have included in my visitations every appointment in the Conference, although on account of sickness I have been prevented from filling several engage-

ments. In these instances my ministerial brethren kindly came to my assistance, for which I hereby express my gratitude.

Presenting to you this report as the result of my year of service, and praying the Great Head of the church to be with us in all our deliberations, and that the coming year may be fraught with greater results for the advancement of His kingdom, I am,

Yours in the Gospel,

J. M. SHERIDAN, *President.*

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report beg leave to submit the following:

We rejoice that the hand of our God has been upon us for good, and we devoutly thank the great Head of the Church for the measure of success which has crowned the labors of the year. New churches have been built, church and parsonage property has been improved, debts have been cancelled, salaries have been increased, and throughout the District it has been a year of great prosperity. God has magnified His Word through the ministry of His servants, and many of the charges have been favored with large spiritual harvests. Some have sown in tears and do not reap in joy, but their time will come when the sower and the reaper shall rejoice together.

We express our gratitude for the continued generosity of Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, whose constant benefactions to our ministers and enterprises prove her warm affection for the church and the cause of God. We also recognize our obligation to the St John's Board of Beneficence, and the Jefferson and Pipe Creek Benevolent Societies, who by their liberal donations to ministers and churches, have rendered valuable service to the work of the church.

We express our appreciation of the generous gift of Dr. T. H. Lewis and his sisters, of the valuable property in Greensboro, Maryland—a gift that gives our church in that town a standing which makes its future a certainty.

St. John's Independent Methodist Church having decided, by vote taken at a duly called meeting of the qualified members, to adopt the Constitution and conform to the Book of Discipline and means of grace of the Methodist Protestant Church, and having made application to the Quarterly Conference of the North Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church, held December 18, 1907, and having been duly recognized by the President and taken under his care until the meeting of this Conference, we express ourselves as deeply gratified at the action of this church in thus resuming its former relations with us, and recommend that the St. John's Church be placed on the roll of charges.

We concur in these recommendations:

That a committee of three be appointed to act with the members of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society present at this session, in considering the condition of the First Church, Wilmington, the report to be made at this Conference.

That a committee of five be appointed to consider the establishment of a Deaconess Order, and that the report of the committee be made the order of the day for half past three o'clock Monday afternoon.

That the third Sunday in May be named as a day of prayer that the Lord will call laborers into His harvest, and that all our pastors be requested to preach on this subject.

That the second Sunday in November be set apart for the purpose of interesting our churches and schools in Western Maryland College, that a special program be arranged by the College authorities for this purpose, and that all our churches be urged to observe the day.

The Conference Parsonage Guild is doing an excellent work in providing the necessary furnishings for the home of the President, and we commend this organization to the generous sympathy and support of our people.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman.*

OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

*Credit and Receipts*

April 3	Balance in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank.....	\$1617 62	
Nov. 29	Cheque from President J.M. Sheridan on account.....	75 00	
June 1	Interest from Baker, Watts & Co. ....	17 82	
Mar. 30	Vouchers (paid bills) turned in by President to apply on 25% of his collection.....	63 70	
Mar. 30	Cheque from President for balance due on his collection	606 30	
Mar. 30	Interest from Baker, Watts & Co. ....	22 50	
			2402 94

*Dishursements*

April 27	James G. Jackson's for painting and staining.....	14 00
May 13	James F. Johnson's bill for renewing half of division fence	35 00
May 18	The Muller's bill.....	85 00

Following bills settled by President J. M. Sheridan.

May 14	The Muller's bill for papering study .....	6 00	
May 20	Sextons for repairing range.. .....	5 35	
May 31	Simpson's, bills. ....	1 75	
Dec. 19	5 years insurance on furniture, etc , amount \$750... ..	9 00	
Dec. 24	Sexton's for cleaning and repairing furnace & range	6 75	
Jan. 3	Simpson's bill.....	2 50	
Jan. 10	Deal & Gorsuch, work on range and roof.....	9 00	
Feb. 1	The Mullers for papering .....	18 00	
Feb. 1	Henry Kerr for plumbing.....	5 35	
			63 70
Mar. 30	City water rent for 1908.....	8 64	
Mar. 30	T. A Murray, Treas., 12 months interest on \$5,909.15, loan on parsonage at 5% . .....	295 45	
Mar. 30	T. A. Murray, Treas., on account of loan .....	1800 00	
Mar. 30	Balance on deposit in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank.....	101 15	
			2402 94

Amount collected by President.....\$2980 00

25% of \$2980=\$745.

JARRETT N. GILBERT, *Agent.*



## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
✓ Accomac . . . . .	H. S. Johnson	1	Fawn Grove . . . . .	S. B. Tredway	3
✓ Alexandria . . . . .	G. I. Humphreys	2	Federalburg . . . . .	C. M. Elderdice	1
Alnut Memorial . . . . .	J. S. Bowers	1	Felton . . . . .	W. P. Roberts	1
✓ Amelia . . . . .	To be supplied		Finksburg . . . . .	S. F. Cassen	5
✓ Baltimore . . . . .	H. F. Wright	4	First Church, Newark	L. F. Warner	2
✓ Bedford . . . . .	A. H. Green	4	First Church, Wash.	B. P. Truitt	4
✓ Belair . . . . .	C. K. McCaslin	4	Franklin City . . . . .	E. H. Jones	2
Bethany . . . . .	C. E. Redeker	2	Frederica . . . . .	To be supplied	
Broadway . . . . .	W. A. Melvin	1	Frederick . . . . .	B. F. Ruley	3
Brooklyn . . . . .	J. B. Jones	5	Georgetown, D. C . . .	T. O. Crouse	5
✓ Buckeystown . . . . .	E. C. Makosky	6	Georgetown, Del. . . . .	H. O. Keen	4
✓ Cambridge . . . . .	J. L. Ward	2	Georgetown Ct . . . . .	To be supplied	
✓ Campbell . . . . .	To be supplied		Greensboro . . . . .	R. T. Tyson	1
Cannon . . . . .	To be supplied		Greenwood . . . . .	A. W. Mather	1
Caroline . . . . .	J. W. Parris	1	Grove . . . . .	W. A. Sites (supply)	2
✓ Cecil . . . . .	C. R. Strausburg	3	Hampden . . . . .	D. W. Anstine	5
✓ Centreville . . . . .	E. D. Stone	4	Harbeson . . . . .	J. A. Kittell	2
✓ Chesapeake . . . . .	C. M. Compher	2	Harper's Ferry . . . . .	G. E. Bevens	1
✓ Chestertown . . . . .	F. T. Little	2	Harrington . . . . .	S. J. Smith	1
✓ Chincoteague . . . . .	J. D. Smith	2	Heathsville . . . . .	J. L. Elderdice	2
Christ Church . . . . .	L. B. Smith	1	Howard . . . . .	C. E. Dryden	1
✓ Clayton . . . . .	N. C. Clough	2	Hurlock . . . . .	G. J. Hooker	1
✓ Concord . . . . .	F. M. Clift	1	Indian River . . . . .	J. E. Maloy	6
Conquest . . . . .	P. L. Rice	1	Keen Memorial . . . . .	A. S. Beane	1
✓ Crisfield . . . . .	Louis Randall	3	Kemptown . . . . .	J. A. Wright	7
✓ Crumpton . . . . .	C. J. Burdette (supply)	2	Kennedyville . . . . .	E. S. Fooks	1
✓ Cumberland . . . . .	B. W. Kindley	1	Kent Island . . . . .	T. H. Wright	4
✓ Cumberland Circuit . . . . .	W. L. Hoffman	3	Laurel . . . . .	Avery Donovan	2
✓ Deer Creek . . . . .	B. A. Bryan	2	Laurel Circuit . . . . .	G. R. Donaldson	2
✓ Deer Park . . . . .	E. O. Ewing	2	Lauraville . . . . .	J. E. Nicholson	1
✓ Delmar . . . . .	E. P. Perry	2	Lawsonia . . . . .	F. D. Reynolds	3
✓ Delta . . . . .	S. W. Coe	2	Leeds . . . . .	E. A. Sexsmith	2
✓ Denton . . . . .	F. T. Benson	2	Lewes . . . . .	W. W. Johnson (supply)	1
✓ Dorchester . . . . .	G. E. Brown	1	Lewistown . . . . .	To be supplied	
✓ Dover and Leipsic			Liberty . . . . .	J. F. Wooden	2
	Clayborne Phillips	1	Lisbon . . . . .	C. P. Nowlin	4
East Baltimore . . . . .	E. T. Reed	1	Lynchburg . . . . .	J. L. Nichols	1
✓ Easton . . . . .	W. H. Litsinger	2	Mardela . . . . .	A. A. Harryman	2
✓ Elizabeth . . . . .	J. W. Balderston	2	Mariners . . . . .	G. R. Hodge	2
Eutaw . . . . .	W. B. Judefind	2	Marley . . . . .	To be supplied	
Evergreen . . . . .	J. L. Straughn	4	Middleway . . . . .	To be supplied	
Fairfax . . . . .	R. C. Harrison (supply)	1	Millville . . . . .	J. E. Massey (supply)	1



## Report B

### Of the Secretary

#### *To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

As Secretary of the Conference and Committee on Publication of Minutes I herewith submit my annual report:

#### *Receipts*

1907-8

April 1	Balance in hand .....	\$ 77 53	
" 9	From Clayborne Phillips, Conference Steward.....	366 50	
" 9	Conference collections.....	111 25	
	Advanced assessments from various charges.....	96 00	
			651 28

#### *Expended*

Printing and delivering 2,000 copies 1907-Minutes.....	292 40	
Incidentals, Bibles, credentials, printing, postage.....	107 71	
T. H. Lewis, Chicago Council expenses.....	75 00	
Dr. J. W. Hering, expenses Pittsburg Council.....	27 70	
F. T. Little, expenses Boyd case.....	25 00	
Secretary's compensation.....	25 00	
Balance in hand .....	98 47	
		651 28

March 31, 1908.

W. S. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

## Report C

### Of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference

We report the following officers elected in accordance with the Charter: J. L. Mills, President, Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, and Rowland Watts, Secretary.

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire with the present session of Conference, and the vacancies on the Board should be filled by the Conference, J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Thomas A. Murray and Rowland Watts.

We submit herewith the report of the Treasurer for the past year; also the report of the Agent of the Book Directory as to rents from Conference property, 316 North Charles Street.

ROWLAND WATTS, *Secretary.*

J. L. MILLS, *President.*

## OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for Year, April 1907-8  
 Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of  
 Maryland Annual Conference.

*General Fund**Dr.*

To balance as per last report .....	\$ 99 34	
To interest on deposit.....	2 52	
To commissions on income Drinkhouse Trust Estate.....	62 56	
	<u>          </u>	\$164 42

*Cr.*

By expenses of Board .....	25 90	
By rent of Safe Deposit Box.....	5 00	
Balance in bank.....	138 52	
	<u>          </u>	164 42

## DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

*Dr.*

	Principal	Income
To balance of principal per last report .....	88 49	
To interest thereon.....	4 53	
To income on investments collected.....		1250 95
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	93 02	1250 95

*Cr.*

By income paid Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse as per vouchers.....		1188 39
By 5% commission thereon carried to General Account (to meet expenses of Board).....		62 56
By balance in bank to credit of principal.....	93 02	
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	93 02	1250 95

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

## OF AGENT OF BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

*Dr.*

To balance per last report.....	7 78	
To Receipts from rents. ....	2129 50	
	<u>          </u>	2137 28

*Cr.*

By expenses approved by Committee, State and city taxes.....	379 70	
Repairs, etc.....	95 56	
	<u>          </u>	475 26
By interest paid on loan from Drinkhouse Estate.....	100 00	
By amount credited on loan from Book Directory.....	150 00	
	<u>          </u>	2075 26
By balance .....		62 02
		<u>          </u>
		2137 28

T. R. WOODFORD, *Agent.*

## Report D

### Our Church Home

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Our Church Home respectfully submit the following report: The reports of the Board of Managers, the Treasurer, and the Board of Lady Visitors, referred to us, have been carefully examined.

We are gratified to note a growing interest in the Home throughout our Conference District, as shown by a larger number of churches making donations of provisions and an increase of \$152.50 in cash contributions from our charges. However, there is still a lamentable lack of practical sympathy on the part of many of our churches.

We respectfully urge each pastor to use his best endeavor to have elected, or to appoint, a Lady Visitor from each of his churches not already represented on the Board of Visitors; and that he request his Lady Visitor, or Lady Visitors, to secure the contribution required by this Conference as early in the conference year as may be found practicable, the same to be sent to J. W. Hering, Treasurer, Westminster, Md.

C. M. CULLUM, *Chairman.*

#### OF THE TREASURER

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the "Home for the Aged of the Methodist Protestant Church," located at Westminster, Md., for the year ending April 1, 1908.

<i>Cr.</i>	
Amount in hands of Treasurer April, 1907.....	\$ 563 82
Cash from Fairfax charge.....	7 00
" balance entrance fee, Miss Watson.....	26 75
" Rev. B. F. Ruley, Conference Steward.....	434 19
" Bequest of General Richard Thomas.....	61 57
" Bequest of Sophia Otto.....	50 00
	\$1143 33
<i>Dr.</i>	
Amount loaned to Lady Visitors.....	620 00
" of sundry expenses.....	61 60
" in hands of Treasurer.....	461 78
	1143 33

The report of the Board of Lady Visitors, showing the current receipts and expenses for the year will be submitted by Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, *Treasurer.*

## OF THE LADY VISITORS

We are happy to report an increase in our receipts this year, receiving \$350.19. Last year reporting \$312.81. Thirty-four churches responding cheerfully and liberally, many of them largely ahead of their usual contributions, and we are very thankful. Mr. Topham sent us this year \$25.00 as he had prospered. Hope Providence will continue to increase his store and he continue to remember the Home. Congress Street, Mt. Tabor, and Brother Cathell from Washington, remembered us bountifully at Christmas. Starr Church Missionary Society, Uniontown, Westminster, and last but not least, St. Michaels with a fine supply of Eastern Shore good things. These things are always acceptable as well as very useful. Wish many more would respond to our appeals in behalf of this good work.

Money received for the Church Home since Conference 1907 to April 1st, 1908.

*Cr.*

In hands of Treasurer 1907.....	\$ 118 52	
Received from Conference 1907.....	434 19	
Received during the year.....	350 19	
Borrowed from permanent fund..	620 00	
Special from Mr. J. M. Topham..	25 00	
	-----	\$1547 90

*Dr.*

Expenses for the year.....	807 00	
Coal bill for 1906.....	90 00	
On account coal bill 1907.....	50 00	
Paid permanent fund .....	434 19	
Amount in bank.....	166 71	
	-----	1547 90

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, *President.*

## OF THE STEWARD

Receipts year ending April 1st, 1908.....	\$ 909 50
Receipts year ending April 1st, 1907.....	750 00
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Increase 1907 and 1908.....	159 50

Forty-one charges have failed to meet the request of the Committee of last year on Church Home and three charges failed to make any report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. RULEY, *Steward.*

## Report E

### Of the Board of Finance

The Board of Finance respectfully submits the following:

We have examined the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage, and have verified the additions, but having no vouchers, we could not audit the report.

We have laid the assessments upon the charges, and herewith submit the list.

J. W. KIRK, *Chairman.*

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## Report F

### Of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, our Heavenly Father, the death of the Rev. Silas B. Southerland, D.D., whose long, useful ministerial career closed in profound peace and triumphant faith during the conference year just ended, has placed the privilege and duty before us, the Faculty of Instruction of this Conference, of expressing publicly and spreading upon the record-book of our proceedings, our reverence for his memory as that of a Father in the Church and a "Master in Israel," therefore

*Resolved*, First, That we feel a deep sense of personal loss in the separation which his decease has caused.

Secondly, That the experience which he gained in presiding for more than thirty years over the deliberations of our body, manifesting wisdom in counsel and unswerving loyalty to the best interests of our church, made him exceedingly helpful, if not essential, in the organization which mourns his departure.

Thirdly, That we cherish the hope of a happy reunion with him as a brother beloved in the land of light and life "beyond the flood."

The vacancy caused by the death of S. B. Southerland was filled by the election of J. L. Mills to the Presidency. J. S. Bowers was elected Secretary.

We report of the third year's class that F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, J. T. Bailey and Carroll Maddox, having passed in all the studies of the course, are therefore fully credited and passed out of the course of study.

Of the second year's class, J. E. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith, and L. B. Smith were passed to the third year's class.

Of the first year's class W. W. Johnson was given 100 in Nichol's Helps and with E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester, and P. L. Rice was passed to the second years's class.

We recommend that George Esdras Bevens be received on trial.

We recommend for ordination Carroll Maddox, William Lee Hoffman, James Davis Smith, and Eben N. Baldwin.

We report that we have examined the credentials of Rev. James L. Nichols and having found them correct, recommend that he be received into the membership of this Conference.

The papers of transfer from the Kansas Conference of Rev. R. T. Tyson being in proper form, we recommend that the transfer of the said brother into the membership of this Conference be approved.

We recommend that license to administer the ordinances be granted to P. L. Rice, H. B. Jester, W. M. Jett, W. S. Simms, W. W. Johnson, J. E. Massey and G. E. Bevans.

We recommend that W. A. Sites and J. E. Massey be placed in the hands of the President.

We report that all students who pledged themselves to continue the course of study subsequent to their ordination have kept their pledges.

We recommend that all students in the Preparatory Course be required to present a written sermon, said sermon to be submitted to the President of the Faculty on or before February 1st of each conference year.

We report the amendment of the course of study in two items:

First, That the rule in reference to graduates of Westminster Theological Seminary be changed by adding after the word "Greek," "and English and Elocution."

Second, By placing Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidence as text book in the Preparatory Course in the place of "The Hand Book of the M. P. Church," J. W. Gray to continue as examiner

And in the place of Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences in the First Year's course to insert "The Divine Credentials," by T. H. Lewis, D. D., with the author as examiner.

J. L. MILLS, *Chairman.*

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## Report G

### Church Extension

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Church Extension submits the following report:

We recommend the Church Extension Steward be instructed to pay to Rev. J. M. Sheridan, President, the sum of (\$40) forty dollars of the amount appropriated to Lewes charge to be used by him in meeting obligations incurred by him in supplying the charge during the conference year.

We have considered carefully the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society and commend their careful work, and recommend that their request with regard to Waverly be granted, and that their report be adopted as a whole.

The report of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia referred to us has also been given careful consideration and we are gratified to learn of the



new church built at Cherrydale and the Society's part in procuring the lot on which it is built. We are also pleased to know that the Society has not abandoned the idea of starting a new church enterprise in that part of North West Washington commonly known as Mt. Pleasant. We recommend that their report be adopted.

The report referred to us by the Conference upon New Church Enterprise with regard to Fair View Heights, Lynchburg, Va., has been acted upon according to the best judgment of the Committee with the funds at our disposal, and our conclusions will appear in the list of appropriations.

#### BOUNDARIES

We recommend that Greensboro be detached from Caroline charge and be made a separate charge.

That Cherrydale be attached to Potomac charge.

That St. John's Church be placed upon the list of charges.

That Frederica be detached from Felton and placed in the hands of the President.

That the name of Jefferson charge be changed to Buckeystown.

That the name of Glenburnie be changed to Marley.

That our church in Canton, Baltimore, now known as St. John's, in order to distinguish from St. John's church received at this Conference, be known as St. John's, Canton, on the list of charges for this year and until the church secures a different name.

We recommend that \$4,500 be assessed on the District for Church Extension.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Amelia, on salary provided the church property is insured.....	\$ 75
Baltimore, new church enterprise at Towson \$1000 in four annual installments	250
Bethany, on salary.....	250
Cannon, on salary, provided the church property is insured.....	50
Crumpton, on salary.....	75
Conquest, on salary, provided church property is insured.....	100
Deer Creek, on salary.....	50
Denton, on salary.....	100
Dover and Leipsic, on salary.....	150
Eutaw, on salary, provided they pay for new lot this year.....	200
Evergreen, on salary, provided the church property is insured.....	100
Federalburg, on salary.....	100
Felton, on salary.....	50
Frederica, on salary, if supplied.....	50
Greensboro, on salary.....	250
Harrington, on debt.....	50
Keen Memorial, on debt, provided they raise balance of debt.....	00
Lauraville, on salary.....	150
Lewes, on salary.....	150
Lynchburg, on new church enterprise at Fair View Heights according to terms submitted by the pastor.....	300

North Carolina Avenue, on interest.....	150
Payson Street, on church lot, provided they raise \$200 on same.....	100
Potomac, for new church at Cherrydale, provided church raise \$400 .....	50
Powellville, on salary.....	50
Pocomoke, on salary.....	50
Quantico, on salary.....	50
Reliance, on debt, provided they raise \$400 on same.....	100
St. John's, Canton, \$1000 payable in three annual installments, provided their plans and business methods are approved by the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.....	350
St. Luke's, on debt.....	350
St. Michaels, provided they reduce debt one half.....	300
Snow Hill, on debt, \$1000 in four annual installments provided they pay balance of debt.....	250
Talbot, on salary, provided they are supplied by married man... ..	100

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MAKOSKY, *Secretary.*

B. P. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

#### OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—

By reference to our report of last year you will find that we made a conditional donation to the new work at Lauraville. During the year this amount of \$500 has been paid and we are gratified to report the promising outlook in this new field. The congregations are growing and there are hopeful signs in all departments of the work of the church.

We have now turned our attention to the matter of a new church property for St. John's, Canton. We have promised this society the sum of \$700 as soon as it can show to us that this amount will make it the fee simple owner of the new lot for which it is now striving to pay.

We are almost ready to comply with our part of the agreement. The ladies of our work have in preparation a supper and sale to be held early in May to assist in the completion of our part of the contract. We think the church, by earnest effort, will be ready ere long to make their part of the contract good.

The pastor of this church came to the last meeting of this Society and laid before us his plans for money raising and the building of the new church. We gave the matter much consideration and endorsed the appeals he may have made to the Church Extension Committee of this Conference and to the Board of Home Missions of our denomination. We think wise and business like management essential at the very foundation of this important movement.

We have been watchful in reference to the interests of all our young churches in and around Baltimore. We wish we had the money to do greater things and

plant more churches, but we are handicapped in this matter. We propose, however, to endeavor to render to Towson and Payson Street some practical aid. We believe these congregations deserve our cooperation.

To assist us in helping the various interests of our Society we propose to undertake to raise a "mile of pennies," as the special financial work of the churches represented in this Society this year. We think we can succeed.

We are gratified to report the favorable condition of the work at Marley. The property has been put in good repair and paid for, the pastor's salary paid before it is due and the spiritual interests of the church are in good condition. Bro. Simms and his family deserve much praise for the faithful work they have done.

We ask that you continue the supply to this charge under the advice and direction of this Society.

We record our thanks to Mrs. T. A. Reese for the continuation of her generous donation, and to the faithful women in all the churches who so willingly respond to the calls of this Society.

JOHN S. BOWERS, *President.*

#### OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

The Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia reports as follows:

Our organization continues, and meetings have been held during the past year. Much to the regret of the present president of the Society a vacancy occurred in this office and so far no layman has been secured to fill the position.

We have not abandoned the purpose to locate a church in North West Washington, but we have not found it practicable to purchase a desirable site. It will be of interest to the Conference to know that recent events and circumstances give additional promise to this contemplated enterprise.

We are glad to report that some practical and substantial work has been accomplished during the past year. A very eligible and handsome lot of ground—one-fourth of an acre in size—has been purchased at Dominion Heights, Va. (known to the Conference as Cherrydale) at a cost of \$450; of the amount \$150 has been paid.

We are advised that application has been made to the Conference for some financial assistance in meeting the cost of the building that has been erected on the lot purchased by this Society. Inasmuch as we are acquainted with the situation and the prospect of this work we beg leave to second and emphasize this request, and hope it may be practicable to grant it.

T. O. CROUSE, *President.*

OF THE STEWARD

SUMMARY

*Receipts*

From assessments on District.....	\$3623 00	
From annual dues.....	120 00	
	<u>          </u>	3743 00

*Disbursements*

Appropriations to charges, 1907.....	8331 00	
Last year's loan .....	389 29	
Treasurer's and Steward's stationery bill.....	18 44	
	<u>          </u>	3738 73
Balance .....		<u>          </u> 5 27

PAID ON APPROPRIATIONS, 1906-7

Broadway.....	250	Harpers Ferry.....	50
Bethany.....	100	Lewes .....	40
Keen Memorial.....	100	Milton .....	50
Quantico .....	41	Montgomery.....	50
Lauraville .....	150	North Carolina Avenue.....	150
Amelia .....	75	Payson Street.....	100
Baltimore Circuit.....	200	Potomac .....	100
Cannon.....	50	Powellville .....	50
Crumpton .....	50	Reliance .....	100
Conquest .....	25	St. John's, Canton.....	100
Deer Creek.....	50	St. Luke's.....	300
Denton.....	150	St. Michaels.....	250
Evergreen.....	100	Snow Hill.....	200
Federalsburg.....	100	West Wilmington.....	100
First Church.....	50		
Harrington.....	200		<u>          </u> 3331

Appropriations not paid because the conditions were not met by the respective charges:

Christ Church.....	100	Quantico .....	9
Conquest.....	25	Washington, D. C., for new church	300
Georgetown, Del.....	50		<u>          </u>
Lewes.....	60		574

R. L. SHIPLEY, *Steward.*

## Report H

### Superannuates

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1st. We recommend that \$4500 be assessed on the District for the ensuing year.
- 2nd. We recommend that the requests of Rev. J. McLain Brown and Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell to be placed on the list of Superannuates be granted.
- 3rd. Mrs. J. M. Yingling does not desire a superannuate relation.
- 4th. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Rev. J. McL. Brown .....	\$ 350	Mrs. D. N. Gilbert.....	\$ 125
“ H. C. Cushing.....	300	“ J. L. Killgore.....	125
“ J. W. Gray .....	300	“ C. H. Littleton.....	175
“ S. A. Hoblitzell.....	400	“ W. F. Livingston.....	75
“ J. T. Lassell .....	400	“ R. L. Lewis.....	250
“ W. D. Litsinger.....	400	“ J. A. McFaden....	150
“ W. J. D. Lucas.....	300	“ E. R. McGregor .....	75
“ W. M. Strayer.....	450	“ A. D. Melvin.....	375
“ R. S. Rowe.....	400	“ C. B. Middleton.....	125
“ J. G. Sullivan.....	250	“ H. B. Miskimon.....	100
“ J. A. Wiegand.....	375	“ W. J. Neepier .....	175
Mrs. D. Bowers .....		“ J. E. Read.....	100
“ B. F. Benson.....	250	“ John Roberts.....	225
“ J. W. Charlton.....	175	“ D. A. Shermer.....	75
“ C. T. Cochell.....	75	“ G. J. Smith.....	150
“ H. J. Day.....	150	“ C. M. Thompson.....	175
“ A. D. Dick.....	175	“ S. G. Valiant.....	100
“ W. T. Dumm.....	225	“ A. J. Walter.....	250
“ J. M. Elderdice.....	200	“ P. L. Wilson.....	125
“ J. H. Ellegood.....	125	“ R. S. Williamson.....	250
“ J. H. S. Ewell.....	250	Orphan children of Rev. T. E. Coul-	
“ W. J. Floyd.....	150	bourn (to be paid to their legal	
“ S. T. Ferguson.....	175	representative).....	200

Paid .9462 % this year.

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman.*

STEWARD'S STATEMENT

1907		<i>Receipts</i>		
July 12	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	\$1239	09	
Oct. 17	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	983	00	
1908				
Jan. 21	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	1300	00	
Apr. 3	Cash from District.....	3997	00	
Apr. 6	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	1430	21	
Apr. 6	Annual dues.....	105	00	
				9054 30
1907		<i>Disbursements</i>		
July 14	Checks to claimants.....	1237	00	
Oct. 21	Checks to claimants.....	966	00	
1908				
Jan. 22	Checks to claimants.....	1287	00	
April 6	Expenses of Corresponding Secretary and Steward.....	7	00	
April 6	Checks to claimants.....	5401	50	
April 6	To Invested Fund.....	105	00	
	Balance.....		80	
				9054 30

Per centum .9462 paid on claims.

C. P. NOWLIN, *Steward.*

Report J

Literature

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your committee have read with great pleasure the Baltimore Book Directory's report of the continued growth of business in our Sunday School and Merchandise departments, as shown in the increase of 15 per cent. in the sale of Sunday School literature over the year previous, and of 58 per cent. in the earnings of the Book Concern. We believe the experimental period has passed, and that our Book Concern is now firmly established upon a solid foundation. We congratulate the Directory, and our Agent, T. R. Woodford, whose faithfulness and good business judgment have contributed so largely to this result.

The startling statement that the *Methodist Protestant* has sustained a loss of nearly eleven hundred dollars ought to arouse our people from their apathy. It is not too much to say that the situation which confronts us is one that should engage our most serious consideration, and call forth our most urgent efforts to bring to the

support of our church paper the patronage it has a right to expect, and which it is worthy to receive.

This decrease of subscribers argues either a lack of effort upon the part of pastors, or a lamentable indifference on the part of the membership. If our charges would average ten new subscribers this year, the circulation of the paper would be increased over thirteen hundred. We therefore suggest that every pastor during the month of May devote as much of his time and energy as possible to the interests of the *Methodist Protestant*. We believe that a united, simultaneous, enthusiastic, four week's whirlwind campaign, would result in the addition of a thousand new names to the subscription list of our official organ. To this end let pastors employ whatever methods they may be able to devise, that will secure the cooperation of the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor Societies and Church officary.

As there seems to be an increasing demand for Home Department Sunday School literature, we think it would be well for our Book Directory to consider the advisability of issuing a publication that would meet this need.

"The Divine Credentials of the Bible", by Dr. T. H. Lewis, issued by our publishing house, needs no higher commendation to public favor than the name of its distinguished author. Its circulation should be as wide as is his reputation. It should be a text book of all our ministers, and in the homes of our laymen. Dr. Lewis, in this valuable book, gives us the results of his ripe scholarship. The preparation of it involved research, time and labor. The publication involves expense. If our people do not show their appreciation of our writers by giving large circulation to their books neither authors nor publisher will find encouragement in their efforts to create a denominational literature that will command recognition and respect.

We call attention to the booklet by E. S. Fooks, "Optimism in Life's Dark Hours," containing its teaching of hope and cheer. Its moderate price puts it within the reach of all. It ought to be bought in large quantities, and distributed in the homes of our people.

We recommend that the following question be inserted in the official blank: Have you earnestly tried to introduce the *Methodist Protestant* in the families on your charge?

JAMES L. ELDERDICE, *Chairman.*

#### OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

Following this report our Agent, T. R. Woodford, will present four your further information a carefully prepared financial statement, giving a summary of the business of the Book Concern for the fiscal year ending February 29, 1908.

Reference to this statement will show that we have done a very successful business during the past year, especially in our Sunday School and Merchandise departments, but we have sustained a substantial loss in the publication of the *Methodist Protestant*, a matter which we very much regret.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

In calling your attention to some of the salient points in this report, permit us to say that the sales from our Sunday School literature have netted us a very handsome profit, amounting to \$1402.98, an increase of 15.9% over the previous year, a very gratifying result, indeed, but not more so, we think, than the fact that the greater portion of the Sunday Schools included in our territory are now using our literature. There are some, however, who do not patronize us, and still others who, while they use "Our Own," supplement it with that furnished by other parties.

Believing that our literature will compare favorably with that of any other publishing house, we think that loyalty to our denomination, and a direct interest in our Book Concern and its future welfare, ought to appeal to and stimulate all such as we have referred to, to give us their undivided patronage. Again, as in former reports, we appeal to them to do so.

## MERCHANDISE BUSINESS

In regard to our Merchandise Business, the past year has been the most successful in the history of the Baltimore Book Concern. Four years ago we showed a loss of \$151.79 in its management, this year we have a clear net profit of \$722.11, an increase of \$58.4% in the earnings over last year, and an increase in the sales of 108.9% over those of 1904; in other words, the business has more than doubled during the quadriennium just closed.

One of the most encouraging features in connection with this rapid growth is, that we have sustained but little loss from bad debts, either in the sale of Sunday School literature, or other merchandise sales. A statement prepared by R. M. Browning, a certified public accountant, who has examined and verified our books, shows that out of a volume of business aggregating \$65,732.43, we will probably not lose more than one-half of 1% in worthless bills. This showing not only indicates the healthy condition of our "Accounts Receivable," but reflects great credit upon the careful, painstaking management of our Agent.

Another feature of special importance is, that all *doubtful assets* have been eliminated from the inventories, and only those allowed to remain which have an earning capacity.

That we have passed the experimental period and are now firmly established upon a sound business basis is fully demonstrated by the above combined facts, which warrant the belief that the business will steadily develop, barring all unforeseen difficulties, in the future.

## METHODIST PROTESTANT

As already alluded to, the publication of the *Methodist Protestant* during the past twelve months resulted in a loss of \$1095.75, an amount in excess of any other year during our management. Deducting this from the net earnings in the other departments, \$2125.09, reduces the actual profits for the year to \$1029.34, a shrinkage of 51.6%, or more than one half.



This showing, much to be regretted, is accounted for by the fact that while our subscription lists have gradually decreased, the expenses have correspondingly increased. After having exhausted every means to encourage a more liberal patronage of the paper, finally, in the hope of reducing the expenses commensurate with the shrinkage in subscriptions, the Board, after the most careful consideration, decided to reduce the size of the paper to sixteen pages, beginning with the issue of January 1, 1908. In doing so, they were able to cut down expenses, and at the same time, furnish the patrons of the paper with the usual amount of reading matter, due to the fact that the pages which they eliminated were mostly filled with advertisements, some of which were very objectionable to our people.

In our judgment, the change has rather added to than diminished the value of the paper, and has relieved us of the vexed question, how to procure and obtain advertisements, considering our limited number of subscribers. It is questionable if the profits from this source paid for these additional pages. If silence gives consent, then we have been fully endorsed in our action, as none of our readers have protested against it, while others have commended it. The change was made too late to materially benefit us the past year, but it will greatly assist in reducing the losses during the coming year, provided some means can be adopted to retain our present subscription list in tact, and gain new subscribers. Depend upon it, if our Church organ is to live and become self-supporting, it will have to be done through the personal, individual aid of our ministers and laity, not merely in subscribing to the paper themselves, but also in inducing others to take it.

While it is true that the increase in the cost of material, such as paper, etc., and the strenuous times through which we are passing, have contributed somewhat to existing conditions, we believe that the real trouble is due, in a considerable measure, to the apathy of our people. Cannot something be done to quicken us into greater activity in reference to our Church paper? We raise this question, hoping that such definite action will be taken by the Conference as will bring about this most desirable condition.

In concluding this report, we wish to bear cheerful testimony to the continued faithfulness of our Editor, Agent, and of those in their employ. The year has not only been a successful one from a financial standpoint, but we have labored and worked together in harmony and brotherly love, for which we are very grateful to our kind Heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary*.  
Baltimore, April 1, 1908.

WM. B. USILTON, *President*.

## OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Cash on hand & in bank \$1298 97	Accounts Payable.....\$2605 66
Special Deposit Balti- more P. O. .... 25 00	Advance Subscription:
Accounts Receivable .....2118 66	Metodist Protestant .... 412 75
Suspense Account, Meth.	S. S. Periodicals ..... 669 05
Prot. Acct 20% valu'n 64 98	————— 1081 80
Accrued Adv. Meth.Prot. 280 76	Accrued interest on Mrs. T. A. Reese Donation:
Advance Orders—S. S.	Mrs. T. A. Reese..... 147 73
Periodicals.....1716 01	Md. Annual Conference 565 91
————— 5454 38	————— 713 64
Inventory (Furnished by Thos. R Woodford:)	Book Concern Building:
Mdse. on hand. 8029 28	Rent Fund ..... 62 02
Hymnal Plates. 600 00	—————
795 Drinkhouse	Total Liabilities ..... 4463 12
History.. ..... 596 25	Capital Account, Feb. 28, 1907.....12262 00
————— 9225 53	Add Net Gain per P. & L. Account ..... 1038 0
Meth. Prot.—Paper ..... 33 58	—————
Sun'y School Periodicals 5 11	Net Capital Feb. 29, 1908.....13300 10
————— 9264 22	
Loan—Trustees Maryland An- nual Conference..... 1683 93	
Furniture and Fixtures (Cost)... 1360 69	
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Total Assets ..... 17763 22	————— 17763 22

T. R. WOODFORD, *Agent.*

I hereby certify that the above statement of Assets and Liabilities, as of February 29, 1908, is correct as shown by the accounts of the Baltimore Book Concern of the Methodist Protestant Church.

March 27, 1908.

R. M. BROWNING,  
*Certified Public Accountant.*

DEPARTMENT, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS AND GENERAL PROFIT AND  
LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908

The Methodist Protestant Publication and Trading Statement

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Returns</i>
Paper .....	Sales—Revenue .....
\$968 21	\$4520 22
Printing .....	Advertising Revenue.....
2834 50	761 84
Salary .....	Suspense Accounts.....
2064 33	97 60
Postage .....	5379 66
254 27	
Direct Expense.....	Loss on Meth. Prot. to P.
151 61	& L. Acct.....
Commission & Discount..	1095 75
11 77	
Engraving.....	
1 80	
Gen'l Expenses ( $\frac{1}{3}$ share)	
188 92	
6475 41	6475 41

Sunday School Periodicals Trading Statement

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Returns</i>
Purchases less Inventory	Sales.....
6476 05	9508 15
Salary.....	
898 88	
Direct Expenses .....	
202 56	
Postage, Express & Fr'ht	
338 76	
Gen'l Expenses ( $\frac{1}{3}$ share)	
188 92	
8105 17	
8105 17	
Profit on S. S. Periodicals	
to P. & L. Acct.....	
1402 98	
9508 15	9508 15 9508 15

Merchandise Trading Statement

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Returns</i>
Purchase less Inventory	Sales.....
7296 22	10095 81
Salary.....	Commission & Discount
1233 44	73 35
Direct Expense.....	
731 47	
Gen'l Expenses ( $\frac{1}{3}$ share)	
188 92	
9450 05	
9450 05	
Profit on Mdse to P. & L.	
Acct.....	
722 11	
10172 16	10172 16 10172 16

## Profit and Loss Account General

Interest, per Ledger Acct	87	87	Interest, per Ledger Acct	9 63	9 63
Loss on Meth. Prot .....	1095 75		Profit on S.S. Periodicals	1402 98	
			Profit on Merchandise..	722 11	
Totals .....	1096 62	24031 50			
Net Business Profit to Capital.....	1038 10	1038 10			
	2134 72	25069 60		2134 72	28069 60

T. R. WOODFORD, *Agent.*

I hereby certify that the above Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending February 29, 1908, is correct as shown by the accounts of the Baltimore Book Concern of the Methodist Protestant Church.

March 27, 1908.

R. M. BROWNING,  
*Certified Public Accountant.*

## Report K

### Of the Committee on Sabbath Schools

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submits the following:

We have heard with interest and profit Dr. Rhodes, the General Secretary of the Maryland Sunday School Association, and heartily commend his work and the aggressive, cooperative, interdenominational organization he represents as a medium for increasing interest and efficiency in Bible study, securing the best methods of Sunday School management, teaching and equipment; also in promoting the conversion of the scholars, church attendance, the nurture in Christian character and training for service.

The splendid results from observing Decision Day are such as to cause rejoicing, and this day should be more fully recognized in all our schools.

We endorse the Children's Day and Easter services, as required by the General Conference, and recommend a continuance of the same in behalf of Foreign and Home Missions and that these collections be reported to the Conference separate from the assessments. We further recommend that all pastors cooperate with the Sunday School Association and urge our schools to use our own literature which is unexcelled for our purposes.

W. R. GRAHAM, *Chairman*

## Report L

### Temperance

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following:

We rejoice in the splendid advancement of the temperance cause within the past few months, especially in the Southern states. Temperance sentiment is abundant and is rapidly crystalizing and promises to effectually redeem our land from the rum curse. We do not acknowledge defeat in the recent fight for a State-wide Local Option Bill for the State of Maryland. The matter has simply been delayed and we note the force and methods employed to cause this delay, and are determined to make the victory two years hence an overwhelming and decisive one. We earnestly call upon all our people not to support any man as a candidate to represent them in the General Assemblies of the Commonwealths embracing the Maryland Conference District who will not pledge himself unequivocally before election to use his influence to the utmost for the extinction of the legalized liquor traffic.

We most heartily commend the splendid work of Mr. Wm. H. Anderson, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and pledge our support and cooperation in the efforts of the organization.

We glory in the splendid victory recently achieved in Worcester county for the home against the saloon and that also in the State of Delaware.

We recommend that the Secretary of the Conference send a letter to the House District Committee on the Simms Prohibition Bill, No. 17350, for the District of Columbia, urging instant action and asking the cooperation of Speaker Cannon in securing its passage.

We commend the use by pastors and Sunday School superintendents of the Temperance Catechism prepared by the Special Temperance Committee appointed last year.

We recommend the appointment of three ministers and two laymen to represent the Maryland Conference on the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland.

We further recommend the appointment of three ministers and two laymen as delegates to the National Convention of the American Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

#### OF THE TEMPERANCE SECRETARY

As Temperance Secretary I hereby submit the following report:

Circumstances with which many members of the Conference are familiar have prevented me from putting into the cause of Temperance as much work as I have desired.

As a member of the Special Committee on plans for temperance work, I have sent out to all the ministers having charges return postal cards on which they are asked to apply for the temperance catechisms prepared by the Committee. Ninety-five pastors applied for the catechisms and I have ordered supplies to be sent to all of these. Some thousands of circular letters bearing upon the temperance issues were sent to the pastors in the Conference prior to the fall election. These letters were for distribution among the people. Your Secretary has reason to believe that some good has been accomplished by the letters and catechisms.

I have also sought to influence public opinion by appeals in the columns of the *Methodist Protestant* and in other periodicals. Whether I have followed in the lines contemplated by the Conference I do not know. I have sought to represent you and promote the great work of the temperance cause. The victories for temperance in Delaware and Maryland have cheered our hearts and nerved us to hope for greater achievements in the future.

Acknowledgement of the magnanimity and generosity of Bro Daniel Baker in providing for the entire expenses of printing and distributing the temperance catechisms is cheerfully made.

S. J. SMITH, *Secretary*.

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## Report M

### Benevolent Agencies

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Benevolent Agencies respectfully report as follows:

It is with much pleasure that we attest to our continued interest in both the Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society, the two agencies which have had the endorsement and cooperation of this Conference in the furtherance of the specific work in which they are each engaged. We regret, however, that the Agents of these societies have not appeared before Conference or presented any date whereby this committee would have been enabled to more fully present a report of the work accomplished during the year just ended.

It is very gratifying to note the increase in the collections for these purposes as compared with the previous year, and hope that such interest may continue. We heartily commend these worthy Christian agencies to the liberal support of all our churches.

Inasmuch as we have no information as to the character of the contributions and no recommendations in relation thereto, we do not feel competent in view of this fact to designate persons for the honor of life members and directors in these respective societies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. REDECKER, *Secretary*.

G. Q. BACCHUS, *Chairman*.

## OF THE BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

	1908	1907	Increase
Bible .....	\$308 68	\$291 69	\$ 16 99
Tract .....	266 00	252 00	14 00
Total .....	574 68	543 69	30 99

G. E. BROWN, *Steward.*


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## Report N

### Of the Committee on Fraternal Relations

1st. Concerning the telegram of greetings from the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, we recommend that the Conference telegraph the following expression of fraternal greetings to be signed by the President and Secretary: "The Maryland Conference Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Snow Hill, Maryland, reciprocates cordial greetings and wish you God-speed in your work."

2nd. The Committee respectfully recommends that the request of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, of Ohio, (an institution recognized by the General Conference) for the loan of Rev. J. H. Straughn as President of that institution for the ensuing year be granted.

3rd. That the request of Hawley Memorial Congregational Church at Monterey, Pennsylvania, for the loan of Rev. C. E. McCullough for the ensuing year be granted.

4th. That the request of the Board of Home Missions for the loan of Rev. A. N. Ward as Superintendent of our work in Seattle, Washington, be granted.

We thank the railroads for their reduced fares, the *Democratic Messenger* of this city for its full and accurate reports of our proceedings, and especially do we appreciate the faithful and satisfactory work of the representatives of the Baltimore papers who have been with us from day to day.

We thank the Conference choir for its splendid singing, the secretaries and stewards for their efficient services.

We thank the pastor, Rev. L. A. Bennett, and his painstaking committee for their untiring and unceasing thoughtfulness in providing every convenience and comfort.

We also note with pleasure the closing of the public schools of the city for one day in recognition of the assembling of Conference

We thank the people of Snow Hill for the many open doors; the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches for the beautiful spirit of fraternity in the kind offer of their church buildings; the banks for their courteous accommodations.

Special mention is due the Board of County Commissioners for opening the spacious and splendid Court House for the use of the Conference.

And last, but not least, we would not forget the open door of the home. It is with pleasure we record our grateful appreciation for the generous and warm-hearted hospitality of our hosts, and we hereby assure our Snow Hill friends that our sojourn in their midst will ever be numbered among the most delightful memories of the Conference.

H. S. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

L. F. WARNER, *Chairman.*

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## Report O

### Of the Committee on Official Character

The Committee on Official Character reports as follows:

The personal and financial reports of all the ministers have been examined, and while there are forty-five pastors who have not raised their assessments, in full we have no evidence to show neglect or indifference on the part of such to secure the amounts, nor is there any charge made to prevent the passage of their official character. We wish to call attention to the fact that a few pastors report all their salary paid in full, with less than one-half of the benevolent interests in hand. We recommend that the President of the Conference call the attention of the charges who are thus in arrears and urge a proper interest in this matter.

Sixty-four pastors have failed to secure subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant*. Seventeen charges report no incorporation of trustees. Twenty-three pastors have failed to appoint visitors to the Church Home. While these figures show an improved condition over last year the interest manifested in the matters referred to in the personal reports is not what it should be.

*Resolved*, That the Conference Steward be and is hereby directed to bring to the attention of the Committee on Official Character all those cases where Conference Assessments are deficient, and that Committee shall take action upon those cases, and report to the Conference.

We recommend that the Roll of Honor be sent to the Editor of the *Methodist Protestant* by the Secretary of the Conference, with the request that the same be published in our church paper.

The following ministers in their personal report ask for a superannuated relation: H. C. Cushing, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. T. Lassell, W. D. Litsinger, W. J. D. Lucas, R. S. Rowe, W. M. Strayer, J. G. Sullivan, and J. A. Weigand.

The following, who are loaned, ask for an active relation: E. A. Warfield, C. E. McCullough, James H. Straughn, and A. N. Ward.

C. S. Arnett and G. E. Wolfe asked for a supernumerary relation, and P. W. Crosby desires to be left without an appointment for one year. We recommend that all these requests be granted.



The following charges have raised all their assessments and are entitled to go on the Roll of Honor:

Accomac	East Baltimore	Lawsonia	Salem
Alexandria	Elizabeth	Leeds	Salisbury
Alnutt Memorial	Eutaw	Liberty	Seaford
Amelia	Evergreen	Lisbon	Sharptown
Baltimore Circuit	Finksburg	Lynchburg	Snow Hill
Bedford	Federalsburg	Mardela	Starr
Broadway	FirstChurch(New'k)	Milton	Stewartstown
Brooklyn	FirstChurch(Wash.)	Mount Tabor	St. James
Cambridge	Frederick	New Church	St. John's (Canton)
Cannon	Georgetown, D. C.	New Market	St. Lukes
Campbell	Georgetown, Del.	North Baltimore	St. Michaels
Centreville	Glenburnie	North Carolina Ave.	Susquehanna
Chesapeake	Greenwood	Oak Grove	Trinity
Chestertown	Hampden	Oxford	Union Bridge
Christ Church	Harbeson	Parksley	Violetville
Conquest	Howard	Payson Street	Warwick
Crisfield	Hurlock	Pipe Creek	Wallace Memorial
Cumberland	Jefferson	Pittsville	Waverly
Cumberland Circ't	Kennedyville	Prince George	West Baltimore
Denton	Kempton	Queen Anne	Westminster
Dover	Lauraville	Reliance	West Wilmington
Easton	Laurel	Rhode Island Ave.	Wye

J. W. NORRIS, *Secretary.*

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

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## Report P

### Education

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Education respectfully submits the following report:

#### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

We regret the loss of students, even though small, during the current year at Western Maryland College, and are glad to be able to share with the management that it is only a temporary loss. We commend the management upon the increase of the salaries of the faculty. It is gratifying to learn of the religious revival during the year at this institution.

Recognizing that the matter of students is vital, we therefore urge upon the pastors the hearty cooperation of their efforts in the securing of students.

We are glad to learn of the completion of the new building, the Mamie McKinstry Hall, for the accommodation of the young ladies.

We are gratified that the results of the efforts in regard to the Endowment Fund foots up the sum of \$26,085, and we cannot afford to stop now but must press forward, and we recommend the adoption of the proposition of the College made in the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, It appears by the report of the President of the Western Maryland College that there is now invested to the credit of the Endowment Fund the sum of \$26,085; and

WHEREAS, The President of the College promises that in the event of the Conference raising during the ensuing year the sum of \$12,500, a like sum will be paid into this fund, so as to make a total endowment of more than \$50,000; therefore

*Resolved*, That the pulpits of this Conference are open to the President of the College, or his representative, to present this cause to our people, and our pastors and delegates do hereby pledge themselves to do all in their power to open the way and cooperate in this work."

We recommend that the request of the College for the services of Rev. E. A. Warfield for the ensuing year be granted.

#### WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We are gratified with the interest that was manifested in the 25th anniversary of Westminster Theological Seminary and the dedication of the new building, also the improvement and lengthening of the course of study.

We specially commend the management for the success of the Silver Jubilee Offering.

We are pleased to learn of increase of the Endowment Fund, and we hereby express our thanks to the contributors of this fund and to the churches that so generously provided scholarships.

We recommend:

1st. That every pastor donate one or more volumes to the Seminary library during the coming year.

2nd. That all our churches observe a day of special prayer that God may call more preachers of His Word, and that pastors and people unite in laying upon the hearts of their young men the claims of the Gospel Ministry.

3rd. That our laymen give a ready response to the appeal of the Seminary for the Endowment and Scholarship funds, that more young men may be thoroughly equipped for the pulpits of the Methodist Protestant Church.

4th. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year, and that the annual assessment of \$1,800 be laid upon the District.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

## OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

I have the honor to submit my twenty-second annual report as President of Western Maryland College. I am grateful for the measure of health which has enabled me to resume my duties after the vacation granted me a year ago, and for the continued prosperity of the institution. Men grow old and have to be succeeded in their places by those who are stronger, and perhaps my turn is nearer than I think; but institutions founded in faith and love for the world grow stronger as they grow older, and this is the confidence I have in Western Maryland College. I believe the College was never stronger than it is today, never more firmly fixed in the confidence and love of the Church and the community. It will go on and the next 40 years will find it as much better than it is now as it is better now than it was when it began. The past year has not been as prosperous as the preceding year. We have enrolled 217 students as against 243 last year. We have had 170 boarding students as against 198 last year. This will make a difference in our receipts, but we do not expect to come out in debt, although we have increased the salaries of the faculty, and the cost of living has made a considerable increase in our domestic expenditures. We have had a pleasant year. A considerable religious interest was manifested in the fall, and good order has prevailed throughout the year. We will graduate 34 students in June, which will bring the total number of graduates to 710.

The matter of students is a vital one, and we are concerned to see our number decrease even for one year. We believe it is only temporary, but at the same time it behooves all who feel interested in the College to do what they can to help us keep our roll growing. Pastors have much to do but I commend to them the question whether they can do any one thing which will cost them less labor and will have a more important bearing on the interests of their pastorate than to lead their young people to Western Maryland College.

Since the last Conference we have added a building to our accommodations for young ladies, at a cost of about \$5,000, which has been paid for. This building was named by the trustees the "Mamie McKinstry Hall," in memory of one of our graduates of Carroll county, who devised us \$5,000. And although her wish was frustrated and we never received the money, it was thought fitting to memorialize her love for the College which was singular, and her good intentions which others prevented from being carried out.

We are very much in need of another building, and we have petitioned the Legislature, for the first time in our history, to help us. At this writing all concerned in the matter have acted favorably on our petition except the Governor. What he will do is not yet known.

The introduction of this subject leads me to say something to the Conference on our relation to the State, as it may be that this is not fully understood. In 1878 our representatives asked the Legislature to divide the scholarships already provided for by an appropriation to one College and give one-half the number to our College, since it was believed we were so situated in another section of the State

that it would be proper to recognize us. The Legislature granted our request. The scholarship arrangement was not devised for us at our request. We simply asked to be included in an arrangement already in force. Since that time the number of students so provided for has been increased so as to give girls an equal chance with the boys. And all we are now getting from the State or have ever gotten has been in payment for students actually being educated there on the appointment of the School Commissioners of the various legislative districts.

It is now seven years since the Conference agreed to put the College back among the list of benevolences in its assessments, a place which was relinquished in 1882 in favor of the Theological Seminary. During these years we have received up to April 1st of this year \$8184 from this collection. This has been invested and the interest has been added to the fund. In addition, the College has paid to this fund out of its current income more than the amount contributed by the Conference. To this we have added various bequests and gifts made during the last twenty years, amounting to \$7448. So that counting these three sources of revenue and the interest of the fund we have now, in what we hope are safe investments, \$27,043. The special effort for increasing this endowment fund which the Conference endorsed so heartily two years ago, has not yet resulted in much success, I regret to say. We "have been let hitherto" by circumstances we could not control. But we are not ready to confess failure. Indeed we have settled into a grim determination that the thing can, should and must be done. A large part of our patronage is now dependent upon the action of the Maryland Legislature. If by some political or other cataclysm the present provision for scholarships should be swept away we would be seriously embarrassed. Our patronage would be reduced below the self-supporting basis, and we would be compelled to reduce and retrench in directions where our position as a College might be seriously depreciated.

Good business judgment argues that we should, while we are favored with prosperity, make provision for adversity. And I cannot conceive how the Methodist Protestant Church could fail to suffer seriously in reputation if any adversity should depress the Western Maryland College. There is nothing that takes the place of endowment. The great benefaction of Mr Rockefeller by which the interest of ten millions of dollars is given to pension professors of Colleges will not consider the claims of any institution which does not possess an endowment fund of at least \$200,000, thus asserting, as I think, that no college can be regarded as permanent which has not made some such provision as this against disaster.

I am sure our expectations in this matter are most modest. We have lived and struggled and demonstrated our right to be for forty-one years without any endowment at all. Now we have secured through almost incredible pains the sum of \$27,043. We are not grasping after impossible results, but only clearing our conscience in saying to the Church that this fund ought to be increased immediately to \$50,000. I wish to close this report with a few words, which I hope are weighty words, and will be carefully considered by you, to show you that the Maryland Annual Conference can furnish this amount of money. I am able to announce to the Conference that I have the money in sight, absolutely at our disposal and secured

beyond a peradventure, by which, if the Conference will raise one-half of \$25,000, the other half will be ready to be paid over to this fund. This does not take any account of the effort being made by the Alumni, and it has nothing to do with any millionaire or legislature. The money will be paid whenever the Conference will raise an equal amount. I give you my promise that this is straight and reliable, and I ask you, if in view of it you will not rise to the occasion and pass this resolution:

WHEREAS, It appears by the report of the President of Western Maryland College that there is now invested to the credit of the Endowment fund the sum of \$27,048; and

WHEREAS, The President of the College promises that in the event of the Conference raising during the ensuing year the sum of \$12,500, a like sum will be paid into this fund so as to make a total endowment of more than \$50,000; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the pulpits of this Conference are opened to the President of the College or his representative to present this cause to our people, and our pastors do hereby pledge themselves to do all in their power to open the way and cooperate in this work.

Passing this resolution will not do the work I know. But it will, I trust, remove the very greatest barrier to the work, which is the willingness of pastors to have their people asked for money. Give me the hearty cooperation of our pastors in this work and I pledge myself to accomplish it in a year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, *President*.

#### OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Two significant events mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Westminster Theological Seminary which was celebrated on the 26th of last November—the dedication of the new building and the improvement and lengthening of the course of study.

The increased attendance made necessary the enlargement of the building and this took the shape of dormitories and a new chapel. The building and the furnishings cost between six and seven thousand dollars, and plans have been made by which the small balance will be met in a few weeks.

The long-felt need of a more thorough training in the Seminary has been provided for by a Curriculum which requires three years for College graduates instead of two, and four years for non-collegians instead of three. This new rule does not apply to graduates of this year and next year since they matriculated under the old regime. All the new students who entered last September, however, began under the new Course and will mark the beginning of a more thoroughly trained ministry.

The number of students enrolled this year is 29 distributed as follows: Georgia,

1; North Carolina, 1; Ohio, 1; Pittsburgh, 1; Alabama, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Muskingum, 2; West Virginia, 2; New Jersey, 3; New York, 4; and Maryland, 10. The graduating class numbers 7, one of whom reports to the Maryland Conference for admission—George Esdras Bevens.

The Endowment Fund has been increased by about \$300—a donation from J.R. Caton of Alexandria, Va. The Scholarship Fund has been aided this year by Mrs. Mary E. Baile, \$100; Trinity Church Scholarship, \$120. Henrietta Gibson Scholarship, \$42.32; an old Friend of the Seminary, \$200; Cash, \$100, J. D. Baker, \$100; Layman, \$125; Rhode Island Avenue Church, \$100; Alumni, \$100; Children of a Methodist Protestant Minister, \$100; Caleb Freeland, \$100; Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, Dr. Drinkhouse Memorial, \$100; Prof. Rowland Watts, \$100; Alabama Conference, \$150; T. W. Mather, \$50; Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, \$50; Walter Gillian, \$10; Interest on bank deposit, \$25.20; total, \$1,572.20.

The usual prizes have been offered again this year, the customary special course of lectures has been maintained, many improvements have been made on the grounds, and the library has been increased by generous donations from Rev. J. E. Nicholson and Rev. F. H. Mullineaux.

We recommend:

1st. That every pastor donate one or more volumes to the Seminary library during the coming year.

2nd. That all our churches observe a day of special prayer that God may call more preachers of his word, and that pastors and people unite in laying upon the hearts of their young men the claims of the Gospel Ministry.

3rd. That our laymen give a ready response to the appeal of the Seminary for the Endowment and Scholarship Funds that more young men may be thoroughly equipped for the pulpits of the Methodist Protestant Church.

4th. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President for the ensuing year, and that the usual assessment of \$1,800 be laid upon the District.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

#### OF SPECIAL COLLECTOR SILVER JUBILEE FUND

Total from Maryland Conference reported last Conference.....	\$ 3084 40
Total from other conferences. ....	1760 34
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Grand total last Conference.....	4844 74

We report the following contributions from the Maryland Conference, year ending April 1, 1908: South Baltimore, \$32.00; Broadway, \$107.30; Parksley and Hunting Creek, \$71.61; Wallace Memorial, \$25.00; Salisbury, \$64.85; Delmar,

\$18.35; Sussex, \$22.25; Seaford, \$31.50; St. James, \$34.72; Kennedyville, \$19.85; Chestertown, \$101.55; Hampden, \$46.00; Melvin Chapel, \$26.00; Bedford Street, Cumberland, \$6.00; Greenwood, \$18.25; New Market, \$56.42; Brooklyn, \$13.25; Leemont, \$27.00; Deer Creek, \$12.00; Warwick, \$10.35; Pittsville, \$76.50; Powellville, \$38.02; Lynchburg, \$53.00; Stewartstown, \$18.05; Potomac, \$33.00; First Church, Washington, \$15.25; Bel Air, \$40.46; Leeds, \$40.00; Centreville, \$19.75; Evergreen, 4.25; Waverly, \$25.00; Payson Street, \$12.59; L. B. Smith, \$2.00; Miss Myra Smith, \$5.00; J. W. Lockard & Son, \$1.00; Mt. Tabor C. E. Society, \$5.00; B. A. Bryan, \$2.00; H. B. Jester, \$1.00; J. A. Sydnor, \$1.00; W. H. Litsinger, \$1.00; Western Maryland College, \$25.00; Dr. T. H. Lewis, \$20.00; Cannon Jr. C. E. Society, \$2.10; H. S. Johnson, \$5.00; Seminary Students, \$25.00; L. A. Bennett, \$5.00; F. P. Krauss, \$1.00; Salem, \$4.00; P. L. Rice, \$2.00; E. L. Bunce, \$2.00; Indian River, \$2.00.

Total Maryland Conference, 1908.....	\$1231 22
Total other Conferences, 1908.....	409 45
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	1640 67

#### RECAPITULATION

Total Maryland Conference, 1907.....	3084 40
Total Maryland Conference, 1908.....	1640 67
Total other Conferences, 1907.....	1760 34
Total other Conferences, 1908.....	409 45
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Grand total 1907 and 1908.....	6894 86

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. PHILLIPS, *Steward.*

#### OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

The Educational Endowment Society have held the meeting and elected officers for the year. The interest on our investments have been collected and paid to the Seminary. There is no change in the relation of the Society to the College.

J. D. KINZER, *President.*

#### OF THE EDUCATIONAL STEWARD

Ministerial education .....	\$ 538
Seminary .. .. .	1656
College .....	1162

E. P. PERRY, *Steward.*

## Report Q

### Missions

#### OF THE COMMITTEE

The official communications submitted to this Committee have been considered and are herewith appended. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of General Home Missions has fully explained the condition of that Board and its plans of work.

The splendid new church and parsonage at Seattle have been completed and a large surplus remains from the sale of the old property, which we understand is to be used in missionary work in that city and vicinity. Very promising fields are being cultivated in a number of places, notably in the cities of Cincinnati and Columbus in the State of Ohio.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. A. N. Ward, an honored member of this Conference and pastor of the new church at Seattle, is meeting with great success in his work in that city, and that the promise of the future is most flattering.

Rev. W. H. Streitenberger, who has been doing evangelistic work under the Board's direction for the past two years, is reported as increasing both in zeal and efficiency. The Secretary reports that the general condition of the work is prosperous and encouraging. He also gives the information that special evangelistic efforts have been undertaken in behalf of immigrants, which is signalized with wonderful success. Your Committee would call special attention to this particular feature of the Board's work and ask for it, not only earnest commendation from our people, but also their hearty financial support.

It is urged by the Board that the Maryland Conference increase its assessments from its present basis of ten cents to fifteen cents per member. We very much regret that we cannot make this recommendation, but we earnestly urge that the "Easter service" be emphasized by all our churches as a means of financial assistance to the Board of General Home Missions and that in no instance shall the proceeds of said service be used to meet assessments. We recommend in this connection that a special column be provided for the Easter service as in the case of "Children's Day." We recommend the Home Missionary Bulletin as an excellent missionary publication, and because of its nominal subscription price, twenty-five cents, insist that it ought to be in every Methodist Protestant family. We recommend that Rev. T. R. Woodford, 316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, be its official representative in this Conference.

The work of the Board of Foreign Missions in Japan is reported as prospering, though greatly in need of an increase of funds.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke of this Conference has engaged for the third term of service in Japan. Your Committee has learned from a private source of the safe arrival in Tokyo of Brother and Sister Van Dyke. We are greatly pleased to report the splendid efforts of Brother Van Dyke before leaving this country in raising the sum of \$5000 toward building a Memorial Home in the city of Tokyo to the late Rev. T. E. Coulbourn.



We have learned with joy concerning the increased zeal in their noble work of the Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria branches of the W. F. M. Society, and assure them of our continued desire and prayers for their success. We also call the attention of pastors to the duty of assisting in the organization of auxiliary societies in their charges.

We recommend that Rev. E. H. Van Dyke be loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions.

J. W. TROUT, *Chairman.*

#### OF THE MARYLAND BRANCH W. F. M. S.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

Maryland Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, send greetings to Maryland Annual Conference, assembled in session, Snow Hill, Md.

We beg leave to submit the following report for year ending March 31, 1908:

Our work has not made the advance during the past year we had hoped. There does not seem to be a decline, but not the gain there should have been. At two points Auxiliaries have been organized. Two Bible Readers, six scholarships and three Native Teachers are being cared for by the Branch, beside the regular work of the Society. We most respectfully urge the formation of Auxiliaries on all charges.

Total receipts to date \$1,300.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

#### OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH W. F. M. S.

The Washington and Alexandria Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, send greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, Bates Memorial Church, Snow Hill, Md.

God has abundantly blessed our efforts with a successful year. We have a wide awake and working Auxiliary in every church in the city and one in Alexandria.

Cash receipts for year \$469.13.

MRS. THOMAS J. WILSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

#### OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS STEWARD

	1908	1907	Increase	Decrease
Total for assessment.....	\$2551 00	\$2809 00	\$	\$ 258 00
Total for Children's Day.....	3113 00	3061 00	50 00	
Total for W. F. M. S.....	1517 00	1945 00		428 00
Total for Sunday School..	182 00	221 00		39 00
Total for Special.....	1915 00	391 00	1424 00	
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Total for Missions.....	9176 00	8627 00	549 00	

R. K. LEWIS, *Steward.*

## OF THE STEWARD OF GENERAL HOME MISSIONS

Assessed on District.....	\$2644 00
Amount paid.....	2286 00
	358 00
Deficit .....	358 00

C. R. STRAUSBURG, *Steward.*


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## Report R

### Of The Committee On Sabbath Observance.

The spirit of the American people, from the landing of the Pilgrims, has been to revere God and maintain the sancity of the Christian Sabbath. We are called therefore to view with sincere regret the efforts made by foreign organizations, and others, to substitute the Continental for the American Sabbath.

The opening of saloons and the inauguration of such diversions as are inimical to the good order and religious thought of the nation must be vigorously opposed, and we call upon those in authority everywhere to maintain inviolably the Day which the Lord has given us.

We express our hearty approval of the bill introduced in the United States Senate by Joseph F. Johnston, of Alabama, to secure for the District of Columbia a Sunday Rest Law.

We call attention to that part of last years report which put us on record as unqualifiedly opposed to the Sunday newspaper, the Sunday excursions, Sunday amusements, Sunday traffic and all unnecessary travel on the Lord's day, and every other practice tending to break the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

We recommend the discontinuance of the practice of paying ministers their salaries or the transaction of any other unnecessary business on the Lord's day.

F. H. MULLINEAUX, *Chairman.*

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## Report S

### Of The Committee On Credentials.

Your Committee on Credentials having carefully examined the certificates of all the delegates of this Conference beg leave to report as follows :

First—We note that there are no certificates from the following Charges: Campbell, Harper's Ferry, Indian River, Lewistown, Middleway and Mount Nebo,

and suggest that the Stewards from all Charges, without regular ministerial supply, fill out and send certificate to the Secretary of this Conference.

Second—We regret to say that the certificates of twenty-two Charges do not conform to the Conference requirements. We therefore call the attention of our Pastors to the explanatory note at the head of the Delegate's Credentials, which requires that Pastors shall see that said blanks are properly filled out, signed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Conference.

Third—In a number of stations we notice that the Pastor of said Charges acted as Chairman of the meeting for the election of delegate and we most respectfully call the attention of this Conference to the law governing said meeting. Discipline 1905, Government of Church, pp 87 and 88.

Fourth—In view of the confusion at Conference incident to the failure of the delegate-elect to attend the Conference, we recommend that when the delegate-elect will not attend the Conference, upon the statement of the Pastor of said Charge, the name of the alternate designated in the delegate's certificate be substituted for the name of the delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Chairman.*

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## Report T

### Of the Committee on Christian Endeavor.

Your Committee on Christian Endeavor begs leave to offer the following report: Acknowledging with deep gratitude the blessings of Almighty God vouchsafed to our societies, and renewing our allegiance to Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit upon the great organization of Christian Endeavor throughout the world.

During the past year there has been a decrease of 7 societies and 97 members. The present statistics show 133 Y. P. S. C. E. and 62 Junior societies, a total membership of 7648.

We note with pleasure a more careful and complete return by our pastors, on the Conference official blanks, of information concerning the names and addresses of corresponding secretaries and junior superintendents of societies. This information is of great value to the Conference Christian Endeavor Union, to whom we have given the blanks.

The district unions composing the Conference Union have not all been fully organized. This is a very important matter, because these unions are intended to draw our young people into closer touch in Endeavor work, and provide for an annual rally in each district. We earnestly request each pastor to do all in his power to make these annual rallies of the district unions profitable to the interests of our young people.

It is a matter of great joy to announce that the Conference Union has assumed the support of a male missionary in Japan. While this work has not begun, owing to the fact that arrangements have not been completed with the Board of Missions, nevertheless the Conference Union is ready to assume its part whenever a missionary is secured. The Missionary Superintendent of the Conference Union desires to meet and address the district rallies in order to present this important matter to the societies and awaken a more lively interest in Foreign Missionary work among our young people.

We call attention to the Denominational Convention to be held in Fourth Church, Pittsburg, May 12th to 14th, immediately preceding the sessions of the General Conference in that city. A very strong program has been prepared, and all indications point to this with promise that it will be our "best yet" convention. We pray that all its sessions may be abundantly blessed of God to the permanent good of Christian Endeavor.

We regret that up to the present time a general field secretary for our Denominational Union has not been secured. We appreciate the need of such an officer for the special work of the young people in our churches, and look forward hopefully to an early realization of this secretaryship.

We offer the following recommendations:

1st. That every pastor, on whose charge there is no junior society, be urged to do all in his power to organize such a society.

2nd. That we most heartily endorse the work of the support of a male missionary in Japan undertaken by the Conference Union, and believing this to be a great step forward in effective service, we request our pastors to open their pulpits to the Missionary Superintendent of the Conference Union, should he desire to personally visit the societies in the interest of this work.

3rd. That the first Sunday in February, which is nearest to the anniversary of the world-wide organization of Christian Endeavor, be observed in all our societies with suitable exercises, and that each pastor be requested to preach a sermon on that Sunday appropriate to the thought of young people and the church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. READ, *Chairman.*

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## Report U

### Of the Committee on Transportation.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the usual excursion rates to the seat of Conference have been procured, but the convenience of routes and travel have not been most desirable. The arrangements, however, were the best we could make under the circumstances. We record our appreciation of the willingness of railway officials to assist us as far as possible in the matter of Conference Transportation.

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Chairman.*

## Report V

### Of the Committee on Church Enterprises.

Your Committee on Church Enterprises desire to make the following report:

We have heard the statement of Rev. J. L. Nichols, the pastor of Lynchburg Charge, concerning the building of a new Church at Fairview Heights, a suburb of Lynchburg. We have also examined his plans for the building in that rapidly growing section, and recommend that his request for an appropriation of \$500.00 to assist in the erection of the Church building be referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

We also commend the building of a Church at Green Back, Va., and suggest that this matter be referred to the Quarterly Conference of Accomac Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. ANSTINE, *Chairman.*

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## Report W

### Of the Special Committee on Conference Program.

Your Committee, after several meetings at the office of Mr. Daniel Baker, Baltimore, giving careful attention to the matters committed to us, report as follows:

#### PROGRAM

We submit the program as published in the *Methodist Protestant*, with these explanations:

1. The services of Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, were engaged for an address at the Thursday evening Temperance meeting, upon the subject, "Temperance and Good Citizenship." But at the last moment word was received that on account of illness his physician advised him not to come. Special thanks are due Dr. T. H. Lewis for consenting to deliver his lecture, "Jesus and the Bible," on that evening.

2. Every effort was made to secure a speaker of national reputation for the Wednesday evening meeting, to address the Conference concerning "Young Men and the Call to the Ministry," but to no avail. It was decided to have the President conduct an Open Parliament upon that subject.

3. With reference to Resolution 7, of the last session, Dr. T. H. Lewis requested that he be excused from the duty, inasmuch as there was every reason to believe that the session would be so crowded with extra business as to make it unwise to attempt daily "talks" by himself.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

With reference to the further duty laid upon this Committee by Conference resolution to "recommend to the Conference any change in the order of business

that will save time and confusion," the following recommendations were unanimously adopted :

1. That Rule XXXIV of the Manual be amended by adding, "and their reports shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him." The Rule as amended shall read, "The business next in order shall be the reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees, and their reports shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave." In this connection it is recommended that Rule VI be strictly observed.

2. That the hours for the session of Conference be those given in the program.

3. That all applications for aid from the Church Extension and Superannuate Funds—and all other matters of business from the charges, particularly those requiring consideration at the hands of a Committee—be submitted to the Conference not later than Thursday morning, if possible.

4. That the several standing Committees, Agents, Boards, etc., shall be required to report upon the days designated as follows :

WEDNESDAY—The President, Secretary, and Committees on Credentials and Transportation.

THURSDAY—Agent of the President Parsonage. Book Concern, Baltimore City and District of Columbia Church Extension Societies, Educational Endowment Society, Theological Seminary, W. M. College, Conference Trustees, Women's Societies and the Committee on President's Report.

FRIDAY—Committee on Our Church Home, Pulpit Supply, Literature, Temperance, Sabbath Observance.

SATURDAY—The Stewards, and Committees on Education, Sunday Schools, Missions, Church Enterprises.

SUNDAY—Obituary Committees.

MONDAY—Committees on Benevolent Agencies, Superannuates, Official Character, Christian Endeavor, Board of Finance.

TUESDAY—Church Extension, Statistics, Fraternal Relations.

J. M. SHERIDAN, *President.*

W. S. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

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## Report X

### Of Special Committee on Request of G. L. Wolfe.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference:*

Your Committee, appointed to investigate certain reports and rumors involving the good name, moral and ministerial standing of Rev. George L. Wolfe, a member of this Conference, beg to report:

We have given this matter our careful attention, and have endeavored to follow up such rumors and reports and ascertain the falsity or correctness thereof. We

have interviewed all the witnesses, personally or by letter, who seemed able to throw any light on the subject, and while some of this testimony is of a somewhat conflicting nature, when we take into consideration the fallibility of the human memory, and the time that has elapsed since these rumors have been afloat, it is not strange that such is the case. We believe, perhaps, that Bro. Wolfe has not always acted wisely nor been free from some mistakes, yet your committee is glad to state that they have found nothing to convict him of any immorality, or of any premeditated act that would cast any serious reflection upon his moral character or his ministerial standing.

J. S. BOWERS, *Chairman.*

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## Report Y

### Of Special Committee on First Church, Wilmington

Your Committee reports that because of the necessity and difficulty of raising five hundred dollars by next Wednesday, and in view of all the circumstances, we recommend that First Church, Wilmington, be left unsupplied.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman Board Managers.*

T. H. LEWIS, *Chairman Committee.*

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## Report Z

### Of Special Committee on Deaconess Movement

We, your Committee appointed to consider the feasibility and expediency of organizing a Deaconess Movement, do hereby concur in the recommendation of the President of the Conference as to the importance of taking immediate steps towards establishing a Deaconess Society in the Methodist Protestant Church. We believe such a movement to be absolutely necessary if we are to measure up to the responsibilities and opportunities providentially laid upon the Church. We therefore recommend,

1st. That the Conference authorize the organization of the Deaconess Society

2nd. We recommend that the President of the Conference appoint a committee of fifteen persons, consisting of five ministers, five laymen and five women, whose duty it shall be to report at the next session of this Conference as to the advisability of organizing a Society of Deaconess, in this Conference.

3rd. We further recommend that the representatives from this Conference to the General Conference ask that body to provide a form of consecration for Deaconesses, who may be approved by the board of management of the institution.

Respectively submitted,

C. E. REDEKER, *Secretary.*

F. T. TAGG, *Chairman.*

# RESOLUTIONS

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## Resolution 1

### Sympathy for J. W. Gray.

Once more we have met as a Conference. Once more we greet each other with glad hand extended. But we are not all here. Rev. J. W. Gray, who has been present at roll-call and has answered to his name for forty-seven consecutive years, is now in Johns Hopkins Hospital, suffering from a painful surgical operation.

*Resolved*, By this body in Conference assembled, that we express our sympathy for this dear brother beloved, loyal and faithful; and pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

J. B. JONES,  
F. C. KLEIN.

## Resolution 2

### Petition to Governor Crothers

WHEREAS, The people of Maryland have been deprived by the recent action of a majority of the Legislature of one of their most elementary rights: the right to express their opinion by ballot on the question of continuing the saloon in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, The men who voted against the Local Option bill have shown a contempt for public sentiment and a disregard of their responsibility to the people which ought to be publicly rebuked.

*Resolved*, That as vigilance in scrutinizing the acts of public officials is the only safeguard of the rights of the people, we earnestly advise our membership throughout this State to remember the men who voted against the Local Option bill and to refuse hereafter to honor any of them by a vote for any public trust.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency, Austin L. Crothers, Governor of Maryland, be and he is hereby petitioned by the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, representing a constituency of 28,000 members, most of which are citizens of Maryland, that we feel aggrieved and thwarted in our just expectations by the action of the majority in the last Legislature on the Local Option bill, and we earnestly hope that he will show such sympathy with our just indignation as to refuse to honor any of those men by appointment to an office of public trust.

T. H. LEWIS,  
F. T. TAGG,  
C. W. SIMPSON.



**Resolution 3**

## Defining Pastor's Relation to the Members' Meeting.

WHEREAS, The Discipline of our Church is not explicit in defining the relation of the pastor to the Annual Meeting of the qualified members of the Church for the election of Trustees and Stewards ; and

WHEREAS, There is a lack of uniformity in the practice of our Churches and pastors respecting this meeting ; therefore

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that the pastor is a member of this meeting, and, if present, shall preside, except where charters otherwise provide.

*Resolved*, Further, that this meeting for the election of Trustees and Stewards is to be distinguished from the meeting held under the direction of the Stewards for the election of delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference, although as a matter of convenience these meetings may be held at the same time and place.

T. O. CROUSE,

J. W. BALDERSTON,

**Resolution 4**

## Membership in Mutual Relief Association.

WHEREAS, The Mutual Relief Association of the Maryland Annual Conference is an association of the ministers of said Conference, for the mutual aiding of the said ministers' families at such time when aid is needed; and furthermore, the said association, to accomplish its aims, must look to the said Conference for members and proper support ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Faculty of Instruction shall require of each applicant, the promise to join and support this association during his membership in said Conference.

C. P. NOWLIN,

W. A. MELVIN.

**Resolution 5**

## Creating Church Fire Insurance Association.

*Resolved*, That the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully memorialize the next General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, at its session in Pittsburg, in May, to create a Fire Insurance Association, for the purpose of insuring our own church, parsonage and other properties.

W. A. MELVIN,

A. S. BEANE.

**Resolution 6**

## Furnishing the President's Parsonage.

WHEREAS, There is no provision made for furnishing the President's Parsonage, except that which has been made by a few ladies of Baltimore, known as the Maryland Conference Guild, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That each and every Ladies' Aid, or similar Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, be requested to contribute \$1.00 annually towards the President's Parsonage Guild, and every pastor is hereby requested to forward the name and address of the Secretary of each Society on his charge to the Treasurer of the Guild, Mrs. E. B. Fenby, 1219 N. Caroline St., Baltimore, Md.

W. A. MELVIN,  
W. S. PHILLIPS.

#### Resolution 7

Fixing Time of Next Session.

*Resolved*, That the next session of the Conference be held on the first Wednesday in April, 1909.

F. C. KLEIN,  
W. S. PHILLIPS.

#### Resolution 8

Concerning Appointment of Conference Evangelist.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five, consisting of three ministers and two laymen, be appointed by the President of the Conference, to consider the subject of the appointing of a Conference Evangelist, and to report at the next session of the Conference.

J. W. KIRK,  
J. D. KINZER.

#### Resolution 9

J. R. Caton, Messenger.

WHEREAS, During the year there has been organized in the city of Alexandria, Va., a Methodist Protestant Church, and

WHEREAS, said church would like to communicate with this Conference, and has elected a messenger for that purpose ; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Conference recognize Hon. J. R. Caton as a Messenger to communicate with the Conference directly.

W. W. STRAYER,  
J. L. MILLS.

#### Resolution 10

Fixing Assessment for General Conference Expense.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Finance be and they are hereby authorized to assess upon the District the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650.) to be used in paying the traveling expenses and board of the representatives of the Maryland Annual Conference during the General Conference in First Church, East Side, Pittsburg, Pa.

W. S. PHILLIPS,  
F. C. KLEIN.

**Resolution 11****Fixing Assessment for Conference Expenses.**

*Resolved*, That the action of the last Conference, authorizing the Board of Finance to increase the Conference Assessment from the present amount of \$481. to \$800., be rescinded. and that the amount of Conference Assessment for this year be fixed at \$450.

S. J. SMITH,  
C. E. DRYDEN.

**Resolution 12****Fatal Accident to Rev. W. H. Chapman.**

*Resolved*, That this Conference noted the press account of the sudden and fatal accident to Rev. W. H. Chapman, a member of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Agent of the Washington Bible Society, desires to express its sorrow in receiving this intelligence, and its sympathy for his surviving family.

T. O. CROUSE,  
J. E. LITSINGER

**Resolution 13****Publication of the Conference Sermon.**

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. W. Trout be requested to furnish his sermon, preached before this Conference, for publication in the Minutes.

W. R. GRAHAM,  
G. W. HADDAWAY

**Resolution 14****Thanks to the Harrison Nurseries.**

WHEREAS, The Harrison Nurseries, Berlin, Maryland, have generously offered to donate to the ministers of the Conference, strawberry plants, peach and apple trees, to be planted and cultivated for parsonage use, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary write a letter of appreciation, and notify the company that a copy of the Minutes will be forwarded containing the names and addresses of our ministers, and they can be personally communicated with relative to this subject.

H. L. ELDERDICE,  
S. J. SMITH.

**Resolution 15****Baptism of Infants.**

*Resolved*, That this Conference does not approve of the baptism of infants neither parents of whom has made such profession of faith and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ as admits to membership in the Christian church.

T. O. CROUSE,  
E. C. MAKOSKY.

NOTE—This Resolution, by vote of the Conference, was referred to the General Conference.

SECRETARY.

LIBRARY OF  
BISHOP D. C. LEE

**Resolution 16**

Conference Stenographer and Typewriter.

*Resolved*, That for the convenience of the Secretary, and the pleasure and profit of all concerned, the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to employ a stenographer and rent typewriters for the next Conference session, at a cost not to exceed \$15.00; and that all reports shall be typewritten before being submitted to the Conference.

J. H. STRAUGHN,  
G. I. HUMPHREYS.

**Resolution 17**

Column in the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That a column be provided in the Minutes for Children's Day collection for Foreign Missions.

J. W. TROUT,  
J. P. DODGE.

**Resolution 18**

Of Greeting to Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, known and loved throughout the Conference District, will, on the 16th of this month, celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of her birth;

*Resolved*, That we join in an expression of affectionate greeting to Sister Reese, and pray that these evening days may be full of joy, which for so many years she has been freely dispensing to others, and that the blessings of our Heavenly Father may be to her sweet and satisfying.

W. H. LITSINGER,  
J. D. KINZER.

**Resolution 19**

Surplus of Fund to Bates Memorial Church.

*Resolved*, That should there be any surplus of the fund raised for use in entertaining this Conference, the said surplus shall be and hereby is appropriated to the debt on Bates Memorial Church, in this town.

F. T. LITTLE,  
T. H. LEWIS.

# THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908.

The Conference, on motion of W. S. Phillips, at 2:00 o'clock gave place to the Electoral College, which was organized by the election of F. T. Little, Chairman, and E. T. Read, Secretary.

H. L. Schlincke, Conference Statistical Secretary, officially announced a total full membership of 26,271, whereupon the Chairman stated that thirteen ministers and thirteen laymen were to be elected representatives to the General Conference.

C. P. Nowlin, Louis Randall, T. E. Harrison and M. A. Davis were appointed Judges of Election.

By motion, the Official Ballot, printed by the Secretary of the Conference, was adopted.

The Chair ruled that an unstationed minister not present at this Conference could be voted for as a layman.

Upon motion, before the several ballots were completed, additional judges were appointed, namely, C. M. Complier, H. S. Johnson, B. W. Kindley, H. L. Schlincke, L. W. Hurley, A. J. Kenney, William Ofterhide, H. T. Mason and W. T. Ballard.

Seven ballots, the last of which was taken on Monday afternoon, were necessary to complete the list of representatives. The following were declared elected in the order named:

MINISTERS—T. H. Lewis, J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Tagg, H. L. Elderdice, F. T. Little, J. W. Kirk, J. M. Gill, W. S. Phillips, F. C. Klein, J. D. Kinzer, G. W. Hadaway, W. R. Graham, T. R. Woodford.

LAYMEN—T. P. Fisher, J. W. Hering, Daniel Baker, W. O. Atwood, J. F. Harper, L. W. Hurley, T. E. Harrison, W. E. Sheppard, T. A. Murray, A. B. Stine, C. W. Simpson, H. T. Mason, W. B. Usilton.

This resolution of T. H. Lewis' was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Judges of Election be directed to report to the Electoral College the names of the five ministers and the five laymen receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot, combining the ministerial and lay vote, and if there shall be five ministers and five laymen receiving not less than twenty-five votes each they shall be named as alternates.

The following were declared elected alternates:

MINISTERS—T. O. Crouse, J. M. Holmes, J. S. Bowers, S. J. Smith, J. L. Mills.  
LAYMEN—M. A. Davis, G. T. Atkinson, M. B. Stevens, E. B. Fenby, W. T. Ballard.

This resolution by T. H. Lewis was also adopted:

*Resolved*, That any representative-elect to the General Conference who may be unable to attend, shall notify the Chairman of the Electoral College, and the Chairman shall notify the alternate.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman*.

E. T. READ, *Secretary*.

**Assessments for Expenses of General Conference Representatives.**

Accomac.....	\$5.00	1st Church (Newark)	9.00	Oak Grove.....	3.00
Alexandria.....	\$4.00	First Church Wash...	5.00	Oxford.....	5.00
Alnutt Memorial....	12.00	Franklin City .....	5.00	Parksley.....	5.00
Amelia.....	3.00	Frederick .....	5.00	Payson St.....	4.00
Buckeystown.....	12.00	Georgetown, D. C.....	10.00	Pipe Creek.....	5.00
Baltimore.....	4.00	Georgetown, Del.....	4.00	Pittsville.....	4.00
Bedford.....	7.00	Georgetown Circuit..	4.00	Pocomoke City .....	9.00
Belair .....	5.00	Greenwood.....	5.00	Pocomoke Circuit.....	4.00
Bethany.....	4.00	Grove.....	3.00	Potomac.....	4.00
Broadway....	5.00	Hampden.....	9.00	Powellville.....	4.00
Brooklyn .....	4.00	Harbeson.....	4.00	Prince George .....	1.00
Cambridge... ..	7.00	Harpers Ferry.....	4.00	Quantico.....	4.00
Campbell .....	4.00	Harrington .....	5.00	Queen Anne.....	4.00
Cannon.....	1.00	Heathsville.....	7.00	Reliance .....	3.00
Caroline.....	5.00	Howard.....	5.00	Rowlandville.....	3.00
Cecil.. ..	5.00	Hurlock .....	4.00	R. I Avenue.....	16.00
Centreville.....	5.00	Indian River.....	1.00	Salisbury .....	7.00
Cherrydale.....	1.00	Keen Memorial .....	4.00	Salem .....	3.00
Chesapeake.....	4.00	Kemptown .....	4.00	Seaford .....	5.00
Chestertown.....	12.00	Kennedyville.....	4.00	Sharptown.....	4.00
Chincoteague .....	4.00	Kent Island.....	5.00	Snow Hill.....	5.00
Christ Church. ....	3.00	Lauraville.....	1.00	South Baltimore .....	5.00
Clayton .....	5.00	Laurel. ....	9.00	Starr .....	12 00
Concord .....	5.00	Laurel Circuit.....	5.00	St. James .....	5.00
Conquest.....	3.00	Lawsonia.....	1.00	S. Johns (Canton).....	4.00
Crisfield .....	9.00	Leeds .....	4.00	St. Johns .....	12.00
Crumpton .....	3.00	Leipsic.....	1.00	Stewartstown.....	5.00
Cumberland .....	5.00	Lewes .....	1.00	St. Lukes .....	5.00
Cumberland Circuit	1.00	Lewistown.....	1.00	St Michaels.....	4.00
Deer Creek.....	4.00	Liberty .....	4.00	Susquehanna .....	5.00
Deer Park .....	4 00	Lisbon .....	5.00	Talbot .....	3.00
Delmar .....	5.00	Lynchburg.....	5.00	Trinity .....	5.00
Delta.....	4.00	Mardela .....	4.00	Union .....	3.00
Denton.....	4.00	Mariners .....	4.00	Union Bridge.....	4.00
Dorchester.....	5.00	Marley .....	3.00	Violetville.....	1.00
Dover .....	4.00	Middleway .....	4.00	Wallace Memorial.....	1.00
East Baltimore.....	9.00	Millville.....	4.00	Waltersville .....	5.00
Easton .....	9.00	Milton .....	4.00	Warwick .....	4.00
Elizabeth.....	5.00	Montgomery.....	1.00	Waverly.....	3.00
Eutaw .....	4.00	Mt Nebo.....	4.00	West Baltimore .....	12.00
Evergreen.....	4.00	Mt. Tabor .....	5.00	Westminister.....	9.00
Fairfax .....	4.00	New Church.....	4 00	West Wilmington.....	4.00
Fawn Grove. ....	5.00	New Market .....	7.00	Williamsport.....	4.00
Federalsburg.....	1.00	Nichols Memorial....	1.00	Wilmington.....	4.00
Felton .....	4.00	North Baltimore.....	7.00	Wye .....	3.00
Finksburg. ....	5.00	N. C. Avenue.....	5.00		

# CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

## Superannuate Fund Society

SNOW HILL, MD., APRIL 1, 1908.

The Superannuate Fund Society met at 3 P. M. with H. S. Johnson in the chair. Dorsey Blake was elected Secretary. The Treasurer's report was read by G. W. Haddaway. The report was adopted.

Officers were elected as follows: First Vice-President, H. S. Johnson; Second Vice-President, L. F. Warner; Third Vice-President, Louis Randall; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, Dorsey Blake; Treasurer, T. A. Murray. The old Board of Managers was reelected.

DORSEY BLAKE, *Secretary.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, APRIL 1907-1908.

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuate Fund Society.

#### *Investment Account*

Dr.

To balance as per last report .....	\$		\$	44
To amount received from Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Steward .....		109	55	
To amount received account legacy from Gen. Richard Thomas..		61	57	
To amount received account Principal Martin mortgage.....		50	00	
To amount received from J. N. Gilbert, Agent of President's Parsonage, account Principal of Loan .....		1800	00	
				2021 12
				2021 56

Cr.

By amount paid for improvements to Georgetown property ....	150	67		
By balance to credit of Investment Account.....	1870	89		
				2021 56

#### *Distribution Account*

Dr.

To income on investments collected.....	5063	04		
To interest received on deposits.....	29	40		
				5092 44

Cr.

By taxes on securities for 1908.....	60	4	
By rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5	00	
By expenses of collections, etc .....	75	00	
			140 14
By amount remitted to C. P. Nowlin, Steward, for distribution:			
July 15, 1907.....	1239	09	
October 17, 1907.....	983	00	
January 20, 1908.....	1800	00	
Check herewith to C. P. Nowlin, Steward, in full of balance for distribution.....	1430	21	
			4952 30
			5092 44

Respectfully submitted,  
 THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct, as per above Report, and the income from all the property and securities of the Society fully accounted for; and we have also examined the Securities of the Society and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

G. W. HADDAWAY,  
 EDWIN B. FENBY,  
*Auditing Committee.*

### Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society convened Monday night at 8 P. M. with F. T. Little in the chair.

Report of the Board of Managers was read and on motion was considered by items.

Items one, two and three, were adopted and referred to the Conference.

Treasurer's report was read and referred to a committee for auditing, H. S. Johnson and W. O. Atwood.

The account of the Treasurer's report was found correct and was adopted.

The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Gill; First Vice-President, J. L. Straughn; Second Vice-President, J. W. Trout; Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett; Secretary, F. A. Holland; Board of Managers: Ministers, J. D. Kinzer, J. S. Bowers, F. T. Tagg, F. C. Klein; Laymen, W. T. Meginnis, T. Harry Bartlett, W. W. Smith, J. N. Gilbert.

On motion, by a rising vote, thanks was extended to T. Harry Bartlett for his efficient services as Treasurer of the Society.

Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, *Secretary.*



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of this Society have striven faithfully to follow the policy as outlined in the report of last year.

The care of the churches receiving appropriations has always been close to our thought, and our advice cheerfully given when necessary. The following items are included to give the Conference knowledge of some of the facts necessary to be mentioned.

Your attention was called last year to the discouraging condition of Fairview, a mission church on the Frederick Road. All our efforts to revive this work or to consummate a sale of the property for religious purposes failed, and the Board consented to the re-entry of the holder of the fee simple right in the property and thus, much to our regret, the property and the work passed out of our hands. We therefore recommend that it be dropped from the list of charges.

Keen Memorial is faithfully striving to relieve itself of the burden of debt. Their success this year has not been as large as they hoped; yet they have paid the sum of six hundred dollars on their debt. They have been handicapped because of the illness of Brother Brown, their pastor. He has in much bodily infirmity striven to do his work. The charge has been taken care of by competent pulpit supply during the inability and absence of the pastor. There has been great improvement in the business management of this charge, and we predict that ere long the debt will be paid and a parsonage purchased.

During the year, the work at Lauraville has made creditable progress. The church is attracting attention. The Sunday School is growing, and the community responding to the efficient efforts of the pastor. They are gradually reducing the debt, and we think the promise is for a strong organization at this place.

Our attention has been called to the very important enterprise in reference to a new church building at Towson. For several years pastor and people have been struggling to raise funds, and plan for a substantial church building at this old point of our church work. At last the day of brighter things has dawned. The pastor reports plans in hand for a substantial stone structure which may cost eight or ten thousand dollars. We believe the Conference will act wisely in continuing to this work its hearty cooperation and financial support. We recommend that the amount of the appropriation to this work last year and the \$300 already on hand be paid to the pastor of this church.

We have continued our investigations in reference to the charges as indicated in our report of last year. Blank forms for pastor's reports have been sent to all the charges. We have received replies from nearly all. The figures and facts have been carefully tabulated and to our minds form the only safe basis for a wise distribution of the funds of this Society. These pastor's blanks contain the necessary questions, which when properly answered present the financial and spiritual condition of the charges in such a comparative that when carefully considered as they have been in the several meetings of the Board, equitable distribution of the funds is greatly facilitated. The Board of Managers recognizes however, that it is not

empowered to distribute the funds collected from the assessments. This has been done by the Church Extension Committee.

\* [After two years of constant study and investigation of the whole subject of our church extension work, we are thoroughly convinced that one of two things should be done, namely:

First: That the Conference authorize and direct the Church Extension Committee to pursue the plans of this Board in furnishing itself with data from the charges which will, when carefully collated, form not only a history, but a basis upon which the needs of the charges is ascertainable. Or,

Second: That the Conference authorize and direct this Board not only to continue its policy but designate it as the channel through which the funds of this Society shall be distributed].

We cannot refrain from expressing our firm conviction that the policy of the Conference for some years past in dividing and subdividing the charges into fields of labor so small and financially weak, thus forcing applications for aid upon this Society, is unwise and not consistent with the true idea of Church Extension work.

We submit herewith the information we have gathered from the charges through the reports made to us in October and March, carefully tabulated for the use of the Committee.

All the charges have been appealed to, some more than once. We believe the Conference should notify the charges that it will require a full exhibit of their necessities to be in the records of this Board prior to the meeting of the Conference, so that either the Board or the Church Extension Committee can act deliberately in the matter of the appropriations.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

\* NOTE—These two items of recommendations, in brackets, were referred to a Special Committee (See List, page 15) with instructions to report at next Conference.

SECRETARY.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

1907		<i>Receipts</i>	
Sept. 20	From Rev. S. W. Coe.....	\$	10 00
Sept. 20	From Rev. H. F. Wright.....		26 00
Sept. 20	From Rev. J. E. Massey.....		14 00
Nov. 14	From Rev. C. P. Nowling..		35 00
1908			
Jan. 8	From Rev. J. A. Wright.....		26 00
Jan. 15	From Rev. F. T. Little.....		84 00
Jan. 23	From Rev. J. F. Bryan.....		21 00
Jan. 29	From Rev. J. W. Balderston.....		59 00
Feb. 5	From Rev. E. T. Read .....		26 00
Feb. 9	From Rev. H. L. Schlincke .....		32 00

Feb. 24	From Rev. J. McL. Brown.....	20 00
Feb. 24	From Rev. F. D. Reynolds.....	9 00
Feb. 24	From Rev. E. S. Fooks.....	25 00
Feb. 26	From Rev. A. H. Green.....	42 00
Feb. 26	From Rev. J. W. Kirk.....	91 00
Feb. 28	From Rev. W. H. Litsinger.....	61 00
Feb. 29	From Rev. J. M. Compher.....	32 00
Mch. 3	From Rev. J. D. Kinzer.....	61 00
Mch. 6	From Rev. W. L. Hoffman.....	9 00
Mch. 13	From Rev. C. M. Cullum.....	26 00
Mch. 24	From Rev. B. F. Ruley.....	32 00
Mch. 24	From Rev. F. C. Klein.....	46 00
Mch. 24	From Rev. W. S. Hanks.....	35 00
Mch. 24	From Rev. S. F. Cain.....	21 00
Mch. 25	From Rev. B. W. Kindley.....	35 00

Total from charges ..... 878 00

1907

Apr. 25	From Trustees of St. Lukes (Loan).....	350 00
Apr. 25	Appropriation to Baltimore Circuit for new church.....	300 00
May 11	Legacy under will of Gen. Richard Thomas, Easton, Md.....	61 57

711 57

Total from charges..... 1589 57

*Disbursements*

1907

Oct. 23	To L. B. Smith, on appropriation to Lauraville.....	100 00
Oct. 11	To G. Q. Bacchus, appropriation to Broadway church debt.....	250 00
Dec. 17	To Special Committee's expenses to Wilmington, Del... ..	10 14
Dec. 24	To C. E. Redeker, on appropriation to Bethany.....	50 00

1908

Mch. 12	To J. McL. Brown, appropriation to Keen Memorial.....	100 00
Mch. 24	To C. E. Redeker, on appropriation to Bethany.....	50 00
Mch. 27	To W. D. Adams, from appropriation to Quantico Charge for four months' services as pastor.....	16 00
Mch. 27	Postage, etc.....	5 80

581 94

1907

Apr. 25	Deposited in Maryland Savings Bank.....	650 00
May 11	Deposited in Maryland Savings Bank.....	61 57

711 57

1908

Mch. 31	To Rev. E. S. Fooks, Check.....	
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1293 51

296 06

1589 57

## Bank Account—Maryland Savings Bank

1907		
Apr. 1	To Balance.....	267 55
Apr. 26	Deposit (loan returned).....	350 00
Apr. 26	Deposit (appropriation to Baltimore Circuit).....	300 00
May 11	Deposit (legacy under will Gen. Thomas).....	61 57
1908		
Mch. 31	Balance.....	979 12

T. HARRY BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

H. S. JOHNSON,  
W. O. ATWOOD,  
*Auditing Committee.*

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## The Mutual Relief Association

SNOW HILL, MD., April 3, 1908.

The Mutual Relief Association met in annual session in Bates Memorial M. P. Church, Snow Hill, Md. Rev. J. E. Nicholson, 1st V-Pres., presiding. The roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting was read. The report of the Treasurer was read. Bros. W. A. Melvin and R. L. Shipley were appointed the auditing committee. A supplementary report was read by the secretary-treasurer. J. E. Nicholson was elected First Vice-President; W. M. Strayer, Second Vice-President; J. T. Lassell, Third Vice-President; J. A. Weigand, Secretary-Treasurer.

The auditing committee made its report and it was adopted.

A motion prevailed that two active members be appointed to see each member of the Conference to solicit them for membership, and that Dr. Lewis address the Conference with reference to the subject. Bros. S. F. Cassen and J. E. Maloy were selected. Adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the year ending April 1, 1908.

Amount in hand from 21st advance case .....	\$126 00
Amount in hand from 22nd advance case .....	125 00
Amount in hand from 23rd advance case .....	122 00
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	\$373 00

Expense of collecting 22nd advance case .....	4 50	
Expense of collecting 23rd advance case .....	4 50	
Expense of collecting 24th advance case.....	4 50	
Paid out of Investment Fund.....	————	13 50
Paid Rev. J. M. Holmes.....	126 00	
Paid heirs of Rev. S. B. Southerland .....	125 00	
Paid Mrs. J. M. Yingling.....	122 00	
	————	378 00
Collected on 24th advance case and deposited in the National State Bank, Newark, N. J.....		128 00
Amount of Invested Fund deposited in the Westminster Savings Bank .....		16 26
Three members deceased and two lapsed during the year , now on roll 122.		

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

W. A. MELVIN,  
R. A. SHIPLEY,  
*Auditors.*

# IN MEMORIAM

## DEAD 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 Roberts .....	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards .....	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.....	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.....	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Valiant.....	1852	1870	1877

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
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.....	1809	1865	1881
Thomas Lee.....	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson.....	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick.....	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell.....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice.....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray.....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon.....	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden.....	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker.....	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton.....	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm.....	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.....	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston.....	1836	1861	1888
Charles 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	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.....	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris.....	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.....	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist.....	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis.....	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter.....	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.....	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith.....	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day.....	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes.....	1822	1855	1900
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	1858	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.....	1828	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton.....	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.....	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond.....	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston.....	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse.....	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.....	1828	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

## OBITUARIES

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### Rev. Silas Bruce Southerland

Rev. Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D., of the Maryland Conference, who died September 5, 1907, in his 91st year, was the son of the late John and Priscilla Robey Southerland. He was born in Piscataway, Prince George's County, Md., May 21, 1817.

While yet a lad he embraced religion and devoted himself to the Lord's work in the neighborhood church of his family. The call to the ministry came about the time he reached manhood, and he gave himself diligently to such preparatory studies as would fit him for admission to the Annual Conference, which he joined in the spring of 1841, at the session held in what was then known as the "First Methodist Protestant Church," Philadelphia, Pa. His name remained on the ministerial roll for sixty-six and one-half years—forty-four of these years as an effective itinerant, and twenty-two and one-half years as a superannuate.

He was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Kemp Collins in Chestertown, Md., May 25, 1842, by Rev. Isaac Webster, and for sixty-four years the loved companions toiled, suffered and rejoiced together; then she was taken—preceding the devoted husband to the better land just a few days less than nine months. Nine children were born of this union, six of whom lived to be grown; four of the number passed over the river before father and mother, while five, two sons and three daughters, remain on this side to comfort one another in the loss of the dear aged parents.

The charges he served in their order were Kent Circuit (assistant), Deer Creek Circuit (assistant), Ninth Street (Washington, D. C.), Talbot Circuit, Wilmington, Del., Alexandria, Va., Queen Anne's Circuit, West Baltimore, Georgetown, D. C., West Baltimore (2nd term), Charleston, S. C., Talbot (2nd term), Lexington Street (Baltimore), Presidency for three years, Broadway, Starr, Westminster, Georgetown (2nd term), and Lynchburg, Va.

He early took rank among the very best preachers in the Conference, and held that place to the day of his departure to the heavenly home.

In doctrine, experience and association he was a Methodist; and a Methodist Protestant of the straightest, most loyal and intelligent type.

Recognizing the scriptural warrant for the distinctive polity of his own beloved denomination, and believing in its providential mission as a purely representative Methodist Church, he devoted himself to the promulgation of its principles and the



defense of its government with a zeal and heroism which commanded the admiration and challenged the confidence even of those who were unable to sympathize with his views in every particular. He was too honest a churchman and minister ever to seek personal popularity among representatives of larger denominations by apologizing for his own because it was a Benjamin rather than an Ephraim in God's Israel. He knew just what he was doing when he united with it, and fully believed God had called him to find in that organization a field, not for exploitation or expropriation, but of consecrated labor, in which there was ample room for suitable, sufficient, satisfying service. Hence, with his noble compeers, he devoted himself to making an Annual Conference, being fully convinced that by so much he and they were building a denomination, and by so much as they succeeded in building a denomination they were multiplying agents for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Therefore, any measure brought forward in the Annual Conference or the denomination must have first appealed to his intelligence and conscience, as being designed and reasonably fitted to further the interests of religion and of the Methodist Protestant Church, before such measure could have had his support. Otherwise any and all movements met his prompt, decided, effective opposition.

The idea of riding into personal prominence or advantageous place by advocating, or even by silence acquiescing in, any movement simply because it was popular, would have been indignantly spurned by Doctor Southerland as unworthy a man, much less a Christian and a minister. In a heart to heart talk with the writer only last year he said, "My aim and effort have been to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, holding aloft, first, the blood-stained banner of the cross, and, second the unstained banner of Mutual Rights, being careful all the while that my preaching and my life should cast no discredit upon either my Saviour or my church." Dear old Father in Israel. Now he is gone we who knew him best will bear cheerful testimony to the high order and success of his aim and effort.

The Maryland Conference appreciated and honored him, electing him its President for three successive years—the limit of the term at that period—and sending him as one of its representatives to eight General Conferences and General Conventions, besides committing to him numerous trusts in its local boards from time to time through the years. He was also a charter member of the trustees of Western Maryland College—the last surviving ministerial member of that noble band of preachers and laymen who secured for the church this now splendid institution of learning. In addition he represented the denomination in the First Ecumenical Methodist Conference, held in City Roads Chapel, London, England, September, 188 . He was everywhere and always a dignified, efficient and every-way worthy representative of the church and her ministry.

In doctrine Dr. Southerland was sound to the core, accepting Armenian theology as expounded by Wesley and other Methodist divines without reserve or material modification. During the long years of his careful study, he made frequent investigations in the realm of speculative theology, and found the task not unprofitable as a mental exercise, but he eschewed all speculation in his preaching. The Bible was to him absolutely the Word of God. As such he revered it, exalted

it, obeyed it, proclaimed it, and never demeaned his message and himself by attempting to apologize for anything it contained.

As a God-appointed messenger he knew his business was to preach Christ, and he duly appreciated the high and holy privilege of thus exalting and glorifying in his ministry the Word that was and is God—the Son Who is the revelation of the Father—the Lamb of God and Saviour of the world. He, therefore, found Him everywhere throughout the Book. Whether he discoursed of the Creator of the majestic doings recorded in Genesis, or of the marvelous God of the Theocracy, or of the blessed Angel of the Covenant, or of the Jehovah of the brilliant burning burning bush, he was careful to identify Him with the Christ crucified of evangelic story and apostolic preaching, and to hold Him up and, with pathos and power, press him upon the attention of the audience; beseeching men to be reconciled to God through Him. Indeed, select any text he might, persuing any course of reasoning or teaching immediately suggested thereby, he was sure, like Paul, to come in due time to Jesus and the resurrection. Such a preacher could have no fads, could not stoop to cant or sensational methods to catch the popular ear; his work was too serious, too divine, too heavenly for such trifles thin as air, and so he simply preached the Gospel with clearness, dignity and unction, and was admittedly a great preacher.

With an impressive presence, a five voice, well stored mind, excellent literary taste, rare descriptive powers, gifts of rhetorical expression and, withal, a deep insight into spiritual verities, he was as a preacher always interesting, edifying and often decidedly eloquent. In his palmy days he was known sometimes to well-nigh overwhelm large audiences by his dramatic presentation of the powerful truths of the gospel. He lifted the standard of loyalty for preaching, living and serving high, and measured up to it, too; hence he deserved all the confidence, affection and honor he received from his own Conference and denomination, and from beyond these as well, as was shown by the hearty approval of our own church, and many of other churches as well, of the graceful act of the University of Georgia in conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1868. All over the Maryland District even today can be found men and women who remember his sermons with pleasure and profit.

Dr. Charles Billingslea, a layman of this committee, writes: "He was a splendid preacher. It was my privilege to sit under his ministry for a number of years. I loved him as my pastor, and never failed to enjoy his sermons. From a literary and rhetorical point of view they were always fine, and I knew the loyal, devoted, Christian heart of the man so well that I was always benefitted by them spiritually. I had a high personal regard for him as a Father in Israel, and a great admiration for him as a man ever loyal to his convictions of what he believed was right, and especially devoted to the church of his choice. His devotion to all the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church was remarkable indeed, and he will be much missed from the meetings of the various boards of which he was a member, and and upon which, even in his advanced age, he was a regular attendant."

In his friendship he was singularly tender, confiding and loyal. In his later

years especially his attachment to his personal friends became peculiarly beautiful in its simple, childlike affection and trustfulness. He would at times hold the hand of one of these with both of his own hands and, with the love-light kindling anew in his eyes, exclaim, "My early friends have about all left me by the river's brink, but O how I love those God has given me in my later years. I hold on to them and my Conference with both hands." We cannot write more of this phase of our subject. There are some things too tender and precious for words. Suffice it to add, his private life was characterized by entire consecration to duty with respect to friends, and not less but more so with respect to home and family.

One of his daughters says, "He loved with a peculiarly strong and lasting affection; his home, his books, his multitude of friends—especially those of the ministry and scarcely less those of the laity. Of all of these he loved to talk in his old age as well as when in the prime of life and action. The clearness of his mind and the wonderful accuracy of his memory, all through his life and up to within a few hours of his passing away, were matters of special note on the part of those who were very closest to his private life, and in his latter days were considered little short of marvelous.

"His self-reliance, will power, strong, fixed opinions and his wonderful energy of body and mind, even after the infirmities of age weighed heavily upon him, were subjects of surprised remark and general admiration among his friends and acquaintances.

"Though feeble and discouraged toward the end, he showed no flag of truce, but kept steadily on with his daily work in the line of home duties as he saw them, bravely facing and discharging them up to the very hour when he could stand upon his feet no longer."

The death of Mrs. Southerland was a very severe blow to the aged saint. It was extremely pathetic to witness his loneliness and longing desire to be reunited with his precious wife. But though shocked and grieved beyond anything he had been called upon to endure hitherto in his long pilgrimage, his faith failed not, and with a sublime submission to the Heavenly Father's will he waited, expectantly, joyously, till the change should come and they should meet again to part no more.

In January last he wrote, "I am a very lonely and sad old man. I miss my precious wife more and more every day. I try to think only of ultimate reunion—that helps me some, but not enough always to rid me of the heart ache." Again in March he said "Sad and alone, but happy in the prospect of the home on the other shore, where I shall meet many of the long ago, and be again with my dear, dear companion of so many, many years." Then in April, after the meeting of the Maryland Conference, he wrote one of his sons, "I had a good time at Conference—as good as I will ever have anywhere until I rejoin *her*, who has left me so lonely.

"I think the visit was beneficial to me. It may be my last attendance and that thought saddens me. I can hardly hope to be at the session in Snow Hill next year."

There is not one member of the Conference of today who has ever been present

at a roll call without hearing the name of "S. B. Southerland." For years it has been at the head of our list. He was the last of the Conference of 1841, and was to all of us the last link in a chain of blessed brotherhood stretching through nearly three-fourths of a century of our local Conference history. As president of the Faculty of Instruction and chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders for a long number of years, he rendered valuable service to the body, and in turn was loved by us all, and was the recipient of much kindness and tender ministries at the hands of his brethren. No man could have loved the Conference—its members, its name, its mission, its everything—more than did he. And now he is gone. The preacher, debater, parliamentarian, old man eloquent, patriarch, loyal friend and staunch Methodist Protestant is gone. But he is ours still. We can not make him dead.

The summons came at last quickly. A surgical operation was resorted to to relieve the intense pain; then came a few hours of quiet, helpless waiting, when the soul of the weary pilgrim, redeemed in the blood of the Lamb, escaped from the shell of mortality and went home to God.

Funeral services were held in West Baltimore Church on Saturday afternoon, September 7. Rev. J. M. Holmes, pastor of the church, was in charge, assisted by Dr. H. C. Cushing, Dr. T. O. Crouse, Rev. F. T. Benson, Dr. S. Reese Murray and Mr. T. A. Murray. Thirty of the ministers of the Conference were present, besides many of the laity, to attest their respect for the loyal servant of the Master and the church. At the conclusion of the solemn exercises the remains were borne by ministerial brethren to Baltimore Cemetery, and tenderly laid by the side of those of the dear old wife of his bosom to await the summons from the sky in that glorious resurrection of those who sleep in Jesus.

F. T. LITTLE,	DR. CHARLES BILLINGSLEA,
T. H. LEWIS,	T. A. MURRAY.
J. M. HOLMES,	

### Rev. Jacob Matthias Yingling

Rev. Jacob Matthias Yingling, a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a member of the Maryland Annual Conference, departed this life Wednesday, December 25, 1907. His death occurred at his home in Laurel, Del., and was due to a complication of diseases. He was born in Carroll County, Md., January 26, 1847, and had he lived until the 26th of the present month, would have been 61 years of age.

He was the oldest of six children, three of whom still live, W. Nelson, Francis B. Yingling and Mrs. Florence V. Corbin. His parents were William H. and Mary Ann Yingling.

He was converted in the old Finksburg M. P. Church under the ministry of Rev. W. T. Dumm in the fall of 1868, and being assured of God's call to the ministry entered the Western Maryland College to prepare for his life's work. He was

received into the Conference in the spring of 1873, and was appointed as an assistant to the Rev. W. T. Dumm on Cecil Circuit. At the next Annual Conference he was appointed in charge of Potomac Mission, then in succession the following charges, Leipsic, Clayton, Deer Creek. In 1883 failing health compelled him to ask for a superannuated relation. At the next Conference he again asked for an active relation, and was appointed to Kent Island and from there to Fawn Grove, then Warwick, then Caroline, then South Baltimore, then Union, then Cumberland, then Conques, then Sussex or Laurel Circuit. Here again his health failed and he had to again ask for a superannuated relation, which was duly granted at the Conference of 1907. Yet notwithstanding his very feeble condition he did what he could to supply the needs of a nearby charge without a pastor. Here his noble life's work ended and he succumbed to the inevitable. Like the heroic apostle Paul he might have said: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." But instead, he said to Bro. G. R. Donaldson, who frequently visited him: "I am about to make my will. I am getting ready to leave this country, because it has nothing for me. I am going to a better one." Without doubt he has gone to that better country and with God his Father and Christ his Saviour and an innumerable host of glorified saints he is enjoying everlasting life, rest and happiness. O blessed country whose inhabitants never grow old and never say they are sick any more. No pain, no strife or confusion, free from sorrow and care and no more death. No summer's heat or winter's blast, no storm clouds ever dim the skies. O glorious, happy throng whose happiness can never end. Brethren of the Conference, think of it! One hundred and ten of the ministers of our Conference have gone to that better country, and only one hundred and thirty-seven are left to answer to their names here. Brother Yingling was a man of powerful physique, with giant like strength and of indomitable will power. Nothing was too hard for him to undertake, his powers of endurance in his palmy days were simply wonderful. In his youthful days he was sought out and urged to begin training for a pugilist, but he declined every inducement of the world, choosing rather, "like God's servant of old to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." He, therefore, consecrated all his powers to God, and under the supreme guidance of the Almighty he went forth in the faithful discharge of his duties, winning souls, building churches and preaching the precious gospel. He was an ardent and able preacher, at times sublimely eloquent and many, yea, scores and hundreds were won to Christ by his untiring efforts.

Our deceased brother was twice married. His first wife was Miss Ida Burns, of Cecil County, Md, whom he married shortly after entering the ministry. By this marriage six children were born, four of whom yet live. His second wife was Miss Ella Horsey, of Laurel, who, with his children, Mabel, Samuel, Carroll and Nola, survive to mourn their loss. His young and devoted wife contributed in every way to make the last years of his life bright and cheerful. May the Lord be very gracious unto her and support her in her grief and with the balm of His love heal her broken heart.

The funeral services were held in Bayview M. P. Church, Rev. G. R. McCready officiating. The sermon was preached from the text, Luke 20:38. The pallbearers were members of Hope Lodge of Masons, Laurel, Del. His remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife in the churchyard. Both the ritual of our church and of the Masonic fraternity were used at the grave.

May the Lord in whom we live and implicitly trust keep and guide us all to the end as He did our beloved brother, and like him may we die with the blissful assurance of eternal life in a glorious world beyond. Amen.

GEO. R. MCCREADY,      JOHN O. PHILLIPS,  
 F. T. LITTLE,          C. A. BENJAMIN,  
 GEO. R. DONALDSON,

### Rev. John Hewlings Stockton Ewell

Rev. John Hewlings Stockton Ewell was born June 21st, 1865, at Willis, Caroline County, Maryland, and died at Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., March 22nd, 1908, in the forty-third year of his age.

Brother Ewell was converted during a revival meeting held in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church, Crisfield, Maryland, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Kirk, and joined, January 12th, 1887, the church in which he found his Saviour.

Receiving the divine call to preach the Gospel, he responded by a full surrender of himself to the Lord, and entered the Theological Seminary at Westminster to prepare for the work.

In 1889, a little over two years after his conversion, he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference, of which he was a faithful, conscientious and loyal member until the time of his death.

In his brief career of nineteen years he served the following charges: Mariners, Snow Hill, Queen Anne, Georgetown, Del., and Alexandria, Va.

In the last year of his pastorate at Alexandria, his health failed him. And, although in an enfeebled condition of health, at the last session of the Conference held at Washington, D. C., he willingly accepted an appointment to Harpers Ferry charge, but was unable to undertake the work, and, acting upon the advice of his physician, he went to the Blue Ridge Mountains, hoping that the high altitude and pure, light atmosphere would enable him to recover his strength.

It was not my pleasure to be very closely associated with Brother Ewell until he came to Monterey to live, when I became very intimately associated with him, visiting him almost daily until the time of his death. And in the many conversations held with him I found him to be a cultured, refined gentleman, with strong convictions of honor and truth, supported by a character upright, inflexible and strong.

In his religious life he tried to follow the example of his Lord and Saviour by living his religion day by day.

His faith was strong. In the trials of life he exercised patience; and amid his physical sufferings, which were intense at times, the result of the disease with which he was afflicted, he was cheerful and never failed to greet me with a smile.

Bro. Ewell was a devoted and affectionate husband and father, and always a dutiful son. He never failed to write once a week to his aged mother, although sometimes because of weakness he could only write a few sentences.

Bro. Ewell was loyal to his Church and Conference even to the last. Almost the last request that he made before losing consciousness, was that his mother would read to him the President's letter in the *Methodist Protestant*.

I knelt at his bedside and committed his spirit to the God he loved and served, and although unconscious of the presence of the friends around him and heard not the prayer for his eternal peace as the shades of the valley closed around him, I know that he passed to be with Jesus in the place of many mansions.

Rev. George W. Haddaway says :

"John Hewlings Stockton Ewell and myself were born the same year, with about one month's difference only in our ages and we were married the same year (1890) and at nearly the same time.

I first met Brother Ewell at Westminster Theological Seminary in 1887. Our school acquaintance ripened into a warm friendship unbroken to the time of his death. Words cannot express the keen regret I feel in the loss of such a friend.

His death vividly reminds me of the fact that Brother Ewell was a man of very strong convictions, a high sense of honor, scrupulously honest, with profound respect for Conference authority, clear and cultured in mind and of good judgment. He was a gospel preacher, an active pastor and economical in his methods of living. Perhaps one of his very strongest characteristics was the ability to organize, crystallize, solidify and train his people in the ways of a Christian life and in the principles of the Methodist Protestant Church.

He lived the good life here and is now more fully enjoying the same in another world. May the blessings of our kind Heavenly Father be measured in abundance to the husbandless wife and the two fatherless boys.

Mrs. Ewell I knew well in our school days at Western Maryland College, and have always admired the true wife of my beloved departed friend.

Only recently when I saw him his great concern was for the welfare of his wife and boys in the event of his death. It was in the midst of tears he referred to this and his blasted hopes in connection with the work of the Conference of which he was an honored and useful member for nearly nineteen years.

May heaven's richest blessings be upon the widow and orphaned children, and upon us all until we shall meet above."

Rev. T. R. Woonford says :

"In 1894 I became impressed with the call to the ministry, and Brother J. H. S. Ewell was the first person with whom I talked about the matter. Since that time he has been my faithful friend.

I would mention three prominent traits of his character, that made an indelible impression upon me—an impression that will ever prove helpful and inspiring.

First—His simplicity, because of which he was entirely free from empty show and vain display.

Second—His sincerity, by which he made one feel that he was what he claimed to be, and that such a thing as duplicity was foreign to his nature.

And the other characteristic was his constant faithfulness in the discharge of duty.

He moved many to an active service in the cause of Christ because of his own consistent example.

I shall never cease to be thankful to God for having come into such close contact with Rev. J. H. S. Ewell."

Brother C. E. Dryden says:

"Brother Ewell was one of the noblest characters I ever knew. He was a man of true piety. His integrity as a man and a Christian was beyond question. He practiced what he preached. In his personal life he was clean and true. In his dealings with his fellow-men he was gentle and charitable. In disposition he was sweet and mild, yet with a firm devotion to duty.

He was always solicitous for the welfare of others, untiring in his efforts to uplift humanity. In business matters he was scrupulously honest. If he contracted a debt, if possible he paid it before the day was over. There was much of sunshine in his nature, and he scattered that brightness into the lives of others."

Brother J. H. Trimyer says:

"Brother J. H. S. Ewell was my pastor for six years, and my friendship and love for him increased continuously from the time I first met him to the day of his death. He was one of the most consistent Christian ministers that it was ever my pleasure to know. For six years he preached and lived the gospel in our midst, and while he was not a great pulpit orator, his preaching of the Word was so plain that one could see the great Son of God in every sermon, and he lived his sermons among his people, following the example of Christ in that he was constantly going about doing good, visiting the sick, ministering to the poor, comforting the distressed and afflicted, seeking to save the lost, and doing it all in the name of Jesus his Master.

In his death the Church has lost an earnest, zealous minister, and his widow and children a loving, kind and affectionate husband and father."

C. E. McCULLOUGH,      C. E. DRYDEN,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,      J. H. TRIMYER.  
T. R. WOODFORD,

#### Mrs. W. C. Ames

Mrs. Margaret C. Ames, widow of the late Rev. William C. Ames, of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, died at her home in Carlisle, Pa., March 21, 1907.

Mrs. Ames, whose maiden name was Demory, was born in Loudon County, Va.,



April 13, 1838. She was converted in 1852. In June, 1865, she married, and in 1869 began itinerant life with her husband in the Maryland Conference. That life was brief, for her husband was suddenly taken away in the prime of his manhood in 1878. But in the appointments they filled together, Mrs. Ames was a sympathetic and efficient helper in every good work. She had the faculty of making friends and those who knew her best esteemed her most. Her religion was gentle and amiable, not easily provoked and full of charity. Her nature was unobtrusive, but she always found opportunities for service and made herself felt as a constant influence for good.

The trials of a long widowhood were bravely borne, and she devoted herself with singular love to the nurture and admonition of her three children. She had a quiet disposition, but she ruled her household well, and her children now arise and call her blessed. Her oldest son, the editor of the "Valley Times," of Newville, Pa., writes of her closing days :

"Afflicted with a severe and incurable infirmity, she has known for the past year that the end was near at hand. When it came, she met it bravely. She fought her way through days of intense suffering with a courage worthy of her race. She was simple in her tastes and the having of fine things did not appeal to her at all. She was deeply reverent and trustful in the justice, mercy and salvation promised by the Christ to whom she had given her life in willing service."

By the Committee :

T. H. LEWIS,	W. E. SHEPPARD,
S. B. TREDWAY;	G. W. FREENEY.
J. L. STRAUGHN,	

### Mrs. S. J. Smith

Mrs. Rose Ella Smith, the precious wife of Rev. S. J. Smith, D. D., of the Maryland Conference, was the daughter of the late Emanuel Pearce and of his wife, Mary A. Pearce. She was born in Ellicott City, Md., October 13, 1858, and died in Stewartstown, Pa., 3 A. M., Wednesday, June 26, 1907.

She was educated in the public schools of her native county, and graduated with high honors in a large class from the State Normal School in Baltimore in the spring of 1876. After completing her school course she took up the work of teaching which she successfully followed for a number of years until her marriage.

In a small copy of the New Testament, which was one of her treasures before and after marriage, was found the record of her conversion as having occurred October 20, 1881.

The human agency used by the Holy Spirit in effecting this blessed change was the young pastor of her home church, and the one destined to be her honored and devoted husband. The text used on the occasion was that one so often blessed to the conversion of sinners, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

(2 Cor. 5:20). One who was present in the church at that service says, "Her conversion was glorious," and from that hour she devoted herself to the great work of the church as a laborer together with God through that Saviour who had so wondrously saved her.

She was united in marriage to Brother Smith on the 23rd of February 1882, the ceremony taking place in the paternal home with Rev. A.W. Mather as the officiating minister; and for twenty-five years she shared with her husband the toils, trials and triumphs of a loyal itinerant preacher's life, winning thereby the approval of all those with whom she came in contact, whose approval was worthy of consideration.

Mrs. Smith was a quiet, gentle, unobtrusive person, performing the daily round of life's duties with a singleness of purpose and a religiousness of motive which made all her serving noble, transforming duty into privilege and toiling and even suffering into worship.

To a naturally bright mind were added transparent sincerity, remarkable purity of thought and action, sweetness and gentleness of disposition; uncompromising honesty in small matters no less than in larger things; unswerving truthfulness at all times and in all things, with a Christlike tenderness and sympathy which gave a charm to all her thinking and doing, together with a love for the Bible and a keen discriminating grasp of its deeper spiritual meanings. These enabled her to adorn the doctrines of God her Saviour with a meek and loving spirit, which found its highest expression in self devotement to the objects she loved, and marked her in the relations of wife, mother, daughter, friend as a rare gift of Providence to those favored in these relations with her tender ministries and devoted care.

These gifts and acquirements, presided over by a just and charitable judgment, enabled her also to pierce the veneer of the polished pretender and see the real character, motheaten and miserable, he sought to hide under that more attractive exterior; while at the same time she properly discounted the sniveling, sympathy-seeking sycophancy of the hollow-hearted hypocrite. Hence her friends became chosen ones, and her friendship once bestowed remained because discriminatingly placed. To have enjoyed her confidence and esteem one must needs have shown himself worthy of such esteem. Yet she loved everybody with that charity "that envieth not;" that "vaunteth not itself;" that "is not puffed up," that "thinketh no evil;" that "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth."

In the various charges served by Brother Smith during the quarter of a century of her valued companionship in his ministry, her memory is enshrined in loving hearts, for though of delicate health and with the care of an invalid daughter engrossing her time and thought, she still managed to get among the people sufficiently to impress them with her Christian character and worth; as the following tributes from the laymen on the committee will attest.

Brother J. H. Dodd, of Wye, formerly a part of Queen Anne's Circuit, writes, "Sister Smith was one of the sweetest and loveliest Christian characters I ever knew. Although of delicate health she always met you with a smile that won you on sight.

"She was beloved by all who knew her on this charge—rich and poor alike. She was very lovely in her home, and very active in church work, when permitted by her health and her duties at home to engage in the same. She had an afflicted daughter requiring her presence at home much of the time, but whenever possible she would be present at Wye, and she was efficient in building up our aid society, which is one of the largest of the kind I know."

Brother L. W. Hurley, of Seaford, Del., writes, "I cannot find words strong enough to express my regard for Mrs. Smith. She was simply a grand woman. A consistent Christian, a faithful wife, a devoted mother and daughter. None knew her but to love her."

Prof. G. W. Devilbiss, of Stewartstown, Pa., adds the following, "My acquaintance with Sister Smith was quite limited, but notwithstanding the fact that the dread malady which caused her death had already fastened itself upon her when I first knew her, yet by her winning presence and cheerful manner she won her way into our hearts.

"She impressed us all as being thoroughly consecrated to the Master, and always evinced an intense devotion to her husband and children." Other laymen would gladly add their testimony to her admirable qualities as a pastor's wife, but we quote only from the members of the committee. Rev. A. W. Mather pays this tribute to the deceased, "I first met her in her father's home in Ellicott City on February 23, 1832, when I performed the ceremony which united her in marriage to Rev. S. J. Smith. She was at that time organist in the church at Ellicott City of which Brother Smith was then pastor. I have been occasionally in her home, and was entertained at the parsonage during the Conference in Salisbury in April, 1905.

"She always seemed to me a most devoted wife and mother, and much interested in the work of the church. She impressed me as being deeply pious; as being a godly woman of strong faith and a clear, rich Christian experience.

"When she became weak in body her clear conception of acceptance with God, and assurance of eternal life in heaven gave her much comfort; and I doubt not she has gone to be forever with the Lord she loved and served here."

Rev. J. L. Straughn says, "My acquaintance with Sister Smith was limited, nevertheless, she impressed me as a lady of rare Christian character. Her chief work was in her home, where the influence of her life impressed itself upon her children. Her house was well ordered in all of its appointments, and everything that entered into it inspired her husband in the work of the ministry."

Her constitution never very strong, perhaps, slowly gave way under the constant strain of anxiety and care incident to the nursing of her bright, attractive, only and greatly afflicted daughter. The dear girl's attacks were so numerous, so long continued through a series of years, and with sufferings so intense, that the maternal sympathies, ceaseless vigil and untiring devotion—lovingly, religiously given—though never too hard for such a pious, patient, pathetic mother, became too much for her physical strength. At length the inroads of that baffling disease, tuberculosis, began to show in the wan face and wasting form of the dear sweet wife and mother. Then began the fight to restore failing strength and stave off the in-

evitable to the last possible moment. The skill of able physicians, medicines, severe regime of life, change of location to higher altitudes, all these were tried, but alas in vain, for the poor weak body faded day by day. Faded in spite of the tears, prayers, solicitude, unwearying patience and tenderest nursing of her devoted household, till the end came. But through it all her spirit triumphed. Grace was sufficient, and Jesus as a conscious, satisfying, saving presence, grew within her until it became a heavenly experience to spend a while in the chamber where the good woman awaited the Summons to come up higher.

We dare not now intrude our poor human words upon the hallowed scenes of those last few days when the husband and wife were together in the deathroom, he quoting and reading their favorite hymns and scripture passages, and they repeating together the many exceeding great and precious promises of our dear ascended Lord and Saviour, and rejoicing together in "God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Wonderful victory! No wife could have loved more unselfishly than did she. No mother could have given herself more self-sacrificingly to her children than did she. No daughter could have been more beautifully filial. Yet so complete was the victory of grace that all these earthly attachments became merged into a higher even an heavenly attachment. The glow of all these lesser lights was lost in that far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, which breaking over the distant hills and shining across death's river, had illuminated the dying bed and brought that chamber "quite on the verge of heaven."

We can not wonder that Dr. Smith in speaking of those last days says, "she bestowed a blessing upon me in those days for which I can never be too thankful. She made religion more practical, Christ more precious, heaven nearer than ever before, and made me more eager than ever to preach Jesus with all my powers the few years I may remain."

Her blessed triumph made it a privilege to see her depart from pain to ease, from toil to rest, from earth to heaven.

"It must be sweet, O thou my dead, to lie  
 With hands that folded are from every task;  
 Sealed with the seal of the great mystery  
 The lips that nothing answer, nothing ask.  
 The lifelong struggle ended; ended quite  
 The weariness of patience and of pain;  
 And the eyes closed to open not again  
 On desolate dawn or dreariness of night.  
 It must be sweet to slumber and forget,  
 To have the poor, tired heart so still at last  
 Done with all yearning, done with all regret,  
 Doubt, fear, hope, sorrow, all forever past—  
 Past all the hours, or slow of wing or fleet,  
 It must be sweet, it must be very sweet."

She leaves a husband, one son and daughter and a devoted mother and brother to mourn her departure, while at the same time they rejoice over her deliverance. Her funeral services were largely attended in our church in Stewartstown, Pa.,

of which her husband is pastor. The chairman of this committee was in charge, and was assisted by the President of the Conference, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, and Dr. S. B. Tredway, of our church; and by Rev. K. M. Bull, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. R. Abner, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Stewartstown.

At the conclusion of the services her remains were taken to Baltimore and interred in the family lot in Mount Olivet Cemetery to await the Master's coming and the resurrection of the dead.

F. T. LITTLE,	J. H. DODD,
A. W. MATHER,	L. W. HURLEY,
J. L. STRAUGHN,	G. W. DEVILBISS.

### Mrs. J. M. Holmes

After a long and painful illness Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Rev. John M. Holmes, pastor of West Baltimore Station, died in the peace and triumph of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Her maiden name was Preston. She was born in Surry County, Va., November 6, 1833 and early connected herself with the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1873, she met Brother Holmes, then the pastor of our church in Norfolk, Va., and in March, 1874, they were married, and lived together in love and harmony until her death, August 2, 1907. She left two children, John M., Jr., president of the Y. M. C. A., of the Johns Hopkins University, and Lulu B., both of whom ministered to her with filial constancy and love during her long sickness.

Rev. C. S. Arnett said:

"My acquaintance with Sister Holmes began in the spring of 1875, when I was assigned as assistant on Dorchester Circuit. In that relation I was frequently in the home and I found her a most devoted wife and mother, considerate for the home comforts of all who were to enjoy them. She took a special interest in the young preacher and was ready to give motherly counsel when desired. She rejoiced in his success and showed a sorrow for his defeats, but in the latter experiences she would come with all encouragement at her command. As I have come in contact with her for a number of years, I have learned to love her for her amiable temperament, which so attracted all who were more or less associated with her. She was always deeply interested in her husband's work and the charges he served. She lived an exemplary life of Christian life and service."

Rev. G. F. Farring said:

"At the Conference of 1874, I met Mrs. Holmes. We were entertained by the same family, and I was assigned by the Conference as the associate of her husband on Dorchester Circuit. I was deeply impressed with her cheerful, hopeful and genial manner. As a Christian she exemplified the teachings of Him, who is meek, lowly and humble, and by the sincerity of her life exerted a wide influence for good. Her interest in church work was such, that she was always willing to do what she could to advance the interests of the church. Without murmur or complaint she shared the toils and responsibilities of the itinerant life. It was in her

home that the virtues of the deceased were manifested. She was indeed a queen at the home where she presided with so much grace and care. At the home she had a cordial greeting for all and especially the itinerant."

Dr. Totten said:

"In regard to Mrs. Holmes' life, I can say I never knew a more unselfish or devoted life to her husband and children. Her Christian experience was one of absolute trust in the Almighty, faith in her Bible and in her church. Her character was of a retiring nature, but firm and true to the very last to those in whom she placed her confidence. She was active in church work, teaching a class in Sunday School until compelled to give it up on account of her health. It was her delight to talk privately, especially to children, trying to persuade them to devote their lives to Christ and the church. One of her pleasures was that her children were in the church and that her son intended to devote his life to the active service of Christ. In her last sickness, she never complained through the long months of her illness. Her thoughts seemed to be about others the whole time. When she spoke of herself, she seemed in a hopeful mind and referred to the time when she would be better. During her sickness she never lost interest in her church, and never wanted her husband to give up any of his church work on her account."

The committee extends its warmest sympathy to Brother Holmes and his motherless children in their great bereavement, and invoke upon them the sustaining grace of Almighty God. Their highest comfort is in her simple, sincere and unaffected faith, which sustained her in her sickness and made her death triumphant. She loved righteousness and walked its way without deviation or stumbling, and never failed to commend it to others. She has passed to her reward and left behind her the most tender and impressive persuasive to follow in her footsteps.

F. T. TAGG,            A. W. TOTTON,  
C. S. ARNETT,        T. H. BARTLETT,  
G. F. FARRING.

#### Mrs. David Wilson

Mrs. Frances O. Wilson, the subject of this notice, wife of the late Dr. David Wilson, died September 6, 1907, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas H. Routson, Uniontown, Md. She passed away in her 70th year, 18 months after the decease of her husband. She was married to Dr. Wilson, December 12, 1872, by Rev. H. C. Cushing, at that time her pastor.

After several years of experience as the wife of an itinerant minister, her husband was appointed chaplain in the U. S. Army, and stationed at Fort Meade, Dakota; from which place he was retired, and moved to Denver, Col., where he died.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Wilson made her home with Mrs. Routson. She was converted early in life and joined the church in Uniontown. Her parents, John and Mary Smith, were members of the M. E. Church, but withdrew from that organization and originated the Methodist Protestant Church in Union-

town. Mrs. Wilson was bright and attractive in her manner, and had a host of friends. She was liberal and always looked on the bright side, and often during her illness she said: "If I am not to get well it is all right."

Sister Wilson leaves two children, D. Edgar Wilson, of Denver, Col., and Mrs. Blanch Wilson Hampson, of City of Mexico; and three step-children, Mrs. Anna Ord, of Chevy Chase, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Jennie Byron, of Hagerstown; and Etta Wilson, widow of the late D. Zollickoffer Wilson. She leaves also three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Day, Mrs. Thos. H. Routson and Miss Ella V. Smith. I believe all these with many other relatives and friends were present at the funeral, which was on Sunday afternoon, September 10, conducted by her old friend and ex-pastor, H. C. Cushing, assisted by the present pastor, Bro. Hill, after which she was gently laid to rest by the side of her husband, to await the resurrection of the just.

I have tributes to the worth and Christian character of Sister Wilson from other members of the committee, much of which has been anticipated in what has already been written.

Bro. Kindley writes: "Her solicitude for her husband, her tender love for her children, her devotion to the loved ones at the old homestead, her interest in the pastor and his family, her loyalty to her church and her unswerving faith in Jesus Christ were proofs to me, that she was one of God's noble children. I feel that I am better by having known her."

Bro. Hill writes: "I have known Sister Wilson but a few months and all this time she was making a brave fight for health and life. She was submissive and reconciled to her condition. She always impressed me as one fully commanding honor and respect. She was awake to the needs of the church and ever ready to respond to its calls. I deem it a privilege and pleasure to have known her."

Bro. Selby says: "I have known Sister Wilson a number of years. I have always found her true to her friends, and to her church in every way."

H. C. CUSHING,      J. W. HERING,  
B. W. KINDLEY,      GEORGE SELBY.  
G. J. HILL,

### Mrs. R. K. Lewis

Anna Belle Whaley Jones Lewis, wife of Rev. R. K. Lewis, and daughter of Rev. J. B. Jones, both of the Maryland Conference, M. P. Church, died in the full assurance of a blissful immortality on Saturday evening, November 9, 1907, at 7.30 o'clock.

Her death occurred at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where she had been taken several weeks before for treatment. She was born in Chestertown, Md., August 15, 1875, and was converted at Laurel, Del., in 1883, during a revival service held under the pastorate of her father. She was married to Rev. R. K. Lewis in Hampden M. P. Church, April 21, 1896, by her father, who was the pastor of that charge at the time; assisted by Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, of Belair.

It was the privilege of the writer to know her from her early childhood. She was possessed of a bright, cheerful disposition, animated in conversation, her words usually accompanied with a hearty laugh or a pleasant smile which made every one feel at ease and at home in her presence.

Sister Lewis was stricken with gastric fever at her beautiful home on the Susquehanna Circuit early in the month of October, and was subsequently removed to the hospital where every attention to her condition could be bestowed, and at first every assurance was given that in a little while she would be able to return to her home fully restored to health, and while many anxious hearts were made glad and were keyed up to the joyful state of expectancy soon to have the delightful privilege of seeing her at home again; suddenly the sad news was flashed over the wire that she had passed away, and so unexpected was the departure that none of her loved ones were with her at the time; her husband having left her bedside but a little while before, being assured that she was much better and was improving. O, what a terrible shock it was—so unexpected! and what a crushing blow to her devoted husband, and aged father, and other loved members of both families.

In regard to her religious life I will now quote from a letter received from her sorrowing husband, who, better than all others, can speak of it, and from this letter can be seen something of her lovely disposition in her own home. "As to her religious life," he writes, "I do not see how it could have been better, so tender, so gentle, so loving; her life was one of sunshine. She never looked on the dark side; she saw only the bright side of everything, that is why I miss her so badly. When the work was depressing and I seemed to be cast down she would say 'Trust in the Lord, the light will come, all will be right;' I do not believe there was ever a day when satan gained the victory over her, she seemed to walk in the path of obedience all the day long. I can understand now more fully the words of the Psalmist: 'The path of the just is as a shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.'" And then he adds this: "Before she became irrational she said to Doctor Storer, 'Doctor, don't you hear those voices calling me?' and then dropping into a gentle slumber, she passed away with a smile on her countenance. O, blessed going! She is at rest at home with her angel mother and other loved ones who have gone before." Speaking of the two little motherless children, Elizabeth and Kendall, aged 12 and 7 respectively, he says: "It is indeed sad to see how they look for one who will never return to them again; Elizabeth is looking toward the better land where he mamma lives today, for she remarked the other day 'I believe I will join the church and try to be good, I want to go where mamma is.' God grant that it may be so!"

From members of the committee, who knew the dear departed so well, I quote their tributes as follows:

Rev. W. B. Judefind, of Eutaw M. P. Church, Baltimore, writes: "Sister Lewis was blest with a happy, genial disposition, always looking on the bright side, so that her life was an inspiration to those with whom she associated, and that happy disposition made her attractive to old and young alike. She was intensely interested in the work of the church, giving herself without reserve to the Master's ser-



vice, thus proving a valuable helpmate to her companion in the Gospel ministry, accompanying him in his visits in the homes of his people, teaching in the Sabbath School, assisting in the music in divine worship and helping in every enterprise. Her life (alas so brief) was a benediction to her home and church and to all who knew her."

Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, pastor of Broadway M. P. Church, writes briefly as follows: "I knew her in childhood as a sweet, lovely girl, and in womanhood as a noble Christian character."

Bro. J. M. Macklem, another member of the committee and a prominent layman of Susquehanna Charge, the charge now being served by the husband of the deceased, writes "in regard to Sister Lewis' religious life and character, I would say when she came to us we were highly pleased with her Christian manner, and it was the same to her last day on earth. She was loved by all who knew her for her cheerful Christian spirit. She was always found in her place in the church when it was convenient for her to be there and taking part in the service, and was greatly missed when not present. She truly was a pastor's wife."

From Parksley, Va., comes this testimony from Bro. S. W. Parks, an esteemed member of the church on Accomac Charge, and conversant with Bro. Lewis and family during the four years of his pastorate there. "Sister Lewis was a great worker in the church, a true Christian and noted for her sweet, amiable disposition; she was loved by the church and in fact by every one who knew her. Her untimely death was a great surprise to us all."

It is indeed a sad task to write of the death of one so young and who had so much to live for, but in her departure out of life, to die was again.

The funeral service was held at mid-day on Tuesday, November 12, 1907, at Wesleyan Chapel and was one of the largest turn outs on the part of the people that the writer of this obituary ever beheld, and such sorrow and grief and demonstrations of love and sympathy for their dear pastor, was very touching indeed. All the churches on the charge—three in number—were largely represented, the members bringing lovely wreaths of flowers all suitably arranged and labeled with the name of the church to be laid upon the casket. Her brothers five in number—and a nephew, were the pall bearers, and these also brought beautiful flowers in abundance wrought into "gates ajar" and other forms and placed upon the casket and grave.

The service in the church was conducted by Rev. W. B. Judefind, of Baltimore, Rev. C. K. McCaslin and Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, of Belair, after which her remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery adjoining the church there to await the summons of the resurrection morn.

"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."

S. A. HOBLITZELL,	J. M. MACKLEM,
W. B. JUDEFIND,	S. W. PARKS.
G. Q. BACCHUS,	

# THE SERMON

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## PREACHING THE WORD

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And again He entered into Capernaum after some days ; and it was noised that He was in the house, and straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no not so much as about the door: and He preached the Word unto them.

—*Mark ii: 1-2.*

I assume that there is more stability in human character today than there was when the Lord Jesus Christ was upon earth. I assume that in this day of Christian enlightenment men are actuated from principle rather than mere impulse, and that they understand better, and appreciate more the will of God concerning them as it is revealed in his Word, than at any time of the past.

The world is, without doubt, being liberated from its bondage of ignorance, and its subjection to impulse, and it is at least being slowly purged of its fickleness and morbid curiosity concerning matters of religious importance, and it is learning to consider them rationally and penitently. It may be a long time before every one will attend the services of God's house with a motive in harmony with the nature of the place; it may be a long time before every one will come in the spirit and true purpose of Christian assembly: it may be a long time before every preacher will attain to the exalted ability of being able to instruct his audience in the plain and simple truths of the Word, but that is the inevitable destination toward which the Lord is leading us.

The Divine will was never more apparent to me in anything than in the duty and privilege of preaching the Word, as committed unto men. I conceive it to mean the truth, the whole truth, and nothing and but the truth. I believe that it is the duty of the preacher, in his highest conscientiousness, to make the sermon a purely practical presentation of God's Word, so that every hearer might feel that it came from God, rather than being the mere production of a man.

In the matter of preaching the Word to men, two things must ever be imperatively observed: First, the Divine origin of the Word, and the purpose of its proclamation, and second, the wonderful fact, that its promulgation is committed to a human agency. Which means so far as the preacher is concerned, the faithful proclamation of that which has been commanded, but nothing more. Even the Lord Jesus, who spoke as man never spoke, established this precedent relative to preaching. He said: "The Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment what I should say and what I should speak." As my Father hath taught me I speak these things and "The Word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me." John the Baptist, as a preacher of the Word, was so chaste and self-denying in his mission, that he recognized himself only as a "voice." He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." The purpose of preaching God's word to men is to bring them into conscious contact with him, and in that position make known to them his will as it concerns them personally. That is, to make them realize as did Jacob at Bethel, that God is not only present, but that he is present for some specific purpose, and as Isaiah realized in his vision in the Temple, when on account of the Lord's manifested presence as "high and lifted up," and "most holy," he became conscious of his own moral impurity, and the uncleanness of his lips, and hence his unfitness as the bearer of the Lord's message to his fellowmen; and also, as the multitude at Jerusalem realized while Peter preached to them the necessity of repentance until the Divine presence was so sensibly felt, that they all cried out, "men and brethren what shall we do?" The sermon which does not produce some result of this character cannot be expected to accomplish the greatest degree of fruitfulness.

The modern preacher may impress his audience with the conviction that he is scholarly: the rhetoric of his sermon may be faultless, and his eloquence sublime, but if those who listen to him are impressed only with these human features, then God is not glorified. The apostle Paul, one of the most learned of preachers, and who as a linguist had no peer in the entire Church, yet in the integrity of his calling, as a minister of the Word, he said, in substance, I would rather speak five undertsandable words, that I might teach others, than to speak ten thousand words, as a mere exhibition of myself as a scholar. His purpose as a preacher was to glorify God in preaching the Word only, and also to edify men in giving them the Word both seasonably and understandingly.

The preacher of the Word, has but one source to which he may subject his reputation, and that is to Him who called him to be a preacher. Loyalty to God in the ministry of his Word to men, is the highest reputation attainable to any one engaged in this holy calling.

The Gospel ministry was never intended as a means of mere display of human talent. It has a nobler, and a more blessed mission in the world than anything of that sort. Hence, "not many wise men after the flesh; not many mighty, not many noble are called, but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God has ordained to save the world through the foolishness of preaching." The tongue of eloquence may prove effectual for the rostrum, and sensationalism meet every requirement of the stage; silver-toned oratory may enchant the halls of legislation, and weave for its brow the garlands of intellectual admiration, but the pulpit, in order to fulfill its divinely appointed mission in the world, must possess an equipment essentially different, and superior to any and all of these. It must possess the tongue of Fire.

Whatever impression the preaching of the Word may make upon the hearer, the preacher must never lose sight of the fact that every purpose of the pulpit is utilitarian, and not spectacular. He must also remember that his success as a preacher of the Word does not depend upon his natural qualifications, but upon his supernatural endowment. There is a plainness and simplicity in the Word which makes it available for the complete equipment of every one who is called to preach it. It also possesses a most notable peculiarity of appreciation to the people for whom it is intended. In the Old Testament, in every instance where the Lord sent his message, it was characterized by certain unmistakable peculiarities. First, it contained the stamp of its origin and authority of, "Thus saith the Lord;" second, it was strictly to the point, and entirely free from ambiguity, as in Jonah's preaching to Nineveh, "yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown," and third, it was intensely personal in its application, as in the declaration of Nathan to David. "Thou art the man." In no instance had the messenger to whom the message was entrusted, any power to make any change in it whatever. Nor was he allowed to make the event of its delivery subject to any personal plans of supposed advantage to himself. It was simply this, "Thou shalt hear the Word at my mouth and warn them from me." God's message to men has always been plain: it is plain today. The simplicity of the Bible is one of its most prominent features, and if there is ignorance among us respecting its messages and their authority, it is due to somebody's culpability. If it is not divinely authoritative in the world today, most certainly somebody is to blame, and while it is not mine to say whose is the fault, yet the Lord is perfectly familiar with the whole matter, and will place the responsibility just where it belongs. If the pulpit has not failed to declare the whole counsel of God, then other causes are liable to account for certain existing conditions.

But, the simplicity of the Bible is not its only feature of peculiarity. It has many others, and as among these I desire to call attention to the personal nature of the Word. It does not deal with men in a mere general way, so as to render it difficult to determine who is meant, but it is personal in its presentation, and cannot fail in making this impression on the hearer when it is preached in the Lord's way. No condition of human character is impersonal before the Lord, and in consequence of this he has not imposed a single thing in his Word of an impersonal nature.

The Bible does not speak to men about sin, and of salvation therefrom in a mere indirect manner, nor in a generalizing way; it does not present sin as a universal condition for which men are collectively responsible, but it is personal in its presentation. There is a divine personality in it, which addresses itself to every man, in the same voice which came to Abram, "I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and be thou perfect." Hence the preaching of the Word should never be done in such a way as to permit the sinner to feel that he can divide his responsibility and condemnation with the multitudes about him, nor to fail in substantiating the personal experiences of the Christian, relative to his salvation.

The object of preaching is to render sin unpopular, and salvation popular by means of a personal Gospel to every creature. That is, to preach to the individual sinner the personality of sin as it applies to himself, in such a manner as to render it impossible for him to think of any one else than himself as responsible. On the other hand, the same definite personality is to be preached to the Christian relative to salvation. He cannot be told too definitely nor too often, "All Things are yours, and you are Christ's and Christ is God's." Todd Hall was right when he applied and appropriated all the promises of the Bible to Todd Hall. It may sound quaint, and even presumptuous, but it is nothing more than the personal right of every Christian. I am aware that it is frequently the complaint from the sinner, that the sermon is too personal, and too authoritative, but this is impossible where it is truly Biblical. When the Word is deprived of its personality, it can have no application, and when it is shorn of its authority, its efficacy with men is destroyed.

To listen to a sermon without discerning its divine authority, means to regard it as a mere human production, and to hear a sermon which does not apply personally to the hearer in some particular is really a waste of time. We frequently hear sermons which in our opinion are applicable to others, and we may be correct in thus thinking, but the fruitfulness of a sermon does not consist in applying it to others, but to oneself.

Again, in these latter times the sermon is not unfrequently estimated from a literary or perchance from a sentimental view point. It

is called good on account of its literary excellence, or what is still worse because of its sentimental indulgence. In such instances the harm is, that the preacher receives more attention than the message which he purports to deliver.

That is not the best sermon which merely excites the intellectual or sentimental admiration of the hearer and sends him away with sentences of praise for the preacher, as is so common in these times. But the best sermon is the one that brings a sinner to his knees on account of his sins; the best sermon is the one which increases the Christian's gratitude to God for salvation; the best sermon is the one that sends a man out to do the work which perchance he has been neglecting; the best sermon is the one which fixes the minds of men on Jesus Christ, and makes him the chief topic of their conversation, instead of vain laudations for the preacher; the best sermon is the one which enforces the great truth, that religion is a principle in the soul, and not a mere sentiment of the mind; the best sermon is the one which convinces all who hear it that it was dictated from heaven, and because of this fact it is beyond the range of any human criticism.

One reason why sermons are not more authoritative as divine messages in these times, is because they are weakened by human verbiage and methods in their presentation. The Lord never intended that any sermon should be vulnerable to human criticism. He never intended the message of the pulpit to be gainsayed by the people to whom it is sent, and the only way to prevent such an improper result, is for the pulpit to preach the Word, and the Word only.

Again, the message of the pulpit should never be a mere question of popular demand, but always a matter of human necessity. This thing of a community searching the columns of secular newspapers for catchy sensational "subjects," which are foisted under the guise of sermons, is nothing short of delusion and snare to the immortal interests of all who are deceived thereby. For the pulpit to degrade its sacred deliverances to a place on a par with the bill board of the theater, merely because it is popular, is a blatant insult to the Truth as it is in Jesus. For men to make their attendance upon the services of the Church subject to the same rule and caprice is that of the lecture and theater, is not only a play at religion, but it is the veriest farce. The entertainment idea, which has invaded the Church's life respecting preaching, must be corrected. The unusual occasion which crowds the Church to overflowing, and the usual service which reduces the attendance to a minimum is positive evidence, wherever it exists, of the lack of Christian steadfastness, which should be a cardinal principle with every Church member. Of all the places where men and women should leave their fastidiousness on the outside, is the house of God. No one should attend the services of any Church with the selfish expectation of merely being pleased. No sermon's merit should ever be estimated

on the basis of its pleasing and entertaining features, and no Church goer ought to expect to return always to his home in a contented and rejoicing state of mind. If you will read the Bible, it will tell you of men who were heavy-hearted, and even disconsolate after hearing God's message to them. It will tell you of prophets, and priests, and kings, and people, who forgot all about their personal preferences when God's purpose was made known to them by means of his declared message, and yet some people in this 20th century of Christianity seem to think that God's messages to them should not have a single unpleasant feature. They do not want them to be plain, and personal, and authoritative, but catchy and even sensational. Oh how great is the ignorance of such people concerning what it means to preach the Word!

Think of Ahab, that recreant king of Israel, replying to the prophet, when he delivered to him God's message, in the following manner: "Thus saith the Lord: Because thou hast let go a man out of thine hand whom I had appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people." I say how would it have sounded for Ahab to have replied, "If you want me to listen to any message from God, you must make it entertaining and argeeable to me." Think of David, when the Lord sent Nathan to him with his message of condemnation against his double crime of adultery and murder, saying, "If you want to impress me with the authority of the Lord's message you will have to employ something strouger than a commonplace parable;" or think of him saying to Gad the seer, when in God's name he rebuked him for numbering Israel, "tell me the Lord's message on this subject eloquently, and with a tinge of romance so as to interest me."

Such thoughts in connection with such circumstances are ridiculous, and yet this is about what it would sound like, if the ideas of some people about preaching were carried out in these times. The Word of God as he means it to be preached to men in this Christian dispensation, is as direct and personal in its condemnation of their sins, as it was in any instance that is recorded in the Bible. I believe that one of the faults of modern preaching, is that the personal application of the Word is not sufficiently emphasized, and on this account the hearer indulges the idea that somebody else is meant, and out of this very misconception, because of personal disinterestedness, grows the desire for novelty and sensationalism in its presentation. When men have the true idea of what the preaching of the Word means to them personally, there will be no necessity to coax them to the house of God by means of some sensational announcement in a secular newspaper. The reason why many people do not go to church in these days, is they have been surfeited with that which was not the Word, and they have grown tired of it. They have been fed on husks in the name

of religion until the whole subject has become nauseous to them. One reason for empty pews in so many of the churches, is because the Word is not preached there in its simplicity, and with its divine authority and unction of the Spirit, as it should be. It is indeed a sad day for a preacher when he cannot get the people of a community to come to the church to hear the Word of God preached, but it is a thousand times sadder for that other man who succeeds in getting them there and gives them a mere travesty of the Word. That preacher is to be pitied, who imagines that he has found something more popular and successful with the people than the preaching of the plain and simple Word to them. I cannot believe that such a man can conscientiously feel himself to be about his Master's business. I cannot believe that he is happy and contented in the work which he claims to be doing. The happiest and the most successful preacher in the Church today, is the one who makes Jesus Christ and him crucified the premise of every sermon he preaches. And the only Church that is really prospering in every part of its work, is the one in which the Word is preached in its purity and simplicity. The Church in which the Lord delights to manifest Himself in its assemblies, is the one where his Word is faithfully preached and gratefully received. The Church that has a consecrated membership, and Christian influence in the community where it is located, is the one whose members delight only in the truth as it is in Jesus; yes, and the Church whose altar-fire never dies out, but is made glorious on account of many conversions, is the one where the Word, and the Word only, is preached.

Brethren of the ministry, "preach the Word," for "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Not the power of a man, who in rhetorical display seeks notoriety for himself as a pulpit orator; not the power of a man who counts selfish popularity, and does not scruple to employ holy things sensationally for the sake of gaining it, but the power of God for the saving of every soul. O how great is the distinction, and how wide the difference. Most certainly whoever is deceived in this vital matter is not wise. Nothing can possibly substitute the Word of God in meeting the moral necessities of humanity, and nothing is so harmonious, and in perfect agreement with its nature, as the plain faithful preaching of it. Then let us make its proclamation the very zeal of our ministry, "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit."

O the inimitable nature of his Word which the Lord has commissioned us to preach to our fellowmen! It is even the same which He himself preached when upon earth and with this fact before us how sacred, and illustrious and dignified is our ministerial succession in the ministry of it, and how carefully should we regard its divine restrictions. How wonderfully rich and replete it is too, as a divine



repository, filled with the love, and wisdom, and power of its divine Author, so, "that the man of God may be perfect, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Would you win the hearts of men with a love which is as much greater than your own, as God is greater than you? then preach the love of God for them as revealed in his Word. Declare to them on the authority of the Bible attested by your own personal experience, that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Would you adorn your sermons with the highest type of wisdom? Would you display a knowledge better than philosophy, and more valuable than all the acquisitions of science? Would you preach to men in such a way as not only to cultivate their intellects, but their hearts as well, would you make them wise both for time and eternity? then compose your sermons from the Book of books. Employ the material which God has provided for sermons, even his wisdom which cometh down from heaven. Fill them with God's thoughts which are higher than man's thoughts, and make them a description of God's ways which are higher than man's ways. Do you covet power in your preaching? Would you stir the minds and hearts of men as the irresistible tide stirs the mighty deep? Do you desire your sermons to carry conviction to the stubborn hearts of sinners, and inspiration to the hearts of discouraged saints? Then build them squarely and solidly on God's Word, for in it is His power, and His declaration is, that "it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing to which I send it."

I am so thankful, that in preaching to men with the hope of bettering their moral condition, it is our privilege to employ a Book greater and wiser than any human literature. I am so thankful that the Gospel of Jesus Christ makes better sermons for poor afflicted humanity, than does "sensationalism," or even the current topics of the times, and that they are also more comforting and edifying and ennobling than all that can be told of art and philosophy and science in the guise of sermons. I am also glad that the Bible comprehends a science greater than physics, and that in preaching the Word, we may go beyond the horizon of natural life, and the limited range of visible things into the glorious realms of spirituality, and there contemplate God's thoughts, and God's ways as they are revealed in his Word.

I rejoice that the Bible also comprehends more than the little span of "three score and ten," or the possible "four score years," as the sum of human existence, and that it gives to men a wider range of vision than that of natural sight, and a higher and nobler degree of life than that of the body. I rejoice with joy unspeakable, that it locates the real and permanent citizenship of the Christian in heaven

instead of upon earth, and that it urges the accumulation of heavenly treasures, which are forever safe from the assaults of thieves and the decay of rust.

O I thank God that the Bible reveals the wonderful fact, that our present situation is only the babyhood of our existence, and that we are now only learning how to live, yes, learning "by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us." By and by it will be different, for we are pressing toward the prize of our high calling of God in Jesus Christ, and some day, these earthly tabernacles in which we are sojourning, will dissolve, and we shall be clothed with our house from heaven and be changed and made visibly like our glorified Lord.

The text says, that Jesus preached the Word to the thronging multitude at Capernaum. Glory be to his name he never preached anything else. It mattered not whether his audience was a multitude, or a solitary individual; nor whether it was in the stately temple at Jerusalem before the learned doctors of the law, or at the lonely well-side in Samaria, to a poor superstitious, sinful woman, one subject was continually filling his mind and forever flowing from his lips. There was never any uncertainty in his preaching. Not a single sermon of his was ever marred with a false note, or burdened with a needless expression. He never caviled over, or cast reflections upon any part of the Word, but he believed in it, and preached it from the beginning of Genesis, to the end of Malachi. He never called in question any of its histories, nor made them the ridicule of "science," but he gave them his divine endorsement by making use of them in his teachings, thus evincing their truthfulness and subscribing to their authenticity. He had no need for criticism either "higher" or lower, because he did not come into the world to be a critic, but a Saviour, and hence he was in perfect accord with every doctrine, and every statement of the Bible. He preached the Word, and its blessed truths found their way into men's minds and hearts—from the humble fisherman to the learned master in Israel. He preached the Word as God's provision for human salvation, and his ministrations were eagerly sought after from the poorest home in the village, to the luxuriant residences of the ruler of the synagogue and the nobleman. He preached the Word and multitudes thronged him in every place, and followed him from city to city; yea, even into the wilderness and desert places, and so intent did they become in the truth as it fell from his divine lips as he told them about the "Bread of life," that they forgot all about the bread that was needful to sustain the body. He preached the Word in all its prophecies as they applied to himself and sealed the ministry of it upon the rugged Cross of Calvary, and being thus "lifted up from the earth," he is become humanity's most potent magnet. He preached the Word, and at the same time laid his life an unblemished

sacrifice upon the divine altar as an offering for human Redemption, and thus changed humanity's destiny from absolute universal damnation, to possible universal Salvation.

Brethren, the ministry of the Word by Jesus Christ, while he walked the earth, was in the deepest humility, but it was also the world's divinest benediction and greatest success. It was simple, even to the understanding of the wayfaring man, and yet the highest intelligences of heaven wondered over and adored its inimitable wisdom. It was preached oftentimes under circumstances most unfavorable, and from a body weary because of long journeys and severe privations, but in it there was a power mightier than all conspiring conditions, yea, a power mightier than the very ages themselves, and because of this fact, it is echoing and re-echoing today, not alone in Palestine, among the Judean hills, but in a thousand lands, and to the joys and salvation of millions of souls, and thus will it continue, until all the kingdoms of this world, shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever to the glory of God the Father.

Let us then be like our Divine Master in preaching the Word, for without question, "the truth as it is in Jesus," is the world's greatest legacy. It includes every benefit possible to mankind; hence, men need it a thousand times more than they need silver, and gold, or houses and lands; aye, they need it more than anything else, for without the Word no man is prepared to live and without it none are fit to die. Preach it then in simplicity and with the power of his constraining love, "which passeth all understanding." Throw away unsanctified ambition, and every desire that is inimical to the Word. Preach it in humility, but with a faith as implicit, and unswerving as was the faith of Paul. Make it your purpose in preaching, to "turn many to righteousness," your reward shall greatly exceed the most brilliant and illustrious of all worldly reputations, for you "shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and the stars forever and ever."

As under shepherds, feed your flocks, (even to the lambs), with the pure Word of God, and lead them in the plain path. "Be instant in season, out of season." "Make full proof of your ministry," and you will achieve greater honor than the hollow plaudits and perishable laurels of worldly renown, for, "when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

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Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Total.	
	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
	Accomac.....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	34	32	32	19	29	22	22	165
Alexandria.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	12	12	23	23	26	26	16	16	18	18	141	141
Alnutt Mem'l.....	65	65	15	15	13	13	42	42	22	60	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	465	503
Amelia.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	109	109
Baltimore.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	139	139
Bedford.....	28	28	8	8	6	6	19	19	13	13	44	44	42	42	24	24	28	28	212	212
Belair.....	28	28	8	8	6	5	19	16	8	7	44	34	42	32	24	18	28	20	207	168
Bethany.....	10	10	5	4	2	2	6	4	10	8	16	11	14	14	9	9	10	12	82	74
Broadway.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	187	187
Brooklyn.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Cambridge.....	30	30	8	8	6	6	20	20	12	12	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	223	223
Campbell.....	10	10	5	5	2	2	6	6	11	11	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	83	83
Cannon.....	8	8	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	51	51
Caroline.....	25	25	7	7	5	4	16	16	8	8	39	29	35	29	21	21	24	24	180	163
Cecil.....	22	22	7	3	5	3	14	12	10	8	34	18	32	14	19	10	22	8	165	98
Centreville.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	26	16	16	18	18	135	135	
Chesapeake.....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	8	8	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	163	163
Chestertown.....	60	60	15	15	13	13	38	38	15	15	90	90	84	84	52	52	58	58	425	425
Chincoteague.....	20	20	5	3	4	2	12	6	8	3	28	4	26	4	16	4	18	4	137	50
Christ Church.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	13	13	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	99	99
Clayton.....	25	25	7	2	5	1	16	9	9	--	39	9	35	--	21	--	24	8	181	54
Clark Mem'l.....	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	4	--	2	50	50	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	67
Concord.....	25	25	7	3	5	5	16	10	12	4	39	26	35	35	21	10	24	24	184	142
Conquest.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	7	7	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	77	77
Crisfield.....	45	45	10	10	9	9	28	28	29	29	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	328	328
Crumpton.....	15	15	3	1	2	1	10	2	3	1	24	8	21	10	14	8	14	10	106	56
Cumberland.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
Cumberland Circ't	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	9	9	5	8	6	6	50	53
Deer Creek.....	15	15	4	3	2	2	10	4	7	3	24	12	21	17	14	6	14	6	111	68
Deer Park.....	19	19	5	2	4	4	9	9	16	9	24	15	22	10	14	10	15	15	128	93
Delmar.....	25	25	7	3	5	2	16	6	11	3	39	4	35	3	21	3	24	3	183	52
Delta.....	20	20	5	2	4	2	12	10	7	5	28	20	26	5	16	6	18	12	134	82
Denton.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	12	12	28	28	26	26	16	27	18	14	152	152
Dorchester.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	15	35	25	21	21	24	11	182	135
Dover.....	10	10	5	5	2	2	6	6	3	3	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	75	75
East Baltimore.....	45	45	10	10	9	9	28	28	15	15	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	314	314
Easton.....	45	45	10	10	9	9	28	28	9	9	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	308	308
Elizabeth.....	43	43	7	7	7	7	26	26	24	24	64	64	59	59	35	35	40	40	305	305
Eutaw.....	19	19	5	5	4	4	9	9	5	5	24	24	22	22	14	29	15	15	117	142
Evergreen.....	10	10	5	5	2	2	6	6	4	4	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	76	76
Fairfax.....	12	12	4	2	3	2	8	6	12	5	19	10	18	10	11	5	12	--	99	52
Fawn Grove.....	25	25	7	5	5	3	16	14	25	22	39	36	35	32	21	20	24	23	197	180
Federalsburg.....	6	6	2	2	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	50	50
Felton.....	20	20	5	2	4	2	12	12	8	--	28	4	26	20	16	2	18	18	137	80
Finksburg.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	20	20	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	192	192

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Special for Missions.	Bible.	Tract.	Church Home.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenscs.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Total Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Charge
					Ass'd	Paid.									
31	1	1	6	214	650	650	75	175	90	50	.....	37	1040	1291	..... Accomac
49	..	...	5	195	700	770	200	287	121	50	.....	87	1428	1710	..... Alexandria
264	6	8	24	805	1440	1440	360	993	308	210	.....	120	3316	4648	..... Alnutt Mem'l
.....	.....	.....	...	109	275	281	100	4	8	40	.....	26	433	568	..... Amelia
20	...	...	5	164	600	634	180	120	75	1200	.....	35	2209	2408	..... Baltimore
10	1	1	10	234	600	605	50	60	70	257	.....	.....	1042	1276	..... Bedford
38	1	1	10	218	782	782	400	225	80	115	58	70	1660	1948	..... Belair
.....	.....	.....	...	74	720	460	204	75	188	260	.....	3	1187	1264	..... Bethany
16	1	1	5	210	800	800	300	300	120	700	.....	310	2220	2740	..... Broadway
...	1	...	5	141	600	705	250	250	30	425	.....	71	1710	1922	..... Brooklyn
12	1	1	1	238	750	750	100	260	175	1035	83	.....	2403	2641	..... Cambridge
8	1	1	2	95	300	300	.....	75	50	125	.....	19	550	664	..... Campbell
50	1	1	3	106	350	350	60	79	55	18	.....	222	562	890	..... Cannon
35	2	...	9	209	825	831	150	218	119	740	21	14	2079	2302	..... Caroline
36	...	...	4	138	600	600	200	227	90	140	31	34	1288	1400	..... Cecil
25	1	1	5	167	700	700	200	370	80	1800	.....	23	3150	3340	..... Centreville
12	1	1	7	184	500	500	100	39	39	241	78	112	997	1293	..... Chesapeake
56	3	3	22	509	1000	1000	300	645	175	150	.....	275	2270	3054	..... Chestertown
.....	1	1	...	52	600	600	100	75	75	500	.....	25	1350	1427	..... Chincoteague
30	...	...	...	129	700	700	.....	270	155	95	200	170	1424	1719	..... Christ Church
6	...	...	...	60	600	600	120	80	143	43	254	61	1240	1361	..... Clayton
168	50	61	17	363	1920	1920	360	1500	400	.....	.....	225	4180	4768	..... Clark Mem'l
35	1	1	10	189	475	485	60	55	62	40	.....	16	702	907	..... Concord
8	...	...	...	85	.....	291	.....	10	28	.....	.....	62	329	476	..... Conquest
232	2	2	15	579	1000	1075	200	360	260	3500	.....	555	5395	6529	..... Crisfield
.....	1	1	2	60	300	355	75	60	29	550	.....	28	1069	1157	..... Crumpton
35	...	...	5	222	800	800	300	200	40	1300	250	6	2890	3118	..... Cumberland
3	1	1	2	60	425	425	.....	33	56	.....	118	49	632	741	Cumberland Circ't
9	1	1	5	84	325	361	72	27	29	221	.....	173	710	967	..... Deer Creek
.....	.....	.....	3	96	480	462	100	40	53	325	.....	8	980	1084	..... Deer Park
10	...	...	...	62	900	900	175	178	174	1278	.....	.....	2705	2767	..... Delmar
6	...	...	5	93	624	624	150	130	50	115	340	15	1409	1517	..... Delta
47	1	1	7	218	750	750	200	220	99	160	.....	306	1429	1953	..... Denton
20	1	1	5	163	600	650	150	200	100	.....	.....	300	1100	1562	..... Dorchester
19	...	...	...	94	450	450	.....	125	37	.....	.....	176	612	882	..... Dover
88	5	3	20	430	1000	1000	240	921	275	650	150	125	3236	3791	..... East Baltimore
123	100	100	17	648	800	800	200	542	165	2021	200	502	3208	4358	..... Easton
43	...	...	5	353	1000	1000	500	986	353	1120	.....	261	3891	4505	..... Elizabeth
40	1	1	57	241	500	555	200	90	60	630	.....	50	1535	1826	..... Eutaw
7	1	1	1	86	500	500	.....	86	74	.....	.....	9	660	755	..... Evergreen
12	...	...	2	66	350	262	.....	15	57	12	.....	.....	345	412	..... Fairfax
80	1	1	5	195	700	700	50	275	180	50	800	33	2055	2183	..... Fawn Grove
20	1	1	5	77	400	400	125	171	46	330	.....	78	1072	1227	..... Federalburg
10	1	1	5	97	450	538	100	41	56	629	175	64	1539	1700	..... Felton
44	1	1	20	258	700	700	120	224	146	5492	110	27	6792	7077	..... Finksburg

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	First Church, Newark	60	60	11	11	13	13	38	38	13	18	88	88	80	80	50	50	54	54	412
First Church, Wash	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	187	187
Franklin City.....	25	25	7	4	5	4	16	8	20	9	39	20	35	17	25	10	24	...	192	97
Frederick Circuit...	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	14	14	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	169	169
Georgetown, D. C.	55	55	13	13	12	12	36	36	7	7	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	391	391
Georgetown, Del.	19	19	5	5	5	5	12	12	10	10	27	27	24	24	17	17	18	18	137	137
Georgetown Circ't	12	12	4	4	3	3	8	5	10	5	19	10	18	9	11	8	12	9	97	65
Glen Burnie .....	6	11	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	4	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	5	48	51
Greenwood .....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	14	14	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	169	169
Grove .....	18	18	5	3	4	2	10	6	11	6	25	14	23	11	15	8	17	3	128	71
Hampden .....	40	40	10	10	8	8	24	24	19	19	59	59	55	55	32	32	40	40	287	287
Harbeson .....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	78	78
Harpers Ferry .....	18	18	3	1	4	1	10	10	4	1	25	3	23	3	15	1	17	...	119	38
Harrington .....	25	25	7	1	5	1	16	5	12	3	39	15	35	20	21	5	24	20	184	95
Heathsville .....	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	19	5	4	44	44	42	40	24	20	28	18	204	184
Howard .....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	39	32	32	19	19	22	22	165	170
Hurlock .....	12	12	4	4	3	3	8	8	13	13	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	100	100
Indian River .....	5	5	2	...	2	...	4	...	4	...	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	7	...	...
Jefferson .....	60	60	15	15	13	13	38	38	12	12	90	90	84	84	52	52	58	58	422	422
Keen Memorial ...	18	18	5	1	4	1	10	5	16	1	24	24	20	20	14	14	16	16	127	100
Kemptown .....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	17	17	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	146	156
Kennedyville.....	18	18	5	5	4	4	10	10	3	3	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	120	120
Kent Island.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	10	7	7	34	25	32	15	19	14	22	10	159	112
Laurel, Del.....	35	35	8	8	8	8	22	22	9	9	50	50	46	46	28	38	36	36	242	252
Laurel Circuit.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	14	18	12	39	25	35	25	21	16	24	24	190	153
Lauraville .....	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	47	47
Lawsonia .....	8	8	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	50	50
Leeds .....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	4	4	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	133	133
Leipsic .....	6	6	2	2	2	1	4	2	3	1	9	9	9	4	5	2	6	3	46	30
Lewes.....	5	5	2	2	2	...	4	...	4	...	9	4	9	...	5	2	6	2	46	15
Lewistown .....	8	8	2	...	2	1	4	4	8	1	9	2	9	1	5	1	6	...	53	18
Liberty.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	16	16	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	145	145
Lisbon .....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	186	186
Lynchburg .....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	3	3	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	175	175
Mardela .....	17	17	5	5	4	4	10	10	19	19	24	24	20	20	14	14	16	16	129	129
Mariners .....	20	20	5	2	4	2	12	6	6	3	28	5	26	4	16	5	18	10	135	60
Middleway .....	10	10	5	...	2	...	6	1	3	...	16	...	14	1	9	1	10	5	75	18
Millville.....	10	10	5	3	2	...	6	...	16	...	16	10	14	3	9	...	10	4	39	30
Milton .....	17	17	5	5	4	4	10	10	6	6	24	24	20	20	14	14	16	16	116	116
Montgomery .....	5	5	2	1	2	1	4	1	8	1	9	9	9	9	5	1	6	1	50	29
Mt. Nebo.....	12	12	4	4	3	3	8	8	9	9	19	12	18	10	11	11	12	12	96	81
Mt. Tabor.....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	4	4	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	159	159
New Church.....	18	18	5	5	4	4	10	10	10	10	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	127	127
Newmarket.....	30	30	8	8	6	6	20	20	15	15	47	47	44	44	26	34	30	30	228	234
Nichols Memorial	15	10	4	2	2	1	10	5	8	4	24	10	21	10	14	5	14	5	112	52
North Baltimore..	35	35	8	8	8	8	22	22	9	9	50	50	46	46	28	28	36	36	242	242
N. Carolina Avenue	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	183	208

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					As'd	Paid.									
255	1	1	20	689	1500	1500	600	1714	1013	709	.....	666	5536	6831	First Church, Newark
115	1	1	5	309	900	900	450	359	298	243	239	351	2489	3149	First Church, Wash
27	1	1	1	127	600	600	80	140	200	160	.....	.....	1180	1307	.....Franklin City
97	1	1	18	286	600	608	100	105	120	180	.....	.....	1113	1399	..Frederick Circuit
236	8	3	10	648	1200	1200	400	972	160	468	110	670	3310	4628	Georgetown, D. C.
5	1	1	5	149	700	700	120	165	100	250	.....	16	1335	1600	Georgetown, Del.
6	3	...	2	76	300	353	80	46	100	57	.....	11	636	713	Georgetown Circ't
17	...	...	1	69	650	650	117	108	61	.....	400	.....	1336	1406	.....Glen Burnie
20	...	...	5	194	600	600	100	200	125	150	.....	34	1175	1403	..... Greenwood
9	1	1	1	83	450	420	50	100	80	300	.....	.....	950	1021	..... Grove
170	1	1	10	469	900	900	150	432	278	472	.....	255	2232	2956	..... Hampden
8	11	1	1	99	500	475	100	60	75	100	.....	94	810	1003	.....Harbeson
25	...	...	1	64	400	275	49	100	20	.....	.....	.....	444	506	.....Harpers Ferry
16	1	...	5	117	700	700	120	217	94	.....	4	.....	1533	1650	.....Harrington
40	1	1	12	238	600	563	100	77	37	100	273	78	1170	1486	..... Heathsville
32	2	1	15	220	600	602	125	75	38	308	.....	69	1148	1437	..... Howard
37	...	...	...	137	500	500	120	75	80	75	.....	150	850	1137	.....Hurlock
417	1	1	27	868	800	1000	250	265	139	137	.....	482	1791	3141	..... Indian River
.....	...	...	2	102	800	800	144	535	260	.....	650	239	2389	2730	.....Jefferson
75	1	1	20	253	675	700	75	150	100	400	.....	50	1425	1728	.. Keen Memorial
6	...	...	6	132	500	500	120	37	8	15	.....	17	680	829	.....Kemptown
10	1	1	5	130	500	500	100	150	25	50	.....	.....	825	955	..... Kennedyville
114	9	1	10	386	800	800	150	135	53	.....	822	218	1960	2564	.....Kent Island
.....	1	...	1	155	650	650	125	70	47	669	.....	21	1561	1737	..... Laurel, Del.
10	...	...	1	48	500	500	216	55	61	320	407	83	1559	1690	.....Laurel Circuit
7	1	1	5	64	700	800	72	98	85	46	90	305	1191	1560	.....Lauraville
24	...	...	10	167	600	600	85	99	15	658	.....	115	1457	1739	..... Lawsonia
5	...	...	...	35	250	250	.....	52	26	.....	.....	.....	328	363	.....Leeds
.....	...	...	...	15	.....	5	.....	12	14	460	.....	100	491	606	..... Leipsic
9	...	...	...	27	125	150	.....	75	50	4	.....	.....	179	206	.....Lewes
41	1	1	8	196	550	550	75	150	50	240	.....	15	1040	1251	.....Lewistown
102	1	1	24	314	700	700	75	78	36	225	285	.....	1399	1713	.....Liberty
102	...	...	...	277	800	800	400	449	76	60	.....	38	1785	2100	.....Lisbon
4	1	...	2	136	620	620	100	95	120	30	526	45	1491	1672	.....Lynchburg
8	1	1	2	72	600	600	75	125	55	.....	120	36	975	1083	.....Mardela
.....	...	...	...	18	.....	.....	50	7	55	40	.....	31	152	201	.....Mariners
.....	...	...	...	30	425	440	36	94	72	1949	341	46	2933	3009	.....Middleway
26	20	3	5	170	600	600	100	117	75	101	300	111	1293	1574	.....Millville
7	...	...	2	38	.....	139	.....	20	15	.....	42	.....	216	254	.....Milton
3	...	...	...	84	335	335	.....	68	26	221	.....	.....	650	784	..... Montgomery
61	1	1	8	230	700	725	.....	328	148	.....	.....	69	1201	1500	.....Mt. Nebo
17	...	...	6	150	600	600	125	79	135	505	.....	22	1444	1616	.....Mt. Tabor
20	2	2	12	270	700	850	120	250	200	500	65	68	1985	2399	.....New Church
5	1	1	2	61	400	400	144	90	30	55	100	6	819	856	.....Newmarket
578	1	1	12	985	1200	1200	600	1339	152	248	400	561	3939	5485	.....Nichols Mem'l
119	1	1	10	339	1200	1200	.....	570	189	487	500	305	2946	3590	..North Baltimore
															N. Carolina Avenue



COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns		Total.	
	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
	Oak Grove.....	16	16	4	4	3	3	10	10	3	3	23	23	21	21	14	14	16	16	110
Oxford .....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	5	5	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	177	177
Parksley .....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	16	16	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	171	171
Payson Street .....	10	10	4	4	2	2	6	6	8	8	17	17	16	16	9	9	10	10	82	82
Pipe Creek.....	22	22	7	7	5	5	14	14	6	6	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	161	161
Pittsville .....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	12	12	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	141	141
Pocomoke Cir .....	12	12	4	2	3	1	8	1	8	1	19	1	18	1	11	1	12	...	95	20
Pocomoke City ....	45	45	10	5	9	4	28	28	11	5	66	59	61	45	38	20	42	30	310	241
Potomac .....	20	20	5	4	4	3	12	6	8	4	28	20	26	10	16	10	18	14	137	91
Powellville.....	15	15	4	3	2	2	10	6	3	3	24	15	21	14	14	8	14	8	107	74
Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	3	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	47	47
Quantico .....	15	15	2	1	2	1	10	5	10	1	24	2	21	2	14	2	14	1	112	30
Queen Anne.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	6	6	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	109	109
Reliance .....	16	16	3	3	3	3	10	10	16	16	23	23	21	21	14	16	16	16	122	124
Rhode Island Ave.	80	80	19	19	17	17	49	49	31	31	111	111	114	114	56	56	88	88	565	565
Rowlandville.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	7	2	24	8	21	6	14	...	14	14	110	60
Salem .....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	5	5	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	108	108
Salisbury.....	82	82	10	10	7	7	21	21	20	20	49	49	46	46	28	28	29	29	242	242
Seaford.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	15	15	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	187	187
Sharptown.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	15	15	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	144	144
Snow Hill.....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	12	12	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	184	184
South Baltimore...	25	25	7	4	5	5	16	16	8	8	39	39	35	35	21	14	24	24	180	170
Starr .....	65	65	15	15	13	13	42	42	11	11	99	99	91	91	55	65	63	63	454	464
Stewartstown .....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	12	12	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	184	184
St. James.....	30	30	7	7	6	6	20	20	8	8	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	218	218
St. Johns (Canton).	10	10	5	5	2	2	6	6	19	19	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	91	91
St. Lukes .....	25	25	7	7	5	5	16	16	19	19	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	191	191
St. Michaels.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	28	26	26	16	18	18	18	136	136
Susquehanna.....	28	28	8	8	6	6	19	19	8	8	44	44	42	42	24	24	28	28	207	207
Talbot .....	12	12	3	...	3	...	8	...	6	...	19	12	18	...	11	...	12	...	92	24
Trinity .....	27	27	7	7	5	5	19	19	11	11	42	42	40	40	22	22	26	26	199	199
Union.....	13	13	3	1	3	...	9	3	9	2	21	2	20	2	12	2	13	2	100	28
Union Bridge.....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	9	9	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	138	138
Violetville.....	8	8	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	50	50
Wallace Memorial.	8	8	2	2	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	53	53
Waltersville .....	22	22	7	4	5	3	14	8	10	6	34	26	32	24	19	13	22	15	165	121
Warwick .....	20	20	5	5	4	4	12	12	3	3	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	132	132
Waverly.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	11	11	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	97	97
West Baltimore....	65	65	15	15	13	13	42	42	25	25	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	468	468
Westminster.....	55	55	13	13	12	12	36	36	8	8	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	392	392
W. Wilmington....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	12	12	16	6	14	14	9	9	10	10	82	82
Williamsport .....	10	10	5	5	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	8	14	7	9	5	10	6	80	57
Wilmington .....	18	18	5	1	4	1	10	3	3	1	25	5	23	3	15	2	17	4	120	38
Wye .....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	3	3	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	89	89

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					Ass'd	Paid.									
11	...	...	5	126	325	338	85	44	30	150	.....	29	647	802	.....Oak Grove
71	1	1	5	255	600	600	150	145	85	.....	.....	300	989	1535	.....Oxford
85	1	1	10	268	900	900	180	460	340	150	.....	71	2030	2369	.....Parksley
10	1	1	5	99	500	500	...	275	120	385	.....	35	1280	1414	.....Payson Street
55	1	1	10	228	600	600	100	140	62	370	.....	8	1272	1508	.....Pipe Creek
34	1	1	7	184	450	750	250	70	84	55	100	86	1309	1579	.....Pittsville
...	...	...	2	22	400	333	50	50	60	.....	.....	.....	543	565	Pocomoke Circuit
20	1	1	10	273	1080	1080	150	250	200	400	.....	285	2080	2638	...Pocomoke City
...	...	...	5	96	550	524	150	128	180	988	260	51	2210	2357	.....Potomac
5	...	...	1	80	450	437	75	21	25	50	.....	38	608	726	.....Powellville
2	...	...	3	52	200	212	...	20	45	.....	.....	20	277	349	.....Prince George
1	...	...	1	32	410	317	75	15	10	.....	.....	70	417	519	.....Quantico
26	1	1	10	147	500	525	75	135	70	275	.....	1080	1227	.....Queen Anne	
20	1	1	6	152	550	575	100	261	113	1835	412	53	3296	3501	.....Reliance
357	1	1	9	933	2250	2250	...	1250	400	200	3217	1363	7317	9613	.Rhode Island Ave
5	...	...	5	70	600	600	60	100	90	200	.....	120	1050	1240	.....Rowlandville
17	1	1	7	134	500	500	100	80	48	90	88	36	906	1076	.....Salem
35	...	...	5	282	1000	1000	175	228	290	50	1400	239	3143	3664	.....Salisbury
60	5	1	5	258	750	750	125	204	106	132	.....	114	1317	1689	.....Seaford
48	1	1	5	194	625	625	75	110	125	262	.....	125	1197	1516	.....Sharptown n
20	6	1	5	216	800	800	200	280	90	500	450	567	2320	3071	.....Snow Hill
26	1	1	5	203	600	600	250	247	57	277	.....	61	1431	1695	.South Baltimore
113	1	1	22	601	1500	1500	300	1300	215	300	.....	205	3615	4421	.....Starr
20	1	1	11	217	720	720	150	235	154	200	.....	139	1459	1815	.....Stewartstown
29	1	1	13	262	650	650	125	150	38	15	.....	248	978	1488	.....St. James
...	...	...	2	93	600	600	...	220	125	.....	1269	13	2214	2320	St. Johns, (Canton)
...	...	...	12	203	900	925	500	699	566	2075	.....	533	4765	5501	.....St. Lukes
21	1	...	9	167	500	575	100	143	95	2471	.....	75	3384	3626	.....St. Michaels
50	1	...	9	267	720	720	150	150	115	50	.....	225	1185	1577	.....Susquehanna
...	...	...	...	24	.....	119	...	5	10	.....	.....	.....	130	154	.....Talbot
59	...	...	9	267	850	850	250	110	55	138	400	99	1803	2169	.....Trinity
...	...	...	...	28	450	303	...	92	61	62	.....	.....	523	551	.....Union
39	5	5	10	197	500	600	150	162	50	720	.....	140	1682	2019	.....Union Bridge
...	...	...	...	50	500	500	...	71	113	.....	.....	.....	684	734	.....Violetville
24	...	...	...	77	500	500	75	60	74	112	125	110	946	1133	Wallace Memorial
36	...	...	...	157	700	681	100	125	100	125	.....	.....	1131	1288	.....Waltersville
15	1	...	5	153	550	550	60	130	49	55	.....	50	844	1047	.....Warwick
...	1	5	5	188	500	523	180	100	279	300	.....	380	1382	1870	.....Waverly
485	2	2	25	982	1300	1300	360	1220	651	200	.....	181	3371	4534	.....W. Baltimore
139	1	1	18	551	1000	1000	200	373	127	500	.....	250	2200	3061	.....Westminster
10	2	1	5	100	650	700	45	100	100	454	100	62	1499	1661	.West Wilmington
7	...	...	...	64	255	267	...	35	28	.....	.....	.....	330	394	.....Williamsport
5	1	...	5	49	500	335	154	50	40	10	.....	15	589	653	.....Wilmington
30	1	1	5	126	400	400	120	75	30	75	60	37	760	923	.....Wye

MEMBERSHIP.

CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers	Probationers.	Full Members.	Probationers.					Full Members					Sunday School.			Y. P. S. C. E.						
				Received.	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptized.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
Accomac.....	22	219	23	...	3	...	1	3	...	3	3	4	35	2	26	10	180	...	...	...	...		
Alexandria.....	5	182	...	4	...	10	1	20	31	38	2	2	8	21	1	21	34	173	1	60	1	25	
Alnutt Memo'al	3	527	16	32	...	4	...	32	14	9	5	...	34	27	1	42	30	420	1	65	1	85	
Amelia .....	...	147	...	...	11	...	8	...	...	...	5	...	12	3	19	19	99	...	...	...	...		
Baltimore Ct.....	2	3	183	3	...	5	...	3	...	1	...	20	4	3	30	5	205	2	50	...	...		
Bedford.....	6	392	6	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	2	...	25	19	6	50	...	250	1	30	...	...	
Belair.....	...	235	5	5	...	...	5	2	...	1	...	6	5	4	36	...	145	...	...	...	...		
Bethany.. .....	1	17	100	22	5	...	20	4	23	1	...	22	54	1	21	48	210	1	25	...	...		
Broadway .....	2	15	154	...	...	...	7	2	...	1	...	12	4	1	24	20	300	1	30	1	50		
Brooklyn .....	1	...	84	6	26	...	14	...	24	1	...	28	4	2	22	20	135	1	50	1	35		
Cambridge.....	97	140	100	3	...	...	19	...	...	6	73	139	3	37	58	291	1	60	...	...			
Campbell .....	...	181	...	...	...	...	27	1	1	1	...	11	55	3	18	35	190	1	18	...	...		
Cannon .....	...	76	2	2	...	...	7	5	3	1	...	3	2	1	19	15	125	1	39	1	40		
Caroline .....	5	218	36	31	...	1	...	97	5	14	3	1	31	47	5	49	56	238	3	111	1	13	
Cecil .....	23	248	5	...	5	...	2	1	3	2	3	8	9	3	30	10	174	1	30	...	...		
Centreville.....	1	9	140	9	...	...	5	1	6	...	4	18	1	14	12	91	1	40	...	...	50		
Chesapeake .....	...	127	8	8	...	...	18	...	3	1	...	12	21	2	18	13	147	...	...	...	...		
Chestertown.....	6	285	19	12	1	29	...	20	3	...	1	15	17	1	24	28	272	1	70	1	40		
Chincoteague ...	1	...	105	...	...	...	7	...	24	2	3	15	11	1	18	25	175	...	...	...	...		
Christ Church...	2	2	126	2	...	...	18	5	30	3	...	1	10	1	21	78	270	1	35	1	40		
Clayton .. .....	3	132	3	...	5	...	7	1	37	2	...	9	10	3	18	12	155	...	...	1	30		
Clark Memorial.	1	...	164	7	3	...	2	7	3	...	3	...	5	3	1	22	10	150	1	35	...	...	
Concord.....	9	336	6	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	2	12	5	3	25	5	150	2	40	1	20		
Conquest.....	...	79	9	9	...	...	10	...	...	6	...	9	2	20	...	145	...	...	...	...	...		
Crisfield.. .....	1	40	312	...	6	...	8	13	5	...	3	...	14	4	1	36	118	701	1	75	1	120	
Crumpton .....	7	104	7	...	...	...	28	...	1	3	1	34	...	2	21	33	105	...	...	...	...		
Cumberland.....	1	...	274	16	16	...	54	3	24	3	4	62	30	2	20	100	275	1	50	1	40		
Cumberland Ct.	...	...	125	...	...	...	16	2	...	2	28	16	2	18	25	150	1	60	...	...	...		
Deer Creek.....	17	121	30	16	...	16	...	20	1	21	...	5	9	40	2	28	10	130	2	46	...	...	
Deer Park.....	1	3	267	2	9	...	11	1	...	1	...	19	2	4	47	54	390	2	71	...	...		
Delmar.....	...	205	...	...	...	...	47	1	...	1	...	14	36	1	24	140	388	...	...	1	92		
Delta.....	2	1	161	...	...	...	25	5	...	2	...	10	20	1	22	5	140	1	47	1	40		
Denton .....	13	117	13	...	...	...	8	...	55	1	...	2	29	1	23	40	171	1	37	1	24		
Dorchester .....	2	287	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	4	30	...	200	...	...	...	...	...		
Dover.....	3	93	...	1	...	...	1	5	1	1	...	5	...	1	10	1	61	1	26	1	15		
East Baltimore..	7	207	10	10	...	...	15	10	10	4	3	12	10	1	17	...	153	1	30	...	...		
Easton .....	5	167	7	3	...	...	6	7	29	3	...	8	11	1	21	18	107	1	12	1	17		
Elizabeth.....	16	268	18	4	...	40	...	21	5	21	4	...	7	30	1	35	71	476	1	61	1	38	
Eutaw .....	...	79	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	4	1	1	9	16	70	1	38	1	23		
Evergreen.....	1	1	75	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	4	2	9	1	12	59	112	1	60	1	25		
Fairfax .....	1	2	150	8	6	...	7	...	36	2	5	...	9	4	27	...	230	1	44	...	...		
Fawn Grove.....	1	...	412	4	4	...	6	5	...	3	...	15	10	3	50	10	505	2	127	...	...		
Federalburg. ....	16	69	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	2	...	...	1	18	20	140	...	...	1	30		
Felton .....	1	36	160	5	6	...	11	6	4	...	25	21	4	40	14	238	...	...	...	...	...		
Finksburg.....	...	427	...	20	...	4	...	26	1	13	5	...	13	7	4	47	5	275	4	129	...	...	
1st Church Newark	1	10	320	20	10	...	48	5	1	2	3	6	21	1	48	69	444	2	55	1	29		

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CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers.		Probationers.				Full Members.			Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	Conversions.	Sunday		Y. P. S. C. E.							
	Unsta.	Min. and Preachers.	Received.	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.	Withdrawn.				Discontinued.	Deceased.	School Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.	
																						Probationers.
First Church, Wash	1	54	188	4	4	...	...	14	6	...	2	...	30	20	135	29	340	1	40	...	...	
Franklin City ...	1	...	232	10	14	...	2	...	14	2	...	2	2	4	26	450	40	400	...	...	...	...
Frederick Circ't	...	...	205	4	4	...	...	...	6	...	...	2	4	19	4	460	50	321	1	25	...	...
Georgeto'n, D.C	...	5	264	2	1	...	1	...	2	4	4	6	1	16	2	123	9	130	1	56	1	25
Georgeto'n, Del.	36	166	34	17	...	5	1	6	2	...	...	1	9	60	1	124	10	205	1	72	1	72
Georgeto'n Cir.	2	20	162	15	10	...	8	...	14	...	16	3	...	11	15	332	26	210	...	...	...	...
Glen Burnie.....	3	164	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	430	36	241	1	68	...	...
Greenwood .....	22	234	25	26	...	5	1	32	4	...	2	3	25	55	353	25	295	2	55	1	30	
Grove .....	6	150	10	6	...	6	1	6	3	6	1	...	14	12	438	...	225	1	20	...	...	
Hampden .....	4	35	454	58	31	...	16	...	38	11	16	6	1	16	70	151	107	394	1	59	1	9
Harbeson .....	28	225	...	10	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	3	8	3	23	330	40	268	1	32	...	...
Harper's Ferry..	...	99	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	215	...	70	...	...	...	...	...
Harrington .....	37	258	...	...	15	...	...	16	3	...	2	...	9	25	225	39	243	2	40	...	...	
Heathsville .....	...	389	...	...	...	...	...	33	2	5	2	31	...	40	220	...	100	2	50	...	...	
Howard.....	2	192	1	...	3	...	...	3	5	6	5	...	21	5	430	14	200	...	...	...	...	...
Hurlock .....	9	155	13	4	...	26	...	8	2	...	1	...	...	40	335	15	280	2	75	1	35	
Indian River.....	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	7	...	72	...	...	...	...
Jefferson.....	1	...	244	...	4	...	...	8	3	...	2	...	12	2	246	20	261	1	80	2	78	
Keen Memorial.	40	188	14	...	...	...	...	3	3	18	3	5	27	31	220	40	365	1	43	...	...	
Kemptown.....	2	28	518	79	73	1	3	...	85	4	...	5	13	30	80	435	10	350	1	25	...	...
Kennedyville...	1	118	1	3	...	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	4	3	112	15	72	1	16	1	21	
Kent Island.....	...	133	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	1	...	15	5	216	4	100	2	35	...	...	
Lauraville .....	16	82	6	...	...	...	...	12	1	7	1	2	7	15	115	20	132	1	32	1	86	
Laurel, Del.....	1	20	235	1	1	...	...	10	1	6	4	...	18	6	124	65	250	1	40	1	83	
Laurel Circuit ...	1	...	285	...	...	4	...	...	14	...	5	...	10	6	447	27	258	...	...	...	...	
Lawsonia .....	...	115	...	...	3	...	...	60	...	19	1	1	12	162	113	20	120	...	...	...	...	
Leeds.....	19	155	18	2	...	...	...	8	3	...	1	12	2	19	217	10	88	1	31	...	...	
Leipsic .....	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	50	...	...	...	...
Lewes.....	1	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	56	...	...	...	...
Lewistown .....	...	148	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	223	3	166	2	82	...	...	...
Liberty .....	...	203	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	28	10	1	2	5	442	20	225	2	78	2	48	
Lisbon .....	8	280	4	...	2	...	...	1	1	3	2	23	3	544	...	300	1	20	...	...	...	...
Lynchburg.....	2	...	125	...	...	...	...	26	1	4	3	18	7	52	220	220	280	1	17	...	...	...
Mardela.....	1	...	380	97	92	...	4	1	99	2	...	2	5	13	167	456	46	310	2	89	3	90
Mariners .....	...	168	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	15	2	...	...	...	1	16	30	120	...	...	1	28
Middleway .....	3	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	55	55	...	...	...	...
Millville . .....	1	29	157	21	16	...	11	...	16	...	3	2	1	31	49	349	...	295	1	80	1	17
Milton .....	10	160	4	38	...	7	...	43	...	...	...	7	20	7	...	14	7	131	1	45	...	...
Montgomery ...	11	119	...	...	4	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	2	2	228	...	166	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Nebo.....	...	110	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	34	3	...	5	5	110	...	80	1	30	...	...	...
Mt. Tabor.....	1	129	2	2	...	...	...	2	1	2	1	1	9	6	118	41	98	2	42	1	25	
New Church .....	14	242	29	15	...	...	...	15	2	...	...	9	...	36	330	15	220	...	...	...	...	...
Newmarket ...	...	381	...	5	1	10	...	23	2	...	4	3	13	23	447	40	340	2	80	1	25	
Nichols Memo'l	...	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	4	16	...	...	210	16	84	...	...	...	...	...
North Baltimore	1	10	188	10	...	...	...	9	6	...	2	...	5	10	119	17	154	1	35	1	50	
N. C. Avenue ...	2	...	223	...	...	...	...	18	11	7	4	...	20	20	124	90	268	1	58	1	30	

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			Full Members.	Received.	Elected to Membership.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.				Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.	
																							Received.
Oak Grove.....	2	1	156	1	2	2	5	1	8	6	11	1	12	10	38	...	...	...	...				
Oxford .....	20	161	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	5	10	1	20	...	88	1	52	1	54				
Parksley .....	1	272	16	15	...	...	39	...	4	1	2	19	33	236	40	370	2	130	2	80			
Payson Street ...	...	78	...	...	...	...	15	...	8	3	4	1	15	25	179	...	...	1	35				
Pipe Creek.....	...	221	14	14	...	...	19	6	8	3	3	3	15	234	22	154	1	53	...	...			
Pittsville.....	27	361	27	...	...	...	93	1	23	8	16	25	149	438	45	324	2	89	...	...			
Pocomoke City..	15	287	31	16	...	10	19	2	4	8	50	231	20	215	...	...	1	45	...	...			
Pocomoke Circ't	3	174	12	34	...	...	38	7	6	4	4	11	3	22	25	175	1	35	...	...			
Potomac .....	...	127	...	1	...	2	18	5	...	1	14	4	3	41	47	206	1	28	...	...			
Powellville.....	15	140	15	...	...	...	5	3	...	9	18	1	14	1	51	...	...	...	...	...			
Prince George...	4	109	10	10	...	...	11	3	...	2	9	...	20	2	9	20	83	...	...	...	...		
Quantico.....	...	180	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	...	1	2	16	14	75	1	46	...	...	...	...		
Queen Anne.....	1	108	2	1	...	2	4	3	40	2	1	1	13	2	22	8	135	2	48	...	...		
Reliance .....	19	277	2	3	...	1	9	6	...	2	...	10	7	3	42	15	305	1	36	...	...		
R. I. Avenue ...	1	20	597	60	40	...	71	10	10	4	1	16	80	1	50	105	700	1	125	1	101		
Rowlandville...	...	169	...	...	...	...	54	3	20	4	39	25	70	3	32	5	135	2	60	...	...		
Salem .....	12	115	1	...	...	...	...	8	5	...	...	1	1	14	2	80	1	20	1	22	...		
Salisbury .....	30	307	26	4	1	1	33	8	1	3	7	14	78	1	26	95	430	1	73	...	...		
Seaford .....	...	266	...	...	...	...	10	5	23	5	...	18	5	1	23	20	309	1	52	1	80		
Sharptown.....	1	206	27	27	...	...	37	2	...	1	7	35	2	40	20	325	1	62	1	66	...		
Snow Hill.....	41	392	41	71	...	13	1	71	7	16	7	5	11	95	3	35	41	276	1	45	1	50	
South Baltimore	1	6	143	1	1	...	2	5	6	...	3	...	15	3	1	23	27	161	1	40	...	...	
Starr .....	33	291	7	4	...	9	1	16	4	5	4	...	27	20	1	26	25	225	1	47	1	25	
Stewartstown ...	2	10	251	9	8	...	8	1	...	3	11	6	2	34	50	245	2	60	2	35	...	...	
St. James.....	...	164	1	1	...	...	11	3	86	2	3	5	3	2	26	15	165	2	60	...	...		
St. Johns (Canton)	1	21	103	...	...	...	13	1	11	1	...	7	25	1	20	20	309	1	31	...	...		
St. Lukes .....	2	9	185	9	22	1	...	70	3	...	2	5	23	8	1	30	25	375	1	55	...	...	
St. Michaels.....	2	3	141	4	5	...	9	18	3	2	3	...	8	15	2	27	35	152	2	45	...	...	
Susquehanna...	1	...	224	5	5	...	21	2	...	3	3	...	5	3	36	6	170	2	45	...	...		
Talbot .....	11	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	21	...	123	...	...	...	...		
Trinity .....	12	232	...	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	10	...	2	21	10	185	1	30	1	30	...	...	
Union .....	6	160	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	32	...	180	2	43	...	...	...	...	
Union Bridge....	5	161	...	1	...	...	4	8	2	2	1	3	3	2	22	10	124	1	55	...	...	...	
Violetville.....	1	5	73	...	18	1	14	26	1	14	...	9	...	1	24	...	122	1	25	...	...	...	
Wallace Memo'l	8	86	...	2	...	...	2	1	2	2	...	4	1	1	18	3	162	1	70	...	...	...	
Waltersville.....	1	92	177	...	...	...	10	2	8	3	5	15	2	35	15	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Warwick .....	...	156	47	47	...	...	47	...	3	2	38	46	3	22	25	93	1	60	...	...	...	...	
Waverly .....	9	88	18	9	...	9	9	...	7	2	1	16	12	1	20	20	184	1	58	1	50	...	
West Baltimore..	2	9	450	9	10	...	1	24	12	...	7	...	10	9	1	51	95	342	1	65	1	55	
Westminster ....	6	1	294	1	...	...	9	...	6	...	6	...	1	25	42	176	1	83	1	30	...	...	
West Wilming'n	3	11	89	12	29	...	14	...	4	4	3	1	...	23	16	1	21	...	175	1	27	1	25
WilliamSPORT...	...	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	28	4	154	1	24	...	...	...	
Wilmington.....	...	83	...	...	...	...	2	9	15	1	...	17	1	1	8	10	40	1	11	...	...	...	
Wye .....	19	103	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	10	7	2	16	7	67	1	23	1	26	...	...	

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENT 1907-08										
	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.	Total.
Accomac .....	2	2	1	6000	1000	.....	3100	20	22	4	5	14	10	34	36	19	22	166
Alexandria .....	1	1	1	17300	2700	1750	7000	5	20	3	4	12	10	28	30	16	18	141
Alnutt Memor'l .....	1	1	1	55000	6000	.....	14800	32	65	9	13	42	24	99	103	55	63	473
Amelia .....	3	3	1	2000	1000	.....	1500	6	12	2	3	8	6	19	24	11	12	97
Buckeystown .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	9	13	38	15	90	95	52	58	430
Baltimore Ct. ....	3	3	1	6000	2000	.....	5500	10	20	3	4	12	13	28	30	16	18	144
Bedford .....	6	6	1	10000	1000	.....	1900	28	28	5	6	19	15	44	48	24	28	217
Belair .....	4	3	1	11000	7000	.....	9200	19	25	4	5	16	9	39	39	21	24	182
Bethany .....	1	1	.....	4000	.....	510	3000	3	10	3	2	6	12	16	16	9	10	84
Broadway .....	1	1	1	40000	6000	200	10000	15	25	4	5	16	16	39	40	21	24	190
Brooklyn .....	2	2	2	15000	4500	.....	5500	19	20	3	4	12	8	28	30	16	18	139
Cambridge .....	3	3	1	7000	2000	500	6000	12	30	5	6	20	16	47	51	26	30	231
Campbell .....	6	6	.....	4100	.....	.....	.....	12	10	3	2	6	10	16	16	9	10	82
Cannon .....	1	1	.....	1700	.....	.....	1800	4	8	1	2	4	7	9	10	5	6	52
Caroline .....	5	4	1	6500	1000	.....	2600	9	25	4	5	16	14	39	40	21	24	188
Cecil .....	3	3	1	8000	2000	.....	10000	6	22	4	5	14	10	34	36	19	22	166
Centreville .....	1	1	1	13500	2500	.....	6500	28	22	4	5	14	5	34	36	19	22	161
Cherrydale .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	14
Chesapeake .....	2	2	1	6000	2000	110	4100	5	20	3	4	12	8	28	30	16	18	139
Chestertown .....	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	15340	26	60	9	13	38	15	90	95	52	58	430
Chincoteague .....	1	1	1	2500	1000	.....	1500	3	20	3	4	12	10	28	30	16	18	141
Christ Church .....	1	1	.....	8000	.....	2500	3500	4	12	2	3	8	15	19	21	11	12	103
Clayton .....	3	3	1	9000	1700	330	6700	12	25	4	5	16	9	39	40	21	24	183
Clark Memorial .....	1	1	.....	65000	.....	.....	30000	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord .....	3	3	1	5000	500	.....	2500	18	25	4	5	16	10	39	40	21	24	184
Conquest .....	2	2	.....	4000	.....	225	2250	6	10	2	2	6	8	16	16	9	10	79
Crisfield .....	1	1	1	35000	2000	1000	13500	21	45	7	9	28	37	66	69	38	42	341
Crumpton .....	3	3	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	5	15	2	2	10	6	24	24	14	14	111
Cumberland .....	2	2	1	15100	5000	4650	10800	20	25	4	5	16	11	39	40	21	24	185
"    Cir. ....	2	2	.....	2300	.....	200	1600	12	8	1	2	4	12	9	11	5	6	58
Deer Creek .....	2	2	1	4000	1500	.....	2700	11	15	3	2	10	8	24	24	14	14	114
Deer Park .....	4	4	1	7000	1600	.....	6500	10	19	3	4	9	22	24	25	14	15	135
Delmar .....	1	1	1	6000	2000	600	6000	15	25	4	5	16	21	39	40	21	24	195
Delta .....	1	1	1	6000	2500	795	2900	8	20	3	4	12	8	28	30	16	18	139
Denton .....	1	1	1	6000	2500	.....	4500	11	20	3	4	12	10	28	30	16	18	141
Dorchester .....	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6500	40	25	4	5	16	12	39	40	21	24	186
Dover .....	1	1	.....	7000	250	.....	2175	5	10	3	2	6	4	16	16	9	10	76
East Baltimore .....	1	1	1	25000	2000	500	6000	12	45	7	9	28	9	66	69	38	42	313
Easton .....	1	1	1	15000	2000	1200	12885	26	43	7	7	26	6	64	67	35	40	295
Elizabeth .....	1	1	1	16500	5500	8200	14300	10	43	4	7	26	26	64	67	35	40	312
Eutaw .....	1	1	1	1500	2500	.....	2700	9	19	3	4	9	4	24	25	14	15	117
Evergreen .....	1	1	.....	2500	.....	.....	2000	4	10	3	2	6	6	16	16	9	10	78
Fairfax .....	4	4	.....	5000	.....	.....	4000	10	12	3	3	8	13	19	21	11	12	102
Fawn Grove .....	3	3	1	29000	1000	2000	7155	13	25	4	5	16	28	39	40	21	24	202
Federalburg .....	1	1	1	6000	2000	300	4400	9	6	1	2	4	8	9	11	5	6	52
Felton .....	5	5	1	4000	2000	925	3200	3	18	3	4	10	14	25	26	15	17	132
Finksburg .....	4	4	1	20000	2000	1725	12000	21	25	4	5	16	16	39	40	21	24	190
First Ch'h (Newark) .....	1	2	1	65000	8500	13000	33500	16	60	7	13	38	25	88	90	50	54	425
First Ch'h (Wash.) .....	1	1	1	30000	5000	3000	5500	17	25	4	5	16	19	39	40	21	24	193

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1907-08										
	Appointmets.	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.	Total.
Franklin City...	4	4	1	7000	800	.....	3100	20	25	4	5	16	22	39	40	21	24	196
Frederick .....	4	4	1	5500	1500	.....	4700	28	22	4	5	14	19	34	36	19	22	175
Geo'town, D.C.	1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	11100	31	55	8	12	36	8	86	89	49	54	397
Geo'town, Del.	1	1	1	3500	3500	1600	4400	3	19	3	5	12	11	27	25	17	18	137
Geo'town Cir't	3	3	3	3200	.....	.....	2100	3	12	3	3	8	12	19	21	11	12	101
Glenburnie.....	3	3	.....	5200	.....	250	2300	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood.....	2	3	1	10000	2000	315	9800	16	22	4	5	14	17	34	36	19	22	173
Grove .....	4	4	1	6600	700	25	.....	5	15	2	2	10	13	24	24	14	14	118
Hampden .....	1	1	1	16700	1500	.....	12650	18	40	7	8	24	22	59	62	32	40	294
Harbeson.....	3	3	1	3000	1100	.....	.....	3	10	3	2	6	15	6	16	9	10	77
Harpers Ferry..	2	2	1	6000	500	.....	2600	5	18	3	4	10	4	25	26	15	17	122
Harrington .....	2	2	1	15000	1675	.....	4300	20	25	4	5	16	13	39	40	21	24	187
Heathsville.....	5	5	1	14000	1600	200	1000	23	28	5	6	19	6	44	48	24	28	208
Howard .....	4	3 1/2	1	7400	3100	.....	9750	24	22	4	5	14	12	34	36	19	22	168
Hurlock .....	3	4	1	4500	1400	100	3800	9	12	3	3	8	15	19	21	11	12	104
Indian River...	1	1	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	3	5	1	2	4	4	9	11	5	6	47
Jefferson .....	2	2	1	21000	4500	.....	13800	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keen Memorial	1	1	.....	15000	.....	1600	4000	4	18	3	4	10	19	24	23	14	16	131
Kemptown .....	4	4	1	9000	1000	.....	8300	35	20	3	4	12	19	28	30	16	18	150
Kennedyville...	1	1	1	4750	1200	97	4000	11	18	3	4	10	5	25	26	15	17	123
Kent Island .....	2	2	1	7000	1800	.....	1200	15	22	4	5	14	6	34	36	19	22	162
Lauraville .....	1	1	.....	5500	100	2300	3600	3	5	1	2	4	7	9	11	5	6	50
Laurel .....	1	1	1	7000	3500	490	6800	14	32	7	7	21	14	49	52	28	29	239
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	3200	2000	386	4200	10	25	4	5	16	15	39	40	21	24	189
Lawsonia.....	1	1	1	3500	800	500	2900	2	8	1	2	4	7	9	11	5	6	53
Leeds .....	2	2	1	7000	3000	.....	6562	5	20	3	4	12	5	28	30	16	18	136
Leipsic .....	1	1	.....	3000	.....	.....	1500	1	6	1	2	4	3	9	11	5	6	47
Lewes .....	1	1	.....	1500	400	600	1300	1	5	1	2	4	3	9	11	5	6	46
Lewistown .....	2	2	.....	2500	.....	.....	1734	.....	8	1	2	4	9	9	11	5	6	55
Liberty .....	4	4	1	9600	2000	.....	6280	26	20	3	4	12	13	28	30	16	18	144
Lisbon .....	4	4	1	5500	1500	185	4700	25	25	4	5	16	17	39	40	21	24	191
Lynchburg .....	2	1	1	20200	5000	1000	5500	10	25	4	5	16	15	39	40	21	24	189
Mardela .....	4	4	1	8500	1000	224	2500	20	17	3	4	10	18	24	23	14	16	129
Mariners .....	1	1	1	6000	1500	450	4000	4	20	3	4	12	7	28	30	16	18	138
Marley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	2	2	10	13	24	24	14	14	118
Middleway .....	1	1	1	2500	550	.....	1200	1	10	3	2	6	3	16	16	9	10	75
Millville.....	3	3	.....	6000	.....	1083	4200	2	10	3	2	6	17	16	16	9	10	89
Milton .....	1	1	1	3200	1200	300	2800	8	17	3	4	10	7	24	23	14	16	118
Montgomery ..	4	4	.....	5600	.....	.....	3400	7	5	1	2	4	10	9	11	5	6	53
Mt. Nebo.....	2	2	.....	4700	.....	.....	4000	.....	12	3	3	8	4	19	21	11	12	93
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	.....	9500	.....	.....	4500	11	22	4	5	14	6	34	36	19	22	162
New Church. ...	3	3	1	6000	2100	300	3000	16	18	3	4	10	13	25	26	15	17	131
Newmarket ....	4	4	1	12000	2000	250	9000	14	30	5	6	20	19	47	50	26	30	233
Nichols Memo'l	2	2	1	3500	1500	500	2500	3	6	1	2	4	5	9	11	5	6	49
North Baltim'e	1	1	1	36000	6000	6800	19500	31	35	5	8	22	9	50	52	28	36	245
N. C. Ave. ....	1	1	.....	40000	300	5000	11000	15	25	4	5	16	15	39	40	21	24	189
Oak Grove .....	1	1	1	1500	1250	.....	1500	21	13	2	3	9	3	21	23	12	13	99
Oxford .....	1	1	1	3000	2500	.....	3300	13	23	4	5	15	5	37	39	20	22	170





## Financial Summary

### Total for General Interests

	1908	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3009	\$ 26	\$
Conference.....	700	258	
Ministerial Education.....	560		12
Seminary.....	1722		44
College.....	1209	55	
Superannuates.....	3997		13
Church Extension.....	3743	135	
Home Missions.....	2286		375
Foreign Missions.....	2551		258
Special for Foreign Missions.....	6625	1007	
Bible.....	309	17	
Tract.....	262	13	
Church Home.....	909	152	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>27,886</b>	<b>961</b>	

### Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary.....	\$87,710	\$7,120	
Parsonage Rent.....	18,368	1,965	
Current Expenses.....	31,901	2,820	
Sunday School Expenses.....	16,026	1,285	
Building and Improvements.....	51,820	10,364	
Paid on Debt.....	16,423		15,385
Miscellaneous.....	16,492		398
<b>Total for Local Interests.....</b>	<b>288,740</b>	<b>7,776</b>	
<b>Total for all Purposes.....</b>	<b>266,626</b>	<b>8,737</b>	

### Assessments

President.....	\$ 3050	\$ 3011	\$ 39	\$
Conference.....	496	809		313
Ministerial Education.....	634	629	5	
Seminary.....	1917	1895	22	
College.....	1604	1380	224	
Superannuates.....	4576	4526	50	
Church Extension.....	4824	4173	651	
Home Missions.....	2565	2537	28	
Foreign Missions.....	2921	289	30	

CLAYBORNE PHILLIPS,

*Conference Steward.*

## Statistical Summary

## Membership

	1908	1907	Increase	Decrease
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	73	70	3	
Probationers .....	1350	1495		145
Full members.....	26377	25572	795	
Probationers Received.....	1308	1442		133
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1030	849	181	
Probationers Withdrawn.....	6	12		6
Probationers Discontinued.....	369	153		216
Probationers Deceased.....	11	10	1	
Full Members Received .....	2254	1925	329	
Full Members Withdrawn .....	410	368	42	
Full Members Discontinued.....	975	972	3	
Full Members Deceased.....	292	307		15
Adults Baptized .....	296	250	46	
Children Baptized.....	1611	1579	32	
Conversions.....	2864	2724	140	
Sunday Schools.....	280	277	3	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	3660	3568	92	
New Scholars .....	3656	3472	174	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	28312	27455	857	
Y. P. S. C. E. ....	133	137		4
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	5217	5047	170	
Junior C. E. Societies.....	62	65		3
Junior C. E. Members.....	2431	2698		267
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior Societies for Foreign Missions .....	\$ 1224	\$ 804	\$ 420	

## Property

Appointments.....	295	294	1	
Churches .....	292½	290½	2	
Parsonages.....	106	105	1	
Value of Church Property.....	1886828	1752912	133916	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	250675	245460	5215	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	146014	143925	2089	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	848193	795680	52513	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	1859	1989		130

H. L. SCHLINKE,

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*Committee on Statistics.*

# MANUAL

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## RULES OF ORDER

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference

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### ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors 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 the pastor of the church where the Conference is held.

2. 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.

### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

#### RULE I—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:—

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. 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 —."

5. 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.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. 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.

8. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

9. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

10. In the event of the death of any ministerial member the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

11. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

12. 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 \$600 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 II—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.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all 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 a member of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blank 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.

#### COMMITTEES.

RULE III—All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

#### RULE IV—STANDING COMMITTEES:—

1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
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—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sunday Schools—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
15. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Credentials—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.
21. Transportation.
22. Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
23. Our Church Home.

RULE V—Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

#### MOTIONS.

RULE VI—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.

RULE VII—Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII—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.

RULE IX—The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE X—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.

RULE XI—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.

RULE XII—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.

RULE XIII—No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV—In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

## DECORUM.

**RULE XV**—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.

**RULE XVI**—If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

**RULE XVII**—No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

**RULE XVIII**—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.

**RULE XIX**—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.

**RULE XX**—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.

**RULE XXI**—No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto requests it, or unless another requests.

**RULE XXII**—Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

**RULE XXIII**—Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

**RULE XXIV**—After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

**RULE XXV**—A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

**RULE XXVI**—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.

**RULE XXVII**:—

1. 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?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called. In the event of the death

of any member of this Conference the President shall appoint some member to 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 Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and the time and place for Memorial Services for the deceased shall be fixed.

RULE XXVIII—At 10.30 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon. On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday.

RULE XXIX—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. Conference Steward. 4. Church Extension Steward. 5. Superannuate Fund Steward. 6. Foreign Missionary Steward. 7. General Home Missionary Steward. 8. Education Steward. 9. Our Church Home Steward. 10. Bible and Tract Steward. The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant. 11. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen. 12. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX—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 Character.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

RULE XXXI—The Conference shall be opened on the first day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer. On each day following there shall be held a devotional service lasting 30 minutes, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M.

RULE XXXII—The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXIII—The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent, when any delegate, upon recognition by the Chair, may present any business, it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV—The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees, and their reports shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXV—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.

RULE XXXVI—Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXVII—Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

**RULE XXXVIII**—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 XXXIX**—When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to 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.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

**RULE XL**—The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

**RULE XLI**—The assessment of \$3,000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: Seventy-five per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. Twenty-five per cent. 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.

**RULE XLII**—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.

**RULE XLIII**—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 Character for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

#### DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuate Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward, Educational Steward, Our Church Home Steward, and Bible and Tract Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

#### 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 the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

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 baptised, 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 the Minutes.

#### EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:—

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear reports—
  - a. From pastor and associates.
  - b. From superannuates.
  - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
  - d. From class leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.
  - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorters and preachers' license for itinerancy and orders pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.
13. Hear suggestions from the Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.

15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

#### 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 2 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher and lay male 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars.

of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to the *Methodist Protestant* for publication, and 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.

#### MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### CAMP-MEETINGS.

Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

1. 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.

2. 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.

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.

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.

## MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for church extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

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

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

5. 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 sustained. 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.

6. 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 other 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 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 session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

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

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

13. 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.

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

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

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

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

#### SUPERANNUATE FUND REGULATIONS.

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

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuate Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The Committee in making appropriations shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference. 2. The value of said service to the Conference. 3. The size of family. 4. The peculiarities of location, etc. 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuate Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuate Fund Society.

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

6. The Steward of the Superannuate Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuate Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5 in addition to the Superannuate Collection, to assist any person who may be placed on the Superannuate List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuate Fund Society shall furnish Superannuate Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said 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? Ages of your children, respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
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