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183	S. A. Hoblitzell	1859	1860	303	J. W. Norris	1884	1886
187	J. L. Mills	1860	1862	308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886
194	J. W. Gray	1861	1863	309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887
196	J. B. Jones	1861	1862	310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885
203	J. D. Kinzer	1863	1865	312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887
205	W. D. Litsinger	1863	1865	315	J. F. Wooden	1886	1889
213	R. S. Rowe	1865	1865	318	B. P. Truitt	1887	1889
215	J. M. Holmes	1865	1867	320	E. H. VanDyke	1887	1889
220	A. W. Mather	1866	1868	321	G. W. Haddaway	1888	1890
226	D. L. Greenfield	1868	1870	324	H. W. D. Johnson	1888	1891
234	J. L. Straughn	1870	1872	326	G. R. Hodge	1889	1891
241	F. T. Tagg	1870	1871	328	W. S. Phillips	1889	1892
246	A. A. Harryman	1871	1873	330	C. E. McCullough	1889	1891
248	J. G. Sullivan	1871	1873	332	H. S. Johnson	1890	1892
252	F. T. Little	1872	1873	337	R. K. Lewis	1891	1893
253	S. B. Tredway	1872	1874	338	L. F. Warner	1891	1893
255	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891
257	W. R. Graham	1873	1874	340	Avery Donovan	1891	1892
259	W. J. D. Lucas	1873	1876	341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.
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261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	343	L. A. Bennett	1892	1892
262	J. A. Wiegand	1874	1876	344	C. M. Cullum	1892	1893
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269	C. S. Arnett	1875	1878	346	E. S. Fooks	1892	1894
270	J. M. Sheridan	1875	1877	347	A. H. Green	1892	1894
277	T. H. Lewis	1876	1876	350	C. K. McCaslin	1892	1893
278	J. W. Trout	1876	1879	352	Louis Randall	1892	1894
280	S. J. Smith	1877	1881	354	J. A. Wright	1892	1892
285	D. W. Anstine	1879	1882	355	G. M. Clayton	1893	1896
286	F. C. Klein	1879	1881	356	J. McL. Brown	1893	1894
289	J. L. Elderdice	1880	1883	357	George Hines	1893	1896
290	G. R. McCready	1880	1883	358	W. B. Judefind	1893	1896
293	J. S. Bowers	1881	1884	359	E. C. Makosky	1893	1895
294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883	360	C. P. Nowlin	1893	1895
295	J. E. Nicholson	1881	1875	362	G. L. Wolfe	1893	1895
297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885	363	A. S. Beane	1893	1891
299	S. F. Cassen	1886	1886	364	G. J. Hill	1894	1894

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370	H. L. Schlincke	1895	1897	417	G. I. Humphreys	1904	1906
371	C. E. Dryden	1895	1897	418	J. E. Litsinger	1904	1906
372	H. O. Keen	1895	1898	420	W. B. Elliott	1904	1907
373	G. A. Morris	1895	1898	421	F. M. Clift	1904	1906
375	F. L. Stevens	1895	1897	423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907
376	A. N. Ward	1895	1897	424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907
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. Stocksdales	1896	1899	432	L. B. Smith	1906	1907
383	H. F. Wright	1896	1897	433	J. A. Kittell	1906	Tr.
387	W. A. Melvin	1897	1898	434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.
388	E. T. Read	1897	1899	436	E. L. Bunce	1907	1907
389	J. L. Ward	1897	1899	437	H. B. Jester	1907	1909
393	C. M. Zepp	1899	1900	438	P. L. Rice	1907	1909
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	445	E. L. Beauchamp	1909	....
403	E. H. Jones	1900	1905	446	J. R. Horsey	1909	....
405	J. H. Straughn	1901	1903	447	M. E. Hungerford	1909	....
406	C. R. Strausburg	1901	1904	448	J. R. Wright	1909	....
409	P. W. Crosby	1903	1904	449	A. J. Torrey	1909	....
411	G. J. Hooker	1903	1904	450	A. B. Dupuy	1909	....
412	F. P. Krauss	1903	1905	451	J. E. Massey	1909	1909
413	Clayborne Phillips	1903	1905	452	J. R. Gaar	1909	

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		Geo. F. Stewart
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5. On Request of C. E. Redeker—F. T. Little, H. L. Elderdice, S. J. Smith, Thos. J. Wilson, T. P. Fisher.
6. On Nominating Board of Managers of the Deaconess Society—S. J. Smith, F. T. Benson, W. T. Ballard.
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8. Item of Sunday School Committee Report—G. W. Haddaway, E. D. Stone, W. W. Smith.
9. Members of Executive Committee of Anti-Saloon League—J. W. Kirk, D. W. Anstine, W. B. Judefind, H. C. Staley, T. H. Bartlett.
10. Delegates to the National Convention Anti-Saloon League—S. J. Smith, S. B. Tredway, Dorsey Blake, J. Bibb Mills, James H. Roberts.
11. Program Committee—J. M. Sheridan, W. S. Phillips, T. O. Crouse, T. A. Murray, W. O. Attwood, Harry Gilligan.
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Preparatory Course

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

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

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

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—Lewis' The Divine Credentials. Theology.
Examiner not named—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.
Students—E. L. Beauchamp, J. R. Horsey, J. R. Wright, M. E. Hungerford, A. J. Torrey, A. B. Dupuy.

Seminarrians prepare and forward thesis on "Proofs of the Existence of God" to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st, 1910.

Second Year's Class

- D. L. GREENFIELD—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, G. E. Bevans.

Seminarrians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to H. C. Cushing on or before February 1st, 1910.

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, E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, 1910, 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. Graduates from our College who are also graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary are excused from the studies of this course.

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.

S. J. SMITH, in Greek—1st Peter, 1st chapter.

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. L. MILLS, President.

J. S. BOWERS, Secretary.

JOURNAL

First Day—Wednesday

Baltimore, Md., April 7, 1902.

The Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its Eighty-first Annual Session this day at 9 o'clock A. M., in St. John's Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md.

The President, J. M. Sheridan, conducted the devotional exercises, reading the eighty-fourth Psalm and the twelfth chapter of Romans. The Conference then joined in singing hymn 11 of the Methodist Protestant Hymnal, "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim." The President led in the prayer. The Conference was then called to order for business.

W. M. Strayer was called to the chair, and the President read his report, (Report A), after which reading, his character was passed. The President read the list of the standing committees and the appointments for the morning devotional exercises. (See List).

The roll of ministers was then called. The names of H. C. Cushing, on motion of A. W. Mather, and J. T. Lassell, on motion of T. O. Crouse, were placed on the Dead Roll. All ministers and preachers answered present except, S. A. Hoblitzell, D. L. Greenfield, J. G. Sullivan, S. B. Tredway, W. J. D. Lucas, S. J. Smith, G. R. McCready, E. O. Ewing, E. A. Warfield, J. W. Norris, B. W. Kindley, E. H. Van Dyke, H. W. D. Johnson, G. R. Hodge, C. E. McCullough, L. F. Warner, A. H. Green, C. K. McCaslin, Louis Randall, G. M. Clayton, J. McL. Brown, W. B. Judefind, G. L. Wolfe, G. J. Hill, F. S. Cain, G. A. Morris, F. L. Stevens, A. N. Ward, F. J. Phillips, N. C. Clough, J. D. Smith, J. A. Kittell, W. S. Hanks, P. L. Rice.

The roll call of delegates was deferred, and a recess was taken until the order of the day.

At 10.30 o'clock the order was observed. The Conference sang hymn 482, "The Morning Light is Breaking." F. C. Klein offered prayer, and G. W. Haddaway read Psalms two and twenty-four. The Conference then joined in singing hymn 195, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." F. T.

Benson, the Conference appointee, preached the Conference Sermon on 'The Ideal of Jesus,' taking as his text Isaiah, forty-fifth chapter, twenty-second and twenty-third verses, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

The doxology was then sung, and conference adjourned with benediction.

Afternoon

The President called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock. The roll of laymen was called. Harry Hammond of Alexandria, and Samuel M. Welsh of Cecil, alternates, were placed on the roll. H. E. Barrow was registered as delegate from Evergreen. All delegates responded except James H. Roberts, J. A. Snyder, O. W. Gent, Oliver S. Foard, Robert R. Busch, John W. Creager, Wm. J. Twilley, H. C. Adams, Wm. E. Saulsbury, Samuel Burgess, Col. Wm. J. Vannort, Lewis Cheericks, A. C. R. Seeman, A. L. Stewart, James W. Barnes, F. W. Growden, John Dunlap, Wm. H. Buckingham, J. D. Mills, C. F. Jenness, T. Pliny Fisher, J. Thos. Lowe, W. W. Park, H. E. Barrow, George M. Kidwell, H. F. Stowell, Edward Dill, F. D. Holloway, Jonathan Wilson, C. B. Jarman, Wm. H. Deputy, Oscar Nichols, Isaac S. Crowther, Geo. A. Rust, C. B. Wentzell, Wm. I. Simpson, L. E. Hall, Wm. H. Wachter, George W. Trice, Noah Harmon, J. O. Barnes, Wm. T. Baxter, E. P. Cockey, Willard H. Ellis, John H. Shiles, John Anthony, Edward T. Wilson, Frank E. Johnson, Geo. H. Bussard, R. E. Cromwell, B. W. Bowman, J. G. Nowlin, I. W. Daugherty, B. C. Roberts, Geo. W. Atkins, Chas. Smith, Frank B. Harman, J. H. Chamberlain, L. Y. Thornton, A. Henry Crout, E. A. Cairnes, H. T. Mason, Joseph Englar, S. M. Pussey, Frank M. Wilson, Levin H. LeCates, Thos. J. Wilson, William R. Hall, F. S. Robertson, E. J. Owens, W. W. Smith, R. G. Nicholson, F. R. Keyser, Geo. G. Geikler, J. M. MasKlem, Frank R. Mullikin, E. W. Tull, R. J. Mills, Robert Fuss, John R. Schafer, S. F. Johnson, Louis P. King, Jesse H. Linthicum, George W. Babylon, Melvin B. Wright, Geo. R. Boggs, Risdon Bishop, William Adolph.

The report of the Program Committee, fixing the order of sessions, was read by the Secretary and adopted. (Report W).

The Committee on Fraternal Relations announced the reception of a communication from the Baltimore City Methodist Episcopal preachers

meeting, that a fraternal delegation had been appointed to visit this Conference. On motion, the time to receive the delegation was fixed for Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Secretary read his report, calling attention to the unfinished business of last session, and giving his financial statement. The report was adopted. (Report B).

On motion of C. E. Redeker, the first seven rows of seats were reserved for the use of the Conference.

The report of the special committee, appointed last Conference to consider the two Recommendations of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, was offered by F. T. Little, chairman. (See Report G). On motion of the Secretary, the discussion of the report was deferred until after the order of the day, which was the election of officers. On motion of F. T. Tagg, the order for 10.30 A. M., Thursday, should be the report of the special committee on the Deaconess Movement, changing the printed order for Pastor's report to 10 A. M. The motion was amended to read 2.30 P. M., and was so passed.

The hour of the day, 2.30, having arrived, the Conference proceeded to the election of officers. The President appointed as tellers, E. C. Macosky, N. O. Gibson, W. T. Ballard and J. F. Miller. The vote for President was taken with the following result: J. M. Sheridan, 128; W. R. Graham, 12; F. T. Little, 1; D. L. Greenfield, 1; J. M. Gill, 7; J. W. Balderston, 1; S. J. Smith, 1; J. L. Elderdice, 1. The Secretary declared J. M. Sheridan elected President.

On motion of the Conference, the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for W. S. Phillips as Secretary, who appointed J. H. Straughn and G. I. Humphreys his assistants. On separate motions, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the following Stewards: Conference, Clayborne Phillips; Church Extension, R. L. Shipley; Superannuate, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, H. O. Keen; General Home Missions, C. R. Strausburg; Educational, E. P. Perry; Our Church Home, B. F. Rulley; Bible and Tract, G. E. Brown.

The vote on the standing District Committee was taken, and the tellers retired to count the ballot. The chairman of the Church Reception Committee, W. O. Atwood, was introduced, and extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The vote for the Committee on Appeals was taken, tellers being appointed as follows: C. E. Dryden, C. E. Redeker, T. C. Sellers, and A. R. Lewis, who retired to count the vote. The chairman of the Committee on Credentials announced the absence of G. M. Clayton from Conference. The President appointed G. A. Morris as his successor on that Committee.

The report of the Special Committee, on the suggestions of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, was taken from the table and considered seriatim. The preamble, concurring in recommendation of the suggestions of the Board of Managers, that the Church Extension Society secure in advance of Conference all possible information from those charges seeking aid from Conference was adopted. Recommendation one, making the Church Extension Committee a continuous committee, was adopted; two, that blanks for information be printed and be sent to the charges seeking aid from the Conference, was adopted; three, that the Committee bring the reports to Conference and that it be guided in its appropriations by that information, was adopted; four, that the Secretary of the Conference out of the Conference funds, defray the expense of printing the blanks, was adopted; five, instructing the Conference Steward to withhold payment when conditions were not complied with, was adopted; six, that this Committee should report only on cases referred to it by the Conference and by the President, was adopted; seven, that this report be printed in the Manual under "Missionary Regulations," was adopted; eight, that this plan become operative immediately upon the rise of this session, was adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole. (See Report G). A resolution was offered by C. P. Nowlin that the Conference purchase an adding machine to assist the Stewards and Statisticians in their work. An amendment was adopted to rent instead of purchasing, and the amended resolution was then adopted. (Resolution 1). F. T. Tagg offered a resolution that a Committee of three be appointed to define the relation between the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society and the Committee on Church Extension with its recently added powers. After discussion the resolution failed to pass.

A motion to adjourn was withdrawn. The tellers on the vote for Standing District Committee reported, J. D. Kinzer and W. R. Graham elected. On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for J. L. Straughn as third ministerial member of the Committee. W. G. Baker and T. P. Fisher were elected as laymen on the Committee, and W. B. Usilton was declared elected by the Secretary as the third member.

The report of the tellers on the vote for the Committee on Appeals was read. J. L. Mills was elected, and on motion, J. D. Kinzer and W. M. Strayer were also declared elected by vote of the Secretary. No laymen were elected, and on motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for T. E. Harrison, A. R. Lewis and W. T. Ballard. The chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations presented to the President, G. R. Brown, D. D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, C. H. Hubbell,

D. D., Secretary of Our Young People's Work, and C. L. Queen, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, who in turn introduced them to the Conference.

On motion of H. L. Elderdice, F. J. Phillips was elected Steward of the Silver Jubilee Fund of the Westminster Theological Seminary. The Secretary announced that a map had been prepared by G. A. Ogg, showing the location of all the Churches of the Conference, and that copies of the map could be had from the Agent of the Book Concern.

After other announcements the Conference adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, with the benediction by G. E. Brown.

Evening

The meeting Wednesday evening was held in the interest of "The Call of Young Men to the Ministry," and was presided over by H. L. Elderdice. Enforced absence from sickness having detained President W. D. MacKenzie, of Hartford Seminary, who was to have been the speaker of the evening, addresses were made by Rêv. George R. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, by Daniel Baker, of Baltimore, and by T. H. Lewis.

Second Day—Thursday

The Conference session began with the morning devotional exercises at 9 o'clock, conducted by G. A. Morris. At 9.30 o'clock the President called the Conference to order for business. The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll of the absentees of yesterday was called, and the following ministers failed to answer to their names: J. G. Sullivan, W. J. D. Lucas, E. A. Warfield, E. H. Van Dyke, H. W. D. Johnson, G. R. Hodge, L. F. Warner, G. M. Clayton, G. L. Wolfe, F. L. Stevens, A. N. Ward, N. C. Clough.

G. R. Hodge was reported ill in explanation of his absence.

In the list of delegates, the following changes were made: J. H. Morgan, alternate, from Greenwood; J. T. Young, alternate, from Pocomoke City; F. M. Bell, alternate, from Bethany, were placed on the roll.

The following, who were absent yesterday, answered present: Oliver S. Foard, Wm. J. Twilley, Wm. E. Saulsbury, Col. Wm. J. Vannort, Lewis Cheericks, A. L. Stewart, F. W. Growden, John T. Dunlap, Chas. E. Nich-

ols, W. W. Park, Edward Dill, C. B. Jarman, Wm. H. Deputy, Isaac S. Crowther, L. E. Hall, W. H. Wachter, Albert Hamlin, Geo. W. Atkins, J. T. Young, Thos. J. Wilson, John R. Schafer, S. F. Johnson, Risdon Bishop, William Adolph.

Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, and Dr. Widerman, of the Maryland Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference, and a short address was made by Dr. Widerman. At his request, F. T. Little was excused until Saturday.

The roll was called at the order of the day, and pastors deposited their reports.

On motion of J. W. Trout, E. L. Beauchamp was appointed to receive the offerings for the President's Parsonage Guild, and was ordered to report to the Ladies' Guild.

The roll of charges was called, and delegates deposited papers for the consideration of the Conference. The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was read, giving the financial statement of the year, and was referred to the Board of Finance. (See Report A).

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory was offered by J. L. Mills, Secretary. (See Report J). The report shows an increase in the subscription list of the "Methodist Protestant," and a decrease this year of \$473.00 below the loss of last year. The net gain of the Directory for the year is \$1391.08. The report states the decision of the Directory to occupy the entire lower floor of the building, because of increase of business.

While the report was pending, T. R. Woodford, publishing agent, and F. T. Tagg, editor of the "Methodist Protestant," addressed the Conference.

The order of the day arrived, and C. H. Hubbell, D. D., Secretary of Our Young People's Work, addressed the Conference. At the conclusion of his address, the order was deferred, and a paper from the Layman's Association of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was read, and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

By common consent, F. T. Tagg was excused from the session of the Conference until Monday, on account of the death of his mother.

The order of the day for 3.30 o'clock was made to hear Doctor Brown in the interest of Ministerial Education.

The report of Our Church Home was read, (See Report D), showing a probable deficit in the income of the year, and recommending to the consideration of this Conference, the enlargement of their present building. On motion of D. L. Greenfield, the report was sent to the Committee on Our Church Home with instructions to report Friday.

A resolution was offered by T. H. Lewis, extending to Doctor Tagg, in the loss of his mother, the sympathy of the Conference. The resolution was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 2).

On motion of F. T. Little, the report of the Baltimore Directory was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report J).

After several announcements, the Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Afternoon

The meeting opened at 2.30 o'clock with the President in the chair. A paper from Rev. C. E. Sheppard, President of the Board of West Lafayette College, requesting the loan of J. H. Straughn for another year was read and referred to the Committee of Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

A letter from F. L. Stevens, asking to be excused from this session of the Conference was read and request granted.

A letter was also received from G. M. Clayton, explaining his absence from Conference.

On motion of F. T. Little, the Secretary was instructed to reply to both papers.

A letter from E. H. Van Dyke of Tokio, Japan, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

W. R. Graham made a request for G. R. McCready, that he be left without an appointment for a year; the request was granted.

The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

A resolution was introduced by J. W. Kirk that H. L. Elderdice be requested to prepare and to publish a pamphlet on "The Call to the Ministry," and was adopted. (Resolution 3).

By common consent papers were referred to the Committee on Missions.

The request of J. L. Straughn for a superannuate relation was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Doctor Rowland, delegate from North Baltimore, was granted the floor of the Conference, and extended to the laymen of the Conference an invitation from the Laymen's Association to be its guests at a supper Friday evening in North Baltimore Church.

The order of the day, the report of the Committee on the Deaconess

Movement, was suspended to hear the report of the President of Western Maryland College. (See Report P). The report was referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Committee on the Deaconess movement was read, calling attention to the adoption of the movement by the General Conference, and advising an immediate organization in the Conference, and giving direction for its administration. There was a discussion as to the best means of financing the work. W. S. Phillips made a motion that a committee of three ministers and three laymen be appointed to devise and to report a plan of action. T. O. Crouse offered a substitute that the board provided for by the General Conference be authorized to proceed and to finance the movement. The substitute was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report W).

A resolution was adopted that the Conference Sermon be published in the Conference Minutes. (Resolution 4).

After announcements the Conference adjourned.

Evening

The interests of Our Young People's Work were discussed at the evening session of Thursday. G. W. Haddaway presided. Mr. William Shaw, Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and C. H. Hubbel, D. D., Secretary of Our Young People's Board, made addresses.

Third Day—Friday

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by C. M. Zepp. The President called the Conference to order for business at 9.30 o'clock, and the minutes were read. The roll was not called.

The alternate from Harrington, Wm. J. Potter, and the alternate from Montgomery, Wm. D. Darby, were placed on the roll by common consent.

Reports were called for, according to the Conference program. The report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference was read, stating the election of officers, and that the term of J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, N. T. Meginnis and J. W. Hering will expire with this Conference. The report was adopted. (Report C).

On motion of W. M. Strayer, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the re-election of the same men; this was done.

H. L. Elderdice read the report of the Board of Governors of the Theological Seminary. (See Report P). The year just closing was the best in its history, with thirty-five students in attendance. The report also states a number of subscriptions to the Seminary and a bequest to the Endowment fund during the year, and the report with its five recommendations was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on President's Report. (See Report A). On motion of J. E. Nicholson, it was considered by items.

Item one, expressing pleasure at the success attending the work of the ministers and churches, was adopted. The following items were also adopted. Two, expressing gratitude to Mrs. Reese and St. John's and Pipe Creek Benevolent Agencies; three, referring to the work of the Conference Parsonage Guild; four, endorsing the words of the President of Conference to increase Church Extension work; five, giving the thanks of the Conference for the gift of a lot in Arlington for a church; six, placing Taylor Memorial Church on the roll of charges. Item seven, increasing the superannuate assessment to \$5,000.00, with the provision that ten per cent. of the amount paid in should go to a permanent investment, was discussed.

During the discussion, the order of the day arrived, and the Fraternal Delegation from the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of Revs. Neal, Watson, Brown, Murray, and Davis, was introduced to the Conference. Dr. Watson addressed the Conference on behalf of the Committee, and was responded to by the President of this Conference.

At 10.40 o'clock, the Conference again resumed discussion of item seven of the Report of the Committee on President's Report.

C. P. Nowlin offered an amendment that not ten per cent., but the remainder left when appropriations were paid in full should be applied to the investment fund. G. W. Haddaway offered a substitute, that each minister and delegate be a Committee of one to raise funds during the year for the investment fund. T. H. Lewis suggested the advisability of placing a man in the field to raise ten thousand dollars, and J. L. Mills offered a substitute for the whole, that this Conference pledge itself to a canvass for ten thousand dollars, and place T. H. Lewis in the field as the agent. C. P. Nowlin withdrew his former amendment.

S. J. Smith moved to make the discussion of the substitute the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

The President made some announcements with reference to the appointments.

W. M. Strayer was excused from the afternoon session.

The order of the day was suspended, and Revs. Harris and Prettyman, the Fraternal Delegation from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Baltimore Conference, were introduced to the Conference, and greetings were received from Rev. Mr. Harris.

The time for adjournment being near, it was extended long enough for C. L. Queen, D. D., of the Board of Home Missions, to address the Conference, and at 12.40 o'clock Conference took a recess.

Afternoon

The Conference began the afternoon session with a song, with the President in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Conference Transportation reported to the effect that it had been unable to secure any satisfactory arrangements for the Conference. The report was adopted. (Report U).

A letter from A. N. Ward, regretting his inability to attend Conference, and requesting a continuance of his relation as a loan to the Board of Home Missions, was read; his request was granted, and the communication referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The report of the Committee on Credentials, calling attention to the unlawfulness of pastors presiding at membership meetings, and placing J. H. Morgan from Greenwood, S. J. Wimmer from Frederica, and William Adolph from Taylor Memorial, on the Conference lay roll, was read and adopted. (Report S).

The report of the Pulpit Supply Committee, J. W. Kirk, chairman, was read and adopted.

A resolution was introduced by H. S. Johnson that there should be one envelope covering all contributions for education. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 5).

A partial report of the Faculty was made. (See Report F). It recommended the reception of E. L. Beauchamp, J. R. Horsey, M. E. Hungerford, J. R. Wright, Arthur J. Torrey, A. B. Dupuy, and J. E. Massey into the Conference; grading and passing students in the various classes, and also recommended that H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice, J. E. Massey, and W. W. Johnson be ordained. Each item of the report was adopted. (See Report F).

J. L. Mills was called to the chair.

The hour of the day having arrived, G. R. Brown, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the Conference.

J. E. Maloy was granted personal privilege, and addressed the Conference in commemoration of his semi-centennial membership in the Conference, following which the Conference joined in singing the "Home of the Soul."

Ex-Mayor Latrobe was introduced to the Conference.

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

The report of the Committee on Our Church Home was read by the Secretary, commending the management of the Home, and opening the churches of the District to the management of the Home for raising the necessary funds for enlarging the building. Dr. J. W. Hering, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Home addressed the Conference by invitation. The report was then adopted. (Report D).

Dr. McIlvane, Secretary of the Maryland Tract Society, was introduced to the Conference, and spoke in reference to his work.

The report of the Educational Steward, E. P. Perry, was as follows: Amount contributed for Ministerial Education, \$589.00; for Seminary, \$1585.00; for College, \$1563.00. The report was adopted. (See Report P).

B. F. Ruley, Church Home Steward, reported \$906.37 paid. (See Report D).

F. A. Covey, alternate from Harper's Ferry, was placed on the roll.

A resolution, amending the rules that Conference shall convene annually on the first Wednesday of April, except when Easter would be the Conference Sunday, when the Conference shall convene on the second Wednesday of April, was laid on the table for a day, according to rules.

A petition from the Wilmington First Church, requesting that it be left unsupplied in order to make a payment on its debt this year, was read, and the request granted.

J. W. Kirk offered a resolution that the Conference assessments for the year be \$800.00, and that the amount beyond Secretary's expenditure shall be paid to the entertaining church.

T. H. Lewis was called to the chair.

G. W. Haddaway offered a substitute that each Church of the Conference shall hereafter provide for the entertainment of its pastor and delegate. The substitute was lost. The original motion was then put, and it also failed to carry.

The order of the day for 10.30 o'clock, Saturday, was fixed to receive the new class to be admitted to the Itinerary.

Conference then adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Fourth Day—Saturday

W. N. Sherwood conducted the morning devotional services. At 9.30 o'clock the President took the chair, and called the Conference to order for business. The minutes were read, and after a part had been expunged, were approved.

The President appointed W. N. Sherwood to succeed E. L. Bunce as postmaster. Mr. Bunce is unable to be present for the remainder of the session.

By common consent, papers were referred to the Faculty of Instruction. Reports were called for.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance submitted its report, which was adopted. (Report R).

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was suspended to hear the report of the Committee on the Appointment of Conference Evangelist. The report advises the appointment of a Conference Evangelist, but is unable to suggest anyone. The report was adopted. (Report Y).

The order of the day was the consideration of item seven in the report of the Committee on President's Report, which pertains to the amount of the assessment. It was stated in open Conference that T. H. Lewis had agreed to act as agent for the investment. A division of the item, however, was called for, so that it could be acted on separately. The division, was not sustained, and on motion a substitute offered by J. L. Mills was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 15). Item eight of the report, approving the appointment of a Program Committee, was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (See Report A).

The order of the day for 10.30 o'clock was the reception of members into Conference. The Secretary called the names of the candidates, as follows: E. L. Beauchamp, J. R. Horsey, M. E. Hungerford, J. R. Wright, A. J. Torrey, A. B. Dupuy, J. E. Massey.

The President of the Faculty presented the candidates to the President. They then gave pledge in open Conference that they would continue the course of study. The President then, with several remarks, gave them his right hand of welcome into the Itinerancy.

J. L. Mills was called to the chair.

C. E. Redeker was granted personal privilege, and asked for his Credentials, as he desires to make a transfer to another Conference, and on motion, his request was granted.

W. S. Phillips submitted to the Conference a paper called Revision and

Amendment of the Manual. The main import of the Revision was in the reduction of the number of Committees, combining some, discontinuing others, in the manner of voting, etc. He offered the suggestion that the paper lay on the Secretary's table for the inspection of the members of Conference, but on a motion of T. O. Crouse, the entire matter was referred to a special Committee, who shall report on Monday. The President appointed F. T. Little, J. L. Mills, T. Pliny Fisher.

The General Home Mission Steward, C. R. Strausburg, reported that \$2576.00 was paid in for Home Missions, which was an excess of \$11.00 over the assessment. The report was adopted. (See Report Q).

The Bible and Tract Steward, G. E. Brown, reported \$185.00 paid for Bible, and \$141.00 for Tract, and his report was adopted. (See Report M).

J. B. Jones stated in Conference that his assessments for Home and Foreign Missions had been raised by the Christian Endeavor Society of his charge, and by leave of Conference, record of this same was granted in these Minutes.

J. H. Straughn, Assistant Secretary, was excused until Monday noon.

At 11.30 o'clock Conference gave way to the annual meeting of the Church Extension Society. (See Minutes of Society).

At 11.50 o'clock Conference again resumed its session. There was a motion to adjourn, but it was lost, and on further motion, the Conference gave place to a meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society. (See Minutes of Society).

Fifth Day—Sunday

By appointment, the Ordination Sermon was preached by D. W. Anstine from Matthew 25, 29, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

At the close of the sermon, the Secretary presented to the President, Harry B. Jester, Philip L. Rice, James E. Massey, and Willard W. Johnson, for ordination to the office of Elders in the Church of Christ. The President was assisted in the ordination services by W. M. Strayer, F. T. Little, J. W. Kirk and W. S. Phillips. Each candidate was presented with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

Afternoon

At 3 o'clock the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held under the direction of the President, J. M. Sheridan. Following this sacred service, G. Q. Bacchus read the Dead Roll. Dr. Henry Caleb Cushing was eulogized by T. O. Crouse, S. A. Hoblitzell, F. T. Benson, S. J. Smith, Samuel Roe, and Prof. Reisler. W. S. Phillips, in the absence of the members of the Obituary Committee, by request, read the obituary. Dr. James Thomas Lassell had tributes paid to his memory and good works by T. O. Crouse, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. E. Nicholson, and F. T. Little.

Easter services were held in the evening by the Sunday School of the Conference Church.

Sixth Day—Monday

The devotional exercises were conducted by F. M. Clift, and at 9.30 o'clock J. W. Kirk by common consent took the chair and called the Conference to order for business. The Minutes were read and approved.

J. L. Ward had been called home for a funeral, and on motion, he was excused from the program of tonight.

A motion was offered by W. S. Phillips that the resolution fixing the time of convening the Annual Conference should become a part of the Manual and was adopted. (Resolution 6).

The Foreign Mission Steward, H. O. Keen, reported \$8402.00 paid in for foreign missions from all sources during the year. His report was adopted. (See Report Q).

The report of the Committee on Temperance, rejoicing in the vast advances in temperance sentiment and legislation, and urging our pastors to the fullest cooperation in temperance movements, was read and adopted. (Report L).

The Committee on Education submitted its report. (Report P). This report rejoices in the forward movements of Western Maryland College, and urges our people to the fullest cooperation with the College. The recommendation granting the loan of E. A. Warfield to the College for another year was adopted. The report also recommends the Westminster Theological Seminary, and concurs in the recommendation of the Board of Governors that our ministers contribute to the Library fund, that our laymen contribute to the Scholarship fund, that our people plan for the endowment

of the Seminary, that our ministers preach on "The Call to the Ministry," and that the same assessment as usual be laid on the District. The report was adopted as a whole. (Report P).

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and on motion it was considered in two items. Item one recommends the formation of Adult Bible Classes and Teachers' Training Classes, endorses the work of our Young People's Board; and recommends that at least one free will offering by each church be made to the Board each year. It was adopted. Item two recommends the organization of a Sunday School Union to cooperate with the Christian Endeavor Union of the Conference. After discussion of the item it was referred to a Committee to report at the next Annual Conference. The report was then adopted. (Report K).

A motion was made to suspend the order of the day to hear the report of the Committee on Superannuates. The motion was adopted. The report was read, and according to rule was laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

By common consent the order of the day was again suspended to hear a statement from the President of the Conference to the effect that since granting the request of C. E. Redeker for his Credentials, information had been received by him that made it advisable to reconsider this action, and to place the request in the hands of a special Committee. A motion for reconsideration was carried, and a further motion was carried that a special Committee of five be appointed to investigate the case, and to report to the Conference as early as possible.

The order was again suspended to hear from the President of the Faculty, regarding the reception by certificate of J. R. Garr, who was then formally received by the President.

The report of the Committee on Literature was read. It reviews at length the report of the Baltimore Book Directory, urging our people to fullest cooperation with the Directory. The report congratulates F. T. Tagg, Editor, and T. R. Woodford, Agent, upon their work during the year. The report also calls attention to the Intermediate Catechism, prepared by Dr. Tagg. Following the reading of the report there was a general discussion in the interest of a larger circulation for the "Methodist Protestant." An amendment that the Annual Conference send a message to each Quarterly Conference, urging the support in securing subscribers for the "Methodist Protestant," and that the Secretary of the Conference forward this to the Quarterly Conference, was offered and adopted. The report as amended was then adopted. (Report J).

The following Special Committee to consider the request of C. E. Red-

eker was appointed: F. T. Little, H. L. Elderdice, S. J. Smith, T. J. Wilson, T. P. Fisher.

The report of the Committee on General Missions was then taken up. The report reviews the work of the Board of Home Missions with interest and pleasure. It also calls attention to the illustrated lectures of F. C. Klein, Missions Secretary, and opens our churches to him. It also commends the Maryland, and Washington and Alexandria Branches of the W. F. M. S. The report was adopted as a whole. (Report Q).

The Committee on Benevolent Agencies submitted its report. It recommended that special attention be given to the Bible and Tract interests. The report was adopted. (Report M).

The order of the day was suspended on a resolution that the Secretary of the Conference send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. T. A. Reese in her illness, and assure her of the prayers of the Conference. It was adopted. (Resolution 7).

The report of the Committee on Christian Endeavor was read. The report expresses the membership of the society in the Conference, and gives as the number of conversions in the Societies, 192; the amount contributed by Endeavor Society to Foreign Missions as \$181.00. Rev. L. Layman has been elected as the Maryland Conference Missionary. Attention is called to the advisability of Foreign Mission Study Classes, and congratulates the church upon the selection of C. H. Hubbell as Field Secretary of Christian Endeavor. There are three recommendations: first, that every pastor should do all in his power to organize Young People's Endeavor Societies in each of his charges; that each Society if practicable, contribute at least five cents per active member annually for Missions; third that a more frequent presentation of the Missionary cause be made. There was a general discussion of the report.

The time for taking a recess was extended, and the report was adopted. (Report T).

The name of the alternate from Lisbon Circuit was submitted for that of the delegate, and after announcements the Conference took a recess.

Afternoon

The Conference session opened at 2.30 o'clock with F. T. Little in the chair. A paper was read by the Secretary from the Church Extension Society of Washington, recommending the new work at Mt. Pleasant, and asking for an appropriation to it of \$500.00. The report was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

J. L. Straughn was granted personal privilege, and after reviewing work at Towson, called attention to the fair to be held by that church in an attempt to lift as far as possible its debt.

Report of the Special Committee on the paper amending the Manual submitted by W. S. Phillips was read. The paper is approved in all important respects except in the manner of voting. The Conference by motion of G. W. Haddaway, struck out the show of hands, and retaining the usual yea and nay vote. The report of the Committee was then adopted. (Report Z).

A resolution amending rule 28, referred to the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which is to be changed from Sunday afternoon, and to be held at the discretion of the Program Committee. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 8).

S. T. Cassen offered a resolution continuing the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund, and that after expenses of the General Conference had been taken out the remainder should be invested. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 9).

J. T. Bailey collected \$40.00 for the Sexton. A motion was carried that the report be adopted and the money turned over to the Entertainment Committee of the Conference.

The report of Committee on Statistics, L. B. Smith and B. A. Bryan, showing full members, 27,095; probationers, 1,762; a total value of church property and parsonage property, \$2,137,503.00. The report was adopted. (See Tables).

The report of the Conference Steward, Clayborne Phillips, showed a total receipt from general interests of \$27,832, and from local interests, \$246,731. The report was adopted. (See Tables).

M. A. Davis from Pittsville was given a seat in the Conference, to succeed the delegate.

The invitation from Broadway to hold the next Conference in that Church was taken from the table, and after remarks by the pastor and delegate from that church, was adopted with a rising vote.

The order of the day to hear F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions in the interest of that Board was observed. At the conclusion of that address, J. M. Holmes was given the floor to take a collection for Foreign Missions, which amounted to \$516.00. A partial report of the Church Extension Committee, recommending that \$5000 be laid on District for Church Extension purposes, was adopted. (See Report G).

At 4.35 o'clock, the session of Conference gave way to a meeting of

the Mutual Relief Society, and resumed at 4.55 with J. L. Mills in the chair. (See Minutes of Society).

The Secretary read an invitation to the Conference from the Ladies' Guild of the Conference Parsonage to a reception to be given the President of the Conference Friday evening, and at 5 o'clock Conference adjourned for the day.

Evening

There was a public meeting in the evening with "Evangelism" as the topic. W. S. Phillips presided. Addresses were made as follows: "To what Extent should pastors make use of Evangelists", J. M. Brown; "The Pastor his own Evangelist", S. F. Cassen; "How to have Revivals on a Circuit", L. A. Bennett; "Revival work in a Large City", J. M. Gill; "Singing in Revival Work", E. D. Stone.

Seventh Day—Tuesday

C. E. Dryden led the morning devotional services, and F. T. Little, at the request of the President, called the Conference to order for business. The Minutes were read and approved. Reports of the Committees were called for.

A letter from H. G. Cowan to President Sheridan stated that he had lost his credentials and would like to have a duplicate copy. J. E. Nicholson moved that the request be granted; T. H. Lewis, that a certificate showing the fact of his ordination be brought before Conference; W. M. Strayer moved as a substitute, that the Secretary send copy of the Minutes in which Mr. Cowan's ordination is mentioned. This substitute was adopted.

On motion the chair appointed ushers, and the original bar of the house was changed by reconsideration from the seventh row to the fifth row of the Church.

The report of Washington Church Extension Society was read. (See Report G). It outlines the work of the Society during the year. It recommends that the Cherrydale and Walker's Chapel of Potomac Circuit be made a separate charge and have a separate supply. The report was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

T. H. Lewis, Agent for the Endowment Fund, was given the floor, and

outlined his plans for raising the funds. There were four items, each of which was adopted. They are as follows: One, that Sunday, July 4th, be observed as Veterans' Day, and that the pastors shall preach special sermons; two, that on that day each member of the Sunday School be requested to give four cents; three, that the ladies of each church be requested to cooperate; fourth, that the ministers give two per cent. of their income for the year. During the discussion of these items, J. W. Kirk took the chair. The paper, being adopted by items, was then adopted as a whole. (See Report H).

J. E. Nicholson was given the floor of Conference, and made a statement that the Mutual Relief Society had appointed L. A. Bennett solicitor.

On motion of a layman, all laymen of the Conference were requested to meet at 1 o'clock in the gallery of the church.

The report of the Superannuate Steward, C. P. Nowlin, shows a total receipt for the year of \$8891.21, and was adopted. (See Report H).

F. T. Little resumed the chair.

The report of F. J. Phillips, collector of Silver Jubilee Fund of the Seminary, reported a total of \$7131.57 paid to date. His report was adopted. (See Report P).

E. H. Jones, collector for the Superannuate Fund dues, reported \$100. collected. The report was adopted. (See Report H).

A resolution of sympathy for G. R. Hodge in the death of his mother was adopted with rising vote. (Resolution 10).

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken from table. Item one, recommending the usual assessment of \$4500. on District was adopted; two, placing J. L. Straughn and Mrs. H. C. Cushing on the Superannuate list was also adopted; three, making appropriations for the year, was adopted, and the report was then adopted as a whole. (Report H).

The report of the Special Committee to decide upon the request of C. E. Redeker for his Credentials was read, stating that after investigation, the Committee had failed to discover anything to invalidate his claims for his Credentials, and the report was adopted. (Report AA).

A resolution was offered by T. H. Lewis that this Conference express itself in favor of the three-year limit for the Presidency. T. O. Crouse moved to lay the resolution on the table. A division was called for, and the question being again put, the motion to lay on the table was lost. F. T. Benson moved a substitute that at the close of the term of the present President, the Conference return to the three-year limit. J. M. Brown moved to postpone consideration for two years. S. J. Smith offered as a substitute for the whole that this Conference express itself in favor of re-

turning to the three-year limit, when another President had been elected. J. E. Nicholson raised a point of order that the motion to postpone had the precedence, but was not sustained.

The time for recess was extended. The previous question was called and sustained.

The substitute for the whole, offered by S. J. Smith, was put and by a vote of 83 to 55, was adopted. (Resolution 11).

G. A. Morris was excused from Conference after 12 o'clock, and after announcements, Conference took a recess at 12.05 o'clock.

Afternoon

F. T. Little, at 2.30 o'clock, called the Conference to order. R. L. Shipley, Steward of the Church Extension Society, reported \$4315.17 paid in for Church Extension purposes. The report was adopted. (See Report G).

The report of the Committee on Official Character, giving roll of honor charges, and passing upon character of the ministers was read. The request of G. L. Wolfe for a supernumerary relation was recommitted, and the Committee was given the privilege of adding names of charges deserving to be on Honor Roll. The report was adopted. (Report O).

Mr. Yokoyoma, of Japan, and student in the Theological Seminary, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The report from Choir, that it had elected E. D. Stone, Leader, and F. C. Klein, Manager, was read and adopted. (Report BB).

A statement of the lay meeting, held in this church this day, where a resolution was passed that all members pledge themselves to the fullest cooperation with T. H. Lewis in the attempt to raise the \$10,000.00 for Endowment Fund. There was a motion to receive papers and spread action of that body upon Minutes. This motion prevailed. (Resolution 12).

The Committee on Church Extension read its report. It concurs in the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and appointed J. D. Kinzer agent of the Society. It recommends that Mt. Pleasant be placed upon list of charges. The item was adopted. Item three recommends that charges wishing to make improvements upon their Church property, and seeking aid of the Conference shall submit their plans to the Committee on Church Enterprise. Four, recommends that Nassawango be detached from Snow Hill and added to Pocomoke Circuit. Item five recommends that Hebron be detached from Mardela and put with Union Circuit;

six, that Mt. Pleasant be detached from Quantico and added to Mardela. Item seven, recommending the dropping of Kesley Chapel from Chesapeake was stricken out. Item eight changed the name of St. John's, Canton, to Calvary. Item nine, which recommended the dropping of Woodsboro Church from Liberty Circuit and authorizing Conference to sell Liberty Church property, was adopted. Item ten recommended the detachment of Whaleyville and Rehoboth from Pittsville, and to create a new charge, to be called Whaleyville, was adopted. President Sheridan took the chair. Item eleven, making appropriations, was adopted. J. W. Trout made an amendment that the \$600.00 for St. Luke's be paid in three installments instead of four, and it was carried. J. F. Bryan moved an amendment that Conference give Reliance Church \$100.00, provided they raise \$400.00; this was adopted, and the report as amended, was then adopted as a whole. (Report G).

A partial report of the Faculty of Instruction, through J. L. Mills, President, stating the course of study of the students who are graduates from Seminary and College, placing W. A. Sites in the hands of the President, passing students out of the course, and granting license to administer the ordinances to E. L. Beauchamp, A. B. Dupuy, J. R. Horsey, M. E. Hungerford, A. J. Torrey, J. R. Wright and W. S. Simms, was read and the entire report of the Faculty was adopted as a whole. (Report F).

After announcements the Conference took a recess until 8 o'clock.

Evening

F. T. Little called Conference to order at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Finance read its report, submitting the list of assessments, and it was adopted. (See Table of Assessments).

The Committee on Church Enterprise stated that having had nothing referred to it, it had nothing to report. It was adopted. (Report V).

The Committee on Fraternal Relations reports its pleasure at the visiting delegations; rejoices in the good work being done by A. N. Ward at Seattle, and recommends the continuance of his loan to the Board of Home Missions. It also recommends the loan of J. H. Straughn to the West Lafayette College. The report also expresses the gratitude of the Conference for favors shown, and especially to the entertaining church. T. O. Crouse moved that a rising vote be taken on that part of the report bearing upon the appreciation of the Conference for its splendid entertainment. The remainder of the report was adopted, and after a rising vote the report was adopted as a whole. (Report N).

The Treasurer of the General Conference Assessment Fund reported \$589.50 paid in, with sixteen charges making no report. It was adopted. (Report CC).

A resolution was offered that the Steward of Foreign Missions be instructed to indicate in his report the various amounts paid in for Foreign Missions. It was adopted. (Resolution 13).

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the Board of Managers for the Deaconess order had not been elected. A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to nominate the Board of fifteen, and it prevailed.

T. H. Lewis called attention to the present status of the President's Parsonage debt, that only \$1800. had been paid on the principal. He accordingly made a motion which carried, that a committee be appointed to take the matter of the debt in charge and to make suggestions to the next Conference.

The Special Committee to nominate the Deaconess Board was appointed as follows: S. J. Smith, F. T. Benson and W. T. Ballard.

The Secretary moved that the President appoint a Program Committee for next Conference, and it obtained.

J. W. Trout moved that a vote of thanks be extended the choir and the motion prevailed.

A partial report of the Committee on Official Character granting G. L. Wolfe a supernumerary relation was adopted. (See Report N).

The Secretary made a motion that the resolution fixing the time of Conference be placed under section 1 of rule 1 in the Manual. The motion prevailed.

J. E. Nicholson made a statement of G. L. Wolfe's gratuitous work at First Church, Wilmington.

The Committee to nominate a Board for the Deaconess order reported and it was adopted. (See List of Special Committees).

Avery Donovan offered a resolution that some provision be made in the Minutes for the Cradle Roll and Home Department of the Sunday School but it was withdrawn.

S. J. Smith offered a resolution that the delegates report to their churches as soon as practicable the more important transactions of this Conference, and on motion it was adopted. (Resolution 14).

The Special Committee the President was authorized to appoint was announced.

G. E. Bevans, at his own request, was left without appointment.

S. J. Smith called attention to the terms of office of the various memb-

ers of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess order, and a reconsideration being had, the tenure of each member was fixed.

E. T. Read requested that the President appoint the Conference members on Christian Endeavor Executive Committee. The request was granted and the appointments read.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Following this the President read the Plan of Appointments. (See Report A).

A motion was made to adjourn, the doxology was sung, and President Sheridan pronounced the benediction at 9.50 o'clock.

Approved:

J. M. SHERIDAN,
President.

W. S. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

REPORTS

Report A

The President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference:—

Dear Brethren:—

In assembling in this the eighty-first session of our Conference, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and join with you in expressing to our God profound gratitude for His Providence and Grace. Throughout the entire year we have had tokens of the Divine favor. We gather as laborers from the great harvest field to estimate the results of our year's work, and to plan for even greater things in our Master's kingdom for the year to come.

In the midst of our rejoicing there is the sorrow incident to the work of death in our ranks. Two of the elderly brethren of the Conference, three of the widows, and two of the wives of our ministers have been called to their heavenly home.

On September the 2nd, 1908, Rev. Henry C. Cushing, D. D., after a brief illness passed from earth to heaven. Dr. Cushing's membership in the Conference extended over a period of fifty-five years, the most of which was spent in the active ministry. He was a man of culture, and superior ability as a preacher, while his noble character and pure life won for him the esteem and love, not only of his brethren of the ministry, but of hosts of friends throughout the church.

Rev. J. T. Lassell, D. D., peacefully closed his earthly career on March 24th, 1909, at his home in Baltimore. Dr. Lassell united with the Conference in 1866, and until two years ago, was continuously in the active pastorate. He possessed marked literary attainments, and was a clear, intelligent preacher of the Word. His social qualities made him a delightful companion.

His beloved wife, Mrs. Julia A. Lassell, preceded him out of this life

only a few months, she having died July 26th, 1908. She had for many years shared the toils and joys of the itinerant life with her husband, and proved herself a true helpmate. She was a woman of exceptional qualities of mind and heart, and won for herself friends wherever she went.

On Easter morning April 19th, 1908, Mrs. Maria E. Benson, the widow of Rev. B. F. Benson, D. D., entered upon the immortal life through Him "Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." She had a long experience in the itinerancy with her noble husband, and was a loving wife and mother, a true friend, and a sincere Christian.

Mrs. Emma Masten Nichols, the wife of Rev. J. L. Nichols, after a prolonged struggle for the recuperation of her health, died in Harrington, Delaware, on September 12th, 1908. The deceased was a young woman of charming gifts and graces, well qualified for the duties and requirements of a minister's companion.

On February 14th, 1909, in Federalsburg, Md., Mrs. A. D. Dick, the widow of Rev. A. D. Dick, after a long and active career in the church, closed her earthly life, and entered into rest. Like her devoted husband she was true to every trust committed to her by the church, and manifested an interest in its welfare to the end.

Mrs. Sallie E. Day, the widow of Rev. Hamilton J. Day, departed this life at her home in Baltimore, on March 22nd, 1909. Mrs. Day came from an old and prominent family of the Methodist Protestant Church, and maintained her devotion for the same to the close of her earthly life.

These all died in the faith. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time." Obituary Committees were promptly appointed, and are ready to report at this Conference.

Unsupplied Charges

At the last session of the Conference eleven charges were left without pastoral supply, and R. C. Harrison, who was appointed as supply to Fairfax, failed to go to that circuit. I at once undertook to fill these vacancies. At my request Rev. W. P. Roberts took charge of Frederica, and has cared for the work for the year. Ridgeville, on Montgomery Circuit, has been supplied by Rev. C. P. Nowlin, while the pulpit of Mt. Lebanon church on the same circuit has been filled by Bro. Eldridge Mullinix, a local preacher of Lisbon charge. The other churches have not had regular preaching. Amelia Circuit was supplied for four months by Bro. J. R. Horsey, Campbell for the same length of time by Bro. A. B. Dupuy, and Cannon by Bro.

L. E. Purdum. These young men are students at the Seminary, and at the opening of that institution in September, returned to pursue their studies. Bro. M. E. Hungerford was appointed to Lewistown, Bro. J. R. Wright to Williamsport, Bro. M. R. Evans to Pocomoke Circuit, and Bro. L. W. Gordon to Fairfax. These young men are also from the Seminary, and, in connection with their Seminary course, have continued in charge of their respective circuits for the entire Conference year. On May 19th, 1908, Bro. J. L. Mull, a local minister and a member of the Georgetown, Delaware, Quarterly Conference, was appointed pastoral supply of Georgetown Circuit, and has continued in that relation to the present time. Middleway has been, at my request, under the care of the pastor of Harper's Ferry for the entire year. I am convinced that this is the best arrangement that can be made for these two charges, at least for the present. First Church, Wilmington, on account of the burdensome debt, by special action of the last Conference, was left unsupplied. We are gratified to report that the members of this church, led by Rev. G. L. Wolfe, succeeded in raising \$1,168.00, the amount of debt then pressing, and thereby stopped the sale of the property. Bro. Wolfe has, without salary, given what service he could to the church during the year, and has kept the congregation together.

Changes.

On April 23d, 1908, Rev. J. W. Parris was released from Caroline Circuit by the Quarterly Conference of that charge, and on the same day was appointed to Marley Circuit. Bro. J. W. Gibson, a Seminary student, was appointed to take charge of Caroline Circuit during vacation, and on September 23d, Rev. S. Ensminger, a member of the Kansas Conference, and for twelve years a professor in Kansas City University, was appointed to this circuit. He has continued for the balance of the year, and, we are gratified to report, has done an excellent work. Rev. F. C. Klein, pastor of North Baltimore, having been elected by the General Conference, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, on June 1st, 1908, was released from the pastorate of said church. On August 1st the following changes were made, with the consent of the respective Quarterly Conferences: Rev. T. O. Crouse was released from Georgetown, D. C., and appointed to North Baltimore. Rev. E. D. Stone was released from Centreville and appointed to Georgetown, D. C. Rev. Dorsey Blake was released from Waltersville and appointed to Centreville. Bro. W. D. Adams, a graduate of the Seminary, was appointed to Waltersville, but remained only three months. Rev. J. W. Cray has since November 15th cared for the work at Waltersville, and has rendered very satisfactory service.

On June 25th, 1908, Rev. J. A. Kittell, on account of ill health, was released from Harbeson, and since that date the circuit has had no regular pastor. Rev. G. R. McCready preached for a few Sundays at Reynold's,

while Rev. W. W. Johnson has conducted services regularly at Harbeson. He has interested himself in the assessments, and other matters of the charge. On November 19th, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, not being physically able to continue his work, was released from Union Bridge, and, on the same date, Bro. E. L. Beauchamp, of the Seminary, was placed in charge. On January 1st, 1909, Rev. Geo. E. Bevans on account of the death of his father, felt it incumbent upon him to relinquish his pastorate at Harper's Ferry, and Bro. Geo. G. Shurtz, of the Seminary, was appointed in charge of both Harper's Ferry and Middleway.

We have all deeply sympathized with Rev. L. F. Warner in his indisposition and inability to discharge the duties of his pastorate since December. I promptly visited Newark, met the official board, and arranged a plan of appointments extending to the close of the Conference year. The ministers, who were called upon, kindly responded and the pulpit has been regularly supplied. I wish here to record my appreciation and gratitude to my brethren of the Conference for their willingness to respond to every appeal in meeting such emergencies in administering the affairs of this office.

Institutions and Societies

Western Maryland College has continued to carry on its part of the educational work of the church with efficiency. I do not wish to anticipate the report of the president of the College to this Conference, and yet I am prompted to note with interest and gratification the erection of the new Administration Building and Library, which will be a valuable acquisition to the group of splendid buildings owned by the college. It should greatly increase the facilities for successful work in the school. It is also gratifying to learn that the endowment project is about completed.

We would emphasize that to which we called special attention last year; namely, the importance and necessity of increasing the student roll. The ministers of the Conference are an important factor in this work. Our laymen should also recognize their duty and obligations to this institution, and should give it their hearty support.

Theological Seminary

It gives me great pleasure to report that this institution has now the largest number of students in its history, there being thirteen annual Conferences represented. There is also a young Japanese who is preparing for Christian work in his country.

The untiring work of the president and professors is bearing fruit in sending forth young men qualified to preach the gospel, and represent the denomination with credit wherever they are placed. The entire church should rejoice that God is calling a larger number of young men into the

gospel ministry. It is evident that the earnest presentation of the call to the ministry in the churches, Sabbath Schools, and Christian Endeavor Societies is thus bearing fruitage. We fully believe that if the interest is kept up, and prayer to God is continued, the further enlargement of the building will soon be required, and the ranks of the ministry so filled that our charges will be supplied. We commend the scholarship feature to our laymen of means and our stronger churches, that wish to do some definite and far-reaching work, for the upbuilding of the church.

Our Church Home

This beautiful charity continues to do its work, although restricted in its sphere by its limited resources. Those who are bearing the burden in caring for this institution, and doing the detailed work incident thereto deserve the commendation of the entire Conference. The interest of the Conference in support of the Home is growing, and we trust that in the near future the support given it will be to a greater extent commensurate with its needs. There is an annual increase in the amount contributed, although a few charges each year fail to help. This is an interest which should appeal to those making bequests to church and charitable institutions.

The Superannuate Fund

This is an interest which needs the careful consideration and the united and enthusiastic efforts of the Conference. While the other institutions and societies should be commended, this interest should be so accentuated as to appeal more forcibly to the justice and liberality of the church. Many have given their lives to the successful development of the Conference on salaries which made it impossible for them to accumulate anything, and now they find themselves in old age on an allowance not equal to the average single man's salary in the beginning of his work. The number of claimants has increased, while there has been but little increase either from the invested fund or the amount of assessments upon the churches.

I respectfully recommend that the assessment for this interest be not less than \$5,000.00 and that ten per cent. of the amount collected be turned over to the treasurer of the fund for investment. This interest was deemed of sufficient importance by the programme committee to warrant the setting aside of one evening of the Conference to its discussion. We trust that all of our ministers and laymen will be present at this meeting, and that out of it will come something definite and practical, for the enlargement of the fund.

Home and Foreign Missions

While last year's report shows a slight decrease in the amounts contributed for these general interests of the church, it is encouraging to note

that in the last decade this Conference has increased its contributions to both the Home and Foreign Boards. The Maryland, Washington, and Alexandria branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have successfully executed their work. As previously mentioned one of our number, Rev. F. C. Klein, is the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Board, and should have our sympathy, prayers and co-operation.

We trust that the Easter service in the interest of the Home Board, and the Children's Day service for the Foreign Board will both be generally observed in our Sunday Schools. Every prayer offered, every dollar given, and every effort made in the cause of Missions is in harmony with the will of Him, who said "Go, ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Christian Endeavor

According to the best available information there are 127 Senior Christian Endeavor Societies with a membership of 5297, and 65 Junior Societies aggregating a membership of 2518 in the Conference district. The careful training of so many young people in Christian living, in active service, and intelligent, loyal devotion to the denomination should mean much for the future growth of the church. I commend the Maryland Conference Union to all our societies, and again call attention to the necessity of making the sub-districts important factors in the expansion of Christian Endeavor work within the bounds of the Conference. Only one or two of the sub-districts held conventions during the year. The missionary feature of Christian Endeavor, as represented in study classes, should be profitable to local societies, and these classes should be extensively organized. The Conference Union is to be congratulated upon having assumed the support of Rev. L. Layman as its missionary in Japan. He is president of the successful night school at Yokohama. All the societies of the Conference should actively participate in this specific work.

The Book Concern

Our Book Concern, 316 N. Charles Street, the Methodist Protestant headquarters in Baltimore, is prepared to supply all our churches, Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and homes with books, literature, and general supplies.

The business of the fiscal year closing February 27th, 1909, shows improvement in every department. The mailing list for the "Methodist Protestant" shows fifty-nine more subscribers than a year ago, while the loss on the publication of the paper is \$473.51 less than that of the preceding year. There is a constant increase in the circulation of the Sunday School periodicals with a net gain for the year of \$1,344.28. There is an increase of 25 per cent. in the amount of business done with a net profit

of \$1391.08 added to the capital. We are the only Protestant denomination owning a Book Concern in Baltimore, and with the hearty support of our people, its business can be largely extended. It is to be regretted that the "Methodist Protestant," the official organ of the denomination, is not more highly appreciated and generally circulated. It is a mystery how any, interested in the denomination, can be without the church paper, the only means by which they can keep informed of the happenings and the work of the church.

Church Extension

I do not want to be extreme in my position or extravagant in my statements, but the importance of this work is such that I do not feel I would be true to the trust committed to me in this office if I did not bring this before you, and strive to stimulate the Conference to an intensity of interest and degree of activity never before reached in its history. While admitting the importance of all the general and local interests of our denomination and Conference, nothing should supplant or be paramount to this one work of organizing societies and building churches within the bounds of the Conference. Our ability to foster and strengthen every other interest depends upon the growth and development of our Conference. This is a work that should especially commend itself to our laymen. If they appreciate their position and prerogatives in the Methodism of Mutual Rights they should be loyal and enthusiastic in their support of every effort made to increase the number of our churches.

My brethren: The door of opportunity is open to us; the solemn responsibilities are upon us. Will we enter the open door? Will we measure up to the responsibilities? I trust that by the help of God we will. The cities, towns, and country districts within the bounds of the Maryland Conference are growing rapidly in population. We owe it to our fellow-man, the cause of Christ, and our denomination to go forward in this work. We may say that we do not see our way, or that we haven't the money. When Moses stood upon the banks of the Red Sea in the presence of the hosts of Israel, and God gave the command to go forward, he did not see his way clear, but in obedience to the command, and with the rod in hand, he advanced, and God opened the way. He will open the way for us. While there are towns and communities in Maryland and Delaware that we should enter, I especially call your attention to Baltimore and Washington, as affording splendid fields for Church Extension. In each of these cities our denomination has a strong following. We should make them the centre of our denominational life. We have not organized a new church in Baltimore for several years, and for a much longer period in Washington. The District of Columbia Church Extension Society has fostered the new Cherryle work on the Potomac Circuit, and is now ready to organize a new church in the northern section of Washington, which will be eligibly locat-

ed, and if properly managed should soon grow into a strong organization.

In Baltimore, it is not unreasonable to say that we should have several new churches. There should be a broadening of our plans and the marshalling of our forces along these lines of denominational activity.

There is an effort being made by the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, with the co-operation of the ministers, to undertake several new enterprises in which, we trust, they will have the sympathy and support of this Conference. It is not visionary to state that we should double the amount of money now raised for this great purpose. Whatever other interests are discussed, and plans are inaugurated for their development, during this session, I trust that our Church Extension work will have careful consideration, and that our Conference will institute measures looking to an aggressive movement in the direction herein indicated.

The New Church in Philadelphia

On November 23d, 1908, I received an invitation to go to Philadelphia, and receive into the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Maryland Conference, the Taylor Congregational Methodist Church, an organization belonging to the New Jersey Congregational Methodists. The territory being within the bounds of the Pennsylvania Conference of our church, I conferred with the President of that Conference, Rev. T. C. Long. He did not give his consent, and I accordingly declined to go. The church then invited Rev. C. L. Queen, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, and he took some preliminary steps toward receiving them. They held an official meeting and adopted the constitution and Book of Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church. Dr. Queen then decided the Board of Home Missions had no power to receive churches. Later the president of the Pennsylvania Conference gave his consent for me to receive the church. I went to Philadelphia, and on February 25th, 1909, met the congregation and formally received it into the Maryland Conference under the name of Taylor Memorial Methodist Protestant Church. This was done with the consent and approval of the Quarterly Conference of St. Luke's Church.

I have made this detailed statement, that this Conference may know my course of action, in view of the fact that the church is within the bounds of the Pennsylvania Conference, and the further fact that the Board of Home Missions has been connected with the movement. The report as given me shows the church to have 90 active members, and a Sunday School of 145 on roll. There were 112 present the Sabbath previous to my visit. The Christian Endeavor Society has a membership of 65 and the Ladies' Aid has 45 members.

The church raises annually for all purposes about \$2000.00. The property is estimated to be worth \$22,000.00. It is assessed at \$18,000.00.

There is an indebtedness of \$12,000.00. They have sent a representative to this Conference, and will ask for pastoral supply. I commend the church to your most careful consideration.

Buildings and Improvements

Four new churches have been dedicated during the year; namely Lewes, Towson, St. John's, Canton, and Belair.

The Lewes church is an attractive frame building and cost \$3,412.00.

The Towson church is a substantial, two room structure, built of stone and cost about \$9000.00. St. John's, Canton completed the payment for their lot, and have erected on it a chapel built of Port Deposit granite. It is large, well planned, and complete in all of its appointments. The cost has been \$9000.00.

While there is a debt on each of these the people are encouraged, and are working with a will and enthusiasm. This will bring them success.

The Belair church is of concrete block, modern in design, and well furnished in every particular and cost \$7,500.00.

At Harmony on Williamsport Circuit, a two room, brick edifice, and at Rehoboth, on Pittsville Circuit, a small frame building are nearly completed, and will soon be dedicated.

The following charges have built parsonages during this year: Mt. Nebo, Dover, and Keen Memorial. The Mt. Nebo parsonage is frame, and cost \$1,200.00, not including labor. The one at Dover cost \$2,900.00, while Keen Memorial cost \$2,700.00. A parsonage has been purchased at Lewistown costing \$1,200.00. These are all comfortable homes. There are several other parsonage projects under way, and will be carried to successful completion next year. I have urged the erection of parsonages on all the charges.

Felton church was reopened early in the Conference year, having been moved to its present location, and improvements of \$600.00 placed on it.

Mt. Carmel and Central churches on Frederick Circuit have been repaired at a cost of \$300.00 and \$900.00 respectively.

Delmar Church has been enlarged and improved at a cost of \$6,800.00.

Lime Kiln Church on Buckeystown Charge has added a tower and other improvements costing \$900.00.

Moore's Chapel on Cecil Circuit has been renovated at a cost of \$700.

Berea on New Church Circuit has been thoroughly remodeled with a Sunday School room added costing \$2,500.00.

Oxford church has been beautified and a new lighting plant installed at a total cost of \$1000.00.

Mt. Hermon on Sharptown Circuit has been improved with tower and belfry, the cost of which was \$2300.00.

Salem on Warwick was reopened in May after having been closed for repairs, which cost \$500.00.

Chateau on Cambridge Charge has been greatly improved, \$600.00 having been spent.

Pocomoke City has made improvements to the cemeteries to the extent of \$650.00.

Much needed improvements have been made at South Baltimore costing \$500.00.

Westminster has made improvements to the amount of \$800.00, Elizabeth \$600.00, while Newark, St. John's and Starr have each spent \$500.00 on their property.

Improvements to the Greensboro church cost \$750.00. It is now a very comfortable church, and will meet the needs of the congregation for a number of years.

Cambridge, Warwick and Elizabeth parsonages have been repaired.

Pawn Grove has paid \$800.00 on debt, Christ Church \$800.00, Cumberland \$527.00, Finksburg \$958.00, First Church, Washington \$1600.00, Potomac \$603.00, Reliance \$900.00, Rhode Island Avenue \$2000.00, Snow Hill \$1120.00, St. John's, Canton \$1200.00, St. Luke's \$500.00, St. Michael's \$1000.00, and Bethany \$510.00.

Parksley has paid \$1250.00 on debt and \$650.00 on improvements.

Eutaw reports \$1500.00 raised this year on church lot. They are now canvassing the congregation for funds with which to build a new church. The building will probably be begun in the early part of the ensuing year.

Mr. J. F. Carter of Arlington has donated to the Baltimore City Church Extension Society a lot 50 feet by 125 feet situated on Hayward Ave. near the Park Heights Ave., with the understanding that a church costing not less than \$3000.00 shall be erected on it within three years. The deed is being prepared by Mr. Jas. W. Chapman. The lot is estimated to be worth \$1000.00. An effort will be made immediately after the adjournment of this Conference to establish a Sunday School, and it is to be hoped that we will soon have a new church in that rapidly growing section of Baltimore. The thanks of the Conference are due Mr. Carter for this munificent gift.

With few exceptions all the charges of the Conference have either made improvements or payments on debts, but as it was necessary to limit this report, I have given special notice only to those charges where the payment amounted to \$500.00 or more. The aggregate according to reports sent me is \$43,527.18 raised for improvements and \$23,436.52 collected on debt. These figures, with a conservative value of \$10,000.00 placed on Taylor Memorial church show the year's work for building, improvements, and debt \$76,963.70.

In the face of the industrial depression prevailing, and the scarcity of money in many sections, these figures speak well for the faithfulness and devotion of our ministers, and the loyalty and liberality of our people.

The Circuit Court of Baltimore City recently granted a decree, authorizing Starr Church to sell its property on Poppleton Street, and erect a

new building in a more eligible location. The pastor of the church, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, was appointed by the Court Trustee to make the sale. The character of the neighborhood surrounding Starr Church has greatly changed and is no longer a resident section. This movement means not only a new church building in another location, but enlarged opportunities for doing the work of an aggressive church in a great city. Much credit is due the pastor of this church for the wise management of this important matter.

Pastors' Salaries

The amount of increase in pastors' salaries is gratifying; the churches are responding to the appeal of the Conference, with the result that our pastors and churches are mutually sharing in the blessings which follow.

During the Conference year 36 charges have made an advance amounting to \$3,459.00, and for the ensuing year 21 report an increase of \$1671. This amount for next year will doubtless be still further augmented as the pastors enter upon their work. This makes an aggregate advance of \$10,228.00 on pastors' salaries from April, 1907 to April, 1909, the amount already promised for next year being included therein. It is to be hoped that this good work will continue until every charge responds to this appeal, and pays an amount commensurate with its ability and the needs of the pastor. It has been both my duty and pleasure to aid, as far as possible, in this work.

Mrs. Reese has continued her generous benefactions to the Conference. This noble woman has been a member of the Methodist Protestant Church for more than three score years, and through this long period has been a liberal giver to every department of its work. She is now far beyond the four score period of her earthly journey. The infirmities of age are upon her, and she should have the gratitude, sympathy, and prayers of all our people.

Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies have contributed liberally to the support of our pastors. St. John's Board of Benificence has shown its interest by magnanimous donations to various purposes.

The Deaconess Movement

Last year we called the attention of the Conference to this work of the Christian Church, with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of our Conference taking steps toward forming such an organization. The result was that the matter was carried to the General Conference. That body endorsed the movement, and prescribed a form of service for consecrating deaconesses to this specific work in our denomination. The special committee, appointed a year ago, has been studying the subject and will make their report to this body. We trust that some definite steps will be taken in this direction. The history

of this movement in other denominations is, that it has been undertaken in a small way and has required time and much labor for its development, but in every instance has proved a great factor in aiding the city churches to solve many problems, in their relation with the people, who need the various ministrations of the church.

Parsonage Guild

At the last session of this Conference action was taken looking to the co-operation of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the various charges with the President's Parsonage Guild. It is pleasing to report that many of the churches have responded to this action and the proceeds have greatly aided the ladies in caring for the parsonage. The amount asked, \$1.00 from each society, is so small, that there should be no objection to its payment. It is to be hoped that the ministers will be sufficiently interested to bring this before their societies. I wish to express my thanks to the friends for the interest and efforts they have kindly put forth in making our home comfortable.

Evangelism

Evangelism is the spirit and dominant thought of the church today. Campbell Morgan has recently said, "We are on the border land of one of the most marvelous spiritual movements the world has ever seen." The Methodist church is coming to appreciate the fact that the one paramount purpose for which it was organized and commissioned is to save the lost. The ministers of the Maryland Conference are more and more realizing the supreme importance of applying themselves diligently in direct evangelistic efforts. From the beginning of this Conference year I have used the influence of this office, as much as possible, in encouraging revival work on all the charges, and in sermon or supplementary remarks have urged pastors and people to give themselves to the work of soul saving. In every instance they have been responsive to the appeal. It is with great joy that I report to the Conference that the spirit of revival has been in many of the churches. The church standing at the head of the list is Crisfield, reporting 366 conversions with 220 accessions. Not naming any churches reporting less than 100 conversions, we have: Lewes 147 conversions and 131 accessions, Pittsville 144 conversions and 138 accessions, Finksburg 126 conversions and 66 accessions, Howard 125 conversions and 90 accessions, Snow Hill 120 conversions and 90 accessions, Cambridge 103 conversions and 71 accessions, and Mariners 100 conversions and 77 accessions. The grand total as given on the cards sent out shows that 4083 souls have been swept into the kingdom of our Lord, and 3514 added to the membership of our churches through the earnest labors of the ministers of the Conference, with the co-operation of their people and the power of the Holy Ghost.

O! my brethren let us give God the praise for this measure of success, and the privilege of having had a part in the work of saving so many for whom Christ died.

At the session of this Conference held in Washington April 1907, Rule 1, Section 8, of the Rules of Order was stricken out, and the president was authorized to appoint a committee of three ministers and three laymen, who, with himself as chairman, should constitute a programme committee. This committee was directed to arrange for the use of the evenings of the Conference in the most profitable way. This committee was further directed to recommend to the Conference any changes in the order of business that would save time and prevent confusion. At the last session of this Conference this committee was not appointed, thus leaving the Conference without any arrangement whatever for a programme. Believing that it was the intention of the Conference to make this committee permanent, and that it was an oversight in not continuing it, and that it would be meeting an emergency in acting, I appointed a committee to prepare a programme for this session. This committee will submit a report of this body. We trust that this action will be approved by the Conference.

In closing this report I wish to record my gratitude to a kind Providence through which I have been kept in perfect health, and to the families, and especially the ministers and their wives for the generous and bountiful hospitality I have received from them. Praying that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit unto the adoption of plans which shall result in the enlargement of our borders and the hastening of the coming of the kingdom of our Lord,

I am, Yours in the Gospel,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report submit the following:

The history of the Maryland District during the past year is a record of increasing prosperity and growth. We note with pleasure the material improvements that have been made, the large amounts that have been paid on church debts, the advance in the matter of ministerial support, but we especially rejoice that more than four thousand of those for whom Christ died have been turned from darkness unto light and from the power of Satan unto God. The result of the year's work are such as to call forth devout thankfulness to Almighty God, and should lead us out to yet larger strivings for the uplift of the world.

We express our appreciation of the continued benefactions of Mrs. Tamsay A. Reese, that "elect lady", whose generous and timely gifts contribute largely to increase the power of the Church and to promote the cause of Christ. We are also deeply grateful to the Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies and the St. John's Board of Beneficence for material aid given to our pastors and churches.

The work of the Conference Parsonage Guild merits the sympathy and support of all our people, and we express the hope that every Aid Society in the District will become a contributor to the funds of this organization.

We heartily endorse the words of the President, setting forth the importance of increased activity in the work of Church Extension. Much as has been done, it may be safely assumed that we have not fully risen to our opportunities in this department of denominational activity.

We tender our thanks to Mr. J. F. Carter for his splendid gift of a lot in Arlington, and trust that the condition governing the gift will soon be met.

The Taylor Memorial Church of Philadelphia, having been received into the Methodist Protestant Church and the Maryland Conference by the President, we give glad welcome to the Church and recommend that it be placed on the roll of charges.

That the matter of larger provision for our superannuates may receive the consideration of Conference, we concur in the President's recommendation that the assessment for the Superannuate Fund be not less than five thousand dollars, and that ten per cent. of the amount collected be turned over to the treasurer of the fund for investment.

We approve the President's course in appointing a committee to prepare a program for this session of the Conference.

J. W. BALDERSTON, Chairman.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac.....	H. S. Johnson	2	Elizabeth.....	J. W. Balderston	3
Alexandria.....	J. M. Holmes	1	Eutaw.....	W. B. Judefind	3
Alnutt Memorial...	J. S. Bowers	2	Evergreen.....	A. J. Torrey	1
Amelia.....	H. B. Jester	1	Fairfax.....	J. A. Kittell	1
Baltimore.....	H. F. Wright	5	Fawn Grove.....	S. B. Tredway	4
Bedford.....	A. H. Green	5	Federalsburg....	C. M. Elderdice	2
Belair.....	H. L. Schlincke	1	Felton.....	W. P. Roberts	2
	L. E. Purdum (supply)	1	Finksburg.....	S. F. Cassen	6
Bethany.....	P. W. Crosby	1	First Church, Newark		
Broadway.....	W. A. Melvin	2		W. S. Phillips	1
Brooklyn.....	J. B. Jones	6	First Church, Wash.	B. P. Truitt	5
Buckeystown.....	L. F. Warner	1	Franklin City.....	E. H. Jones	3
Calvary, Canton....	J. R. Gaar	6	Frederica.....	To be supplied	
Cambridge.....	J. L. Ward	3	Frederick.....	B. F. Ruley	4
Campbell.....	J. R. Wright	1	Georgetown, D. C.	E. D. Stone	1
Cannón.....	P. L. Rice	1	Georgetown, Del....	E. P. Perry	1
Caroline.....	Carroll Maddox	1	Georgetown Circuit		
Cecil.....	J. L. Elderdice	1		W. C. Mumford (supply)	1
Centreville.....	Dorsey Blake	1	Greensboro.....	F. A. Holland	1
Chesapeake.....	C. M. Compher	3	Greenwood.....	A. W. Mather	2
Chestertown.....	F. T. Little	3	Grove.....	W. B. Elliott	1
Chincoteague.....	F. J. Phillips	1	Hampden.....	D. W. Anstine	6
Christ Church.....	L. B. Smith	2	Harbeson.....	B. A. Bryan	1
Clayton.....	W. N. Sherwood	1	Harper's Ferry and Middleway		
Concord.....	F. M. Clift	2		G. G. Shurts (supply)	1
Conquest.....	A. B. Dupuy	1	Harrington.....	S. J. Smith	2
Crisfield.....	Louis Randall	4	Heathsville.....	J. E. Massey	1
Crumpton.....	J. E. Nicholson	1	Howard.....	C. E. Dryden	2
Cumberland.....	B. W. Kindley	2	Hurlock.....	G. J. Hooker	2
Cumberland Circuit			Indian River.....	J. E. Maloy	7
	E. L. Beauchamp	1	Keen Memorial....	A. S. Beane	2
Deer Creek			Kempton.....	H. O. Keen	1
	C. J. Burdette (supply)	1	Kennedyville....	F. D. Reynolds	1
Deer Park.....	E. O. Ewing	3	Kent Island.....	T. H. Wright	5
Delmar.....	J. A. Wright	1	Laurel.....	Avery Donovan	3
Delta.....	E. A. Sexsmith	1	Laurel Circuit...G. R. Donaldson		3
Denton.....	F. T. Benson	3	Lauraville		
Dorchester.....	G. E. Brown	2		R. G. Nicholson (supply)	1
Dover and Leipsic			Lawsonia.....	E. S. Fooks	1
	Clayborne Phillips	2	Leeds.....	C. E. McCullough	1
East Baltimore.....	E. T. Read	2	Lewes.....	W. W. Johnson (supply)	2
Easton.....	W. H. Litsinger	3	Lewistown...P. D. Davis (supply)		1

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Liberty	J. F. Wooden	3	St. Michael's	George Hines	5
Lisbon	C. P. Nowlin	5	Susquehanna	R. K. Lewis	5
Lynchburg	J. L. Nichols	2	Talbot	R. W. Coe (supply)	1
Mardela	A. A. Harryman	3	Taylor Memorial	R. T. Tyson	1
Mariners	G. R. Hodge	3	Trinity	N. O. Gibson	4
Marley	C. R. Strausburg	1	Union	N. C. Clough	1
Millville	F. L. Stevens	1	Union Bridge	J. McLain Brown	1
Milton	J. D. Smith	1	Violetville	W. S. Hanks	1
Montgomery	J. R. Horsey	1	Wallace Memorial		
Mount Nebo	W. A. Sites (supply)	1		M. E. Hungerford	1
Mount Pleasant	To be supplied		Waltersville	C. M. Zepp	1
Mount Tabor	G. Q. Bacchus	2	Warwick	C. M. Cullum	3
New Church	G. H. Stocksdale	3	Waverly	W. S. Simms (supply)	4
Newmarket	H. W. D. Johnson	2	West Baltimore	E. C. Makosky	1
Nichols Memorial	G. F. Farring	3		C. S. Arnett, supernumerary	2
North Baltimore	T. O. Crouse	1	Westminster	D. L. Greenfield	3
North Carolina Ave.	R. L. Shipley	4	West Wilmington		
Oak Grove and Prince George				J. W. Gibson (supply)	1
	J. T. Bailey	5	Williamsport	F. W. Obee (supply)	1
Oxford	S. W. Coe	1	Wilmington	Unsupplied	
Parksley	G. M. Clayton	3		G. L. Wolfe, supernumerary	2
Payson Street	E. L. Bunce	3	Whaleyville	F. P. Kraus	1
Pipe Creek	G. J. Hill	3	Wye	J. W. Norris	4
Pittsville	G. A. Ogg	3	Left Without Appointment at Their Own Request		
Pocomoke Circuit			G. R. McCreedy		1
	M. R. Evans (supply)	1	G. E. Beavens		1
Pocomoke City	G. I. Humphreys	1	Special Appointments		
Potomac	W. L. Hoffman	1	Pres. W. M. College	T. H. Lewis	24
Powellville	E. W. Sims (supply)	1	Pres. Theo. Sem.	H. L. Elderdice	13
Quantico	To be supplied		Prof. W. M. Col.	E. A. Warfield	3
Queen Anne	J. W. Parris	1	Editor "Meth. Prot."	F. T. Tagg	18
Reliance	J. F. Bryan	4	Agt. Balt. B'k Con. T. R. Woodford		6
Rhode Island Avenue	J. M. Gill	9	Cor. Sec. and Gen. Agent Church		
Rowlandville	F. S. Cain	2	Ext. Society	J. D. Kinzer	1
Salem	S. Ensminger (supply)	1	Loaned		
Salisbury	W. R. Graham	1	Board For. Mis.	E. H. VanDyke	20
Seaford	J. E. Litsinger	2		F. C. Klein	1
Sharptown	C. K. McCaslin	1	Board Home Mis.	A. N. Ward	4
Snow Hill	L. A. Bennett	4	West Lafayette, Ohio, College		
South Baltimore	J. L. Mills	6		J. H. Straughn	3
Starr	G. W. Haddaway	8	Superannuates		
Stewartstown	F. H. Mullineaux	2	J. A. Wiegand		21
St. James	G. A. Morris	3	W. J. D. Lucas		18
St. John's	J. W. Kirk	2	J. G. Sullivan		10
St. Luke's	J. W. Trout	6	W. D. Litsinger		6
			S. A. Hoblitzell		5
			W. M. Strayer		4
			R. S. Rowe		4
			J. W. Gray		3
			J. L. Straughn		1

OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

Credits and Receipts

1908

Mch. 30, balance cash in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank....\$101 15

June 30, interest from Baker, Watts & Co.....\$12 74

Dec. 31, interest from Baker, Watts & Co..... 1 70 14 44

1909

April 6, cheque from President J. M. Sheridan..... 730 28

April 6, vouchers for repairs and furnishings turned in
by the President 32 97 \$878 84

Disbursements

1909

Mch. 5, Fire Insurance on Furniture and Furnishings in
Parsonage for 5 years, expiring Mch. 5, 1914,
Amount of Insurance \$1000.....\$ 12 00

Mch. 30, Water tax for year 1909 8 64

April 6, Sundry bills for repairs and refurnishings during
the year paid by President 32 97

April 6, Cheque to Thos. A. Murray, Treas., for 1 year's
interest on balance (\$4109.15) of Loan on Par-
sonage, rate of interest 5 per cent..... 205 45

April 6, Cash bal. on deposit in Baker, Watts & Co. Bank 619 78 \$878 84

Amt. of President's collections during the year\$3040 00

¼ of which was for Parsonage Fund\$760 00

Amt. in his hands from last year 3 25

Entire amount for President's Parsonage Fund.....\$763 25

JARRETTS N. GILBERT, Agent.

Report B

Of the Secretary

In compliance with Rule II., 10, I direct the attention of the Conference to the unfinished business from last session. There are three special committees to report, viz., (1) To consider the Two Recommendations of the Board of Church Extension, (2) On Deaconess Movement, (3) On Appointing a Conference Evangelist.

Action on Resolution 17, of last session, was deferred till this.

As the assessment for Conference last year fell short over one hundred dollars, I was not able to pay L. A. Bennett, Pastor Bates Memorial Church, Snow Hill, but Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, as per resolution 18.

I sincerely regret that the name of Rev. J. W. Trout, D. D., was inadvertently omitted from the heading of the Conference Sermon, published in last year's minutes.

I submit herewith my financial report as follows:

1908-9		Receipts	
Balance in hand			\$ 98 47
From Clayborne Phillips, Conference Steward			594 00
Advanced assessment from various charges			51 00
Sale of minutes			7 70
			\$751 17
		Disbursements	
Printing and distributing 2,000 copies Minutes			\$300 40
Incidentals—Bibles, credentials, printing, postage			81 79
Secretary's compensation			25 00
S. J. Smith, Temperance Evangelist			3 50
Charles Roads			9 50
L. A. Bennett, Pastor Bates Memorial Church			250 00
Balance			80 98
			\$751 17

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Report C

Of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference

We report the following officers elected according to the Charter: J. L. Mills, President; F. T. Little, Vice-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. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, N. T. MeGinnis and J. W. Hering.

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

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

J. L. MILLS, President.

OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for Year, April 1908-1909
 Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of
 Maryland Annual Conference.

General Fund

Dr.

To balance per last report	\$133 52	
To interest on deposits	1 59	
To commissions on income Drinkhouse trust estate.....	59 96	
		<u>\$195 07</u>

Cr.

By expenses of board	\$ 19 80	
By rent Safe Deposit Box	5 00	
By expenses in collecting Glenn Mortgage	10 00	
By balance on deposit	160 27	
		<u>\$195 07</u>

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

Dr.

	Principal.	Income.
To balance of principal per last report.....	\$ 93 02	
To amount collected in full of Glenn Mortgage.....	2000 00	
To income received on investments		\$1199 22
	<u>\$2093 02</u>	<u>\$1199 22</u>

Cr.

By income paid Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse per vouchers.....		\$1139 26
By 5 per cent. commission on income (carried to credit General Account)		59 96
By balance on deposit to credit of principal.....	\$2093 02	
	<u>\$2093 02</u>	<u>\$1199 22</u>

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

OF AGENT OF BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

Dr.	
To balance per last report	62 02
To receipts from rents	1641 50
	\$1703 52
By expenses approved by Committee:	
State and city taxes	\$370 77
Repairs, etc.	96 73
	467 50
By interest paid on loan from Drinkhouse estate.....	100 00
By amount credited on loan from Book Directory.....	1000 00
	\$1567 50
By balance	136 02
	\$1703 52

March 1st, 1909.

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

Report D

Our Church Home

OF THE COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Church Home desire to make the following report:

We have carefully examined the report of President and Chairman of Executive Committee and believe we can feel proud of our Church Home; and at the same time recognize the fact that our opportunity is enlarging which in turn gives rise to the need of enlarged plans and facilities.

It is highly gratifying to know we can do so much on so small resources.

We therefore commend the wise management of the house.

We lament the fact that there are twenty charges who have not responded at all, and a number which do much less than the Conference requests.

We feel this fault can be remedied by the appointment in all cases, of a Lady visitor, and where no other plan can be successfully used, apply the collections taken at quarterly communion services, to this purpose. We would therefore, urge this matter to receive the earliest attention of each and all, so that the Home may receive all support that may be expected.

We are glad to know the day of small things is over, and our first expectations not only realized but surpassed, and that today there is need for enlarged facilities.

We therefore would call special attention of the Conference to that part of the Chairman of Executive Committee's Report, which refers to the enlargement of building, and plans for the accomplishment of same, and that the Churches of the District be open to the management for the purpose of raising the needed funds.

E. A. SEXSMITH, Secretary.

G. J. HILL, Chairman.

OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

Dear Brethren of the Conference:—

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the Church Home, in submitting the report of the Treasurer, showing the financial condition of the institution, thinks it wise to inform the Conference upon some features of the work which seem necessary and urgent.

First, we would state, that for the current expenses of the Home, there is no revenue, except that which comes from the contributions from the churches. The report to the last Conference showed that collections for current support were \$85.00 less than the current expenses for the year. With the increased number of inmates and the increased cost of living, if the collections from the churches do not exceed those of last year, there will be a deficit of about \$200.00 at the close of this year. This is a serious matter and cannot continue.

The Home is managed in the most frugal manner. Nothing is wasted. While the inmates are well cared for, there is no extravagance in any department, and no one in connection with the Home is salaried, except the Matron and her assistant. The fact that about \$1000. covers all the expenses of the Home, with its family of eleven persons, for a year, shows the careful and economical management.

A recent visit by Mrs. Lynn R. Meekins, whose father was Rev. Dr. Augustus Webster, and who is much interested in charity work, was made to our Church Home. The following extract from an article published in the Baltimore Star, giving her impressions of the Home, will be read with interest. In the concluding part of her article she says, "This Home is an admirable example of what can be done in practical philanthropy by the modern church. No phase of life is so touching in its helplessness, so pathetic in all its appeal, as the old man or the old woman who has lost all and who stands alone in the hurry and worry of the world. It is the opportunity of every church to establish a haven of rest for its people who have grown old and who need aid. Age loses much of its horror when one can realize the possibilities of ending one's days amid comfort and attrac-

tive surroundings. The physical demands may be met and the material needs looked after, and this service becomes practical religion, which brings solace to lonely hearts and minds. It has been the province of the writer to visit Homes for the aged, and of all the institutions that have been seen, there is none that surpasses the condition, management and general excellence of this cheerful Home founded and maintained by the Methodist Protestants."

We earnestly urge upon the churches to see to it, that money enough is contributed each year to keep the Home out of debt, in its current work. And we invoke the Conference to adopt such means as will insure this desirable result. The matter is urgent and cannot be laid aside without definite action.

We call the attention of the Conference to another matter, which, while it is not so immediately urgent, is equally necessary to the proper conduct of the Home, and that is, increased accommodations.

When in 1895 the church undertook the work of providing a place, in which the aged and worthy members of the church, whose means were inadequate for their own support, could be taken care of, it was understood that the Home should be open to aged men as well as aged women. With our present accommodations this cannot be done, and as it is, we believe, the wish of the church that provision of this kind ought to be made, we earnestly recommend that the Conference authorize the Board of Managers to have erected a suitable building for this purpose, and that financial plans for raising the needed money, as may seem good to the Conference, be adopted.

The committee believes that the sum of \$3000. will cover the cost of the erection and equipment of such a building. This would greatly facilitate us in carrying on this charity and would make this department of our church work more effective and useful than it has ever been.

In closing this report, we wish to express our thanks to those churches, who have all the time, so nobly responded to the needs of the Home. At the same time we wish to call the special attention of the Conference to the fact, that many of the churches contribute nothing at all to the Home, and if their example were followed by the churches generally, the Home would be compelled to close, and its worthy inmates would be thrown out upon the cold charity of the world.

This work, to which the church committed itself nearly a score of years ago, is too important, too necessary, too Christ-like, to be given up or even permitted to lag.

May the Spirit of God awake the church to its solemn obligation, in this work, to help the helpless, to support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

J. W. HERING, Chairman.

OF THE TREASURER

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the Church Home for the year ending April 1st, 1909.

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, April, 1908	\$ 461 73
Amount of entrance fee, Miss C. M. Griffeth	300 00
Amount, in part, entrance fee W. L. Dail and Wife	400 00
Amount received from Conference Steward	543 50
	<u>\$1705 23</u>

Dr.

Amount of Loan to Lady Visitors	\$ 710 00
Amount of sundry expenses, painting, etc.	322 95
Amount in hands of Treasurer	672 28
	<u>\$1705 23</u>

The report of the Board of Lady Visitors will be made by Mrs. E. O. Grimes, President of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, Treasurer.

OF THE LADY VISITORS

We report thirty-six churches heard from, and we want to say right here if the churches would send in their remittance earlier in the year we would be so thankful and could carry on this work more satisfactory and not be compelled to borrow from permanent fund in the very beginning of the year. We report two special donations, Mrs. Duhurst \$25.00, Mr. Jackson \$1.00. R. I. Ave. church, Congress St., Mr. Cathell, N. Balto., Starr, Uniontown and Westminster remembered us bountifully at Christmas. All useful and helpful. We thank them and ask all to come again.

Money received for Our Church Home from April 1st, 1908 to Apr. 1, 1909:

In hands of Treasurer, 1908	\$ 166 71	
Received during the year	335 46	
Borrowed from permanent fund	710 00	
Special donation, Mrs. Duhurst	25 00	
Special from Mr. J. G. Jackson	1 00	
		<u>\$1238 17</u>
Expenses for the year	\$1067 20	
Balance on coal, 1907	50 00	
Coal bill in full, 1908	91 00	
Balance in hand	22 97	
		<u>\$1238 17</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, President.

OF THE STEWARD

Receipts year ending April, 1909	\$906 37
Receipts year ending April, 1908	909 50

Decrease.....\$ 3 13

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 could not audit the accounts because there were no vouchers.

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

J. W. KIRK, Chairman.

Report F

Of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

We recommend for reception on trial the following brethren: Edward Lassell Beauchamp, Joshua Ronald Horsey, Marion Eugene Hungerford, John Ralph Wright, Arthur J. Torrey, Alvin Boyer Dupuy, J. E. Massey.

Rev. J. R. Gaar, a member of the Louisiana Conference, being duly authenticated by certificate from said Conference, is recommended for membership in the Maryland Conference.

We report that George E. Bevans is passed to the Second Year's Class; that E. L. Bunce, H. B. Jester and P. L. Rice are passed to the Third Year's Class; that W. W. Johnson is continued in the Second Year's Class; that J. E. Massey is continued in the Third Year's Class; that H. B. Jester, B. A. Bryan and E. L. Bunce each received 100 in Greek.

We recommend that M. P. Cottrell be placed in the hands of the President.

We recommend for ordination H. B. Jester, P. L. Rice, and J. E. Massey, each being required to promise in open Conference to continue the studies of the course. Also the ordination of W. W. Johnson, an unstationed preacher, who has been employed by the President for the past three years.

We report that there is a vacancy in the chair of Homiletics.

We recommend that W. A. Sites be placed in the hands of the President.

We report that C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, L. B. Smith and J. B. Smith have been passed out of the course.

We recommend that license be granted to administer the ordinances to the following brethren: E. L. Beauchamp, Alvin B. Dupuy, Joshua R. Horsey, M. E. Hungerford, Arthur J. Torrey, J. Ralph Wright and W. S. Simms.

We report with great regret the departure out of this life of two of the honored members of this Faculty—Rev. H. C. Cushing, D. D., and Rev. J. T. Lassell, D. D. These brethren long and faithfully attended to the duties of their respective positions. They rest now from their labors and their works do follow them.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

Report G

Church Extension

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Church Extension submits the following report:

We have considered carefully the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society and are gratified with the work accomplished. We concur heartily in the movement to make greater progress in the enlargement of the work by the creation of the office of Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society; and recommend that the request for the appointment of Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., to that office and work be granted; and that their report as a whole be adopted.

We are pleased at the report of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia which announces to us the establishment of a mission called by them, Mt. Pleasant, and we recommend that the same be placed upon the list of charges of this Conference.

We desire to express our great appreciation of the spirit which has been manifested in the interviews we have had with the laymen. We have been more than ever impressed that a desire for genuine Church Extension work is in the hearts of both pastors and laymen.

We have viewed with alarm the large amount of indebtedness which has been incurred by some of the charges whereby the present and future of the same have been jeopardized, and we recommend that when charges expect to receive financial aid through this Committee for new church enterprises or improvements that their plans be submitted to the Committee on Church Enterprise for the consideration of said Committee and that the conclusions of said Committee be forwarded to the Committee on Church Extension not later than March 1st.

Boundaries

We recommend that Nassawongo Church be detached from Snow Hill and be added to Pocomoke Circuit.

That Hebron be detached from Mardela and be added to Union.

That Mt. Pleasant be detached from Quantico and be added to Mardela.

That the name of St. John's Church, Canton, be changed to Calvary Methodist Protestant Church.

That the request from Liberty Quarterly Conference to drop the appointment at Woodsboro be granted and that Woodsboro Church property be placed in the hands of the Quarterly Conference of Liberty charge to be sold.

That Whaleville and Rehoboth be detached from Pittsville to constitute a charge to be known as Whaleville; and that Pittsville, Newhope and Mt. Hermon remain as Pittsville charge.

Appropriations

Accomac, provided a new church be built at Greenbush to cost not less than \$1500.00	\$150 00
Baltimore City Church Extension Society	300 00
Baltimore Circuit on debt at Towson	250 00
Belair \$500.00, in two annual installments	250 00
Bethany on pastor's salary	200 00
Calvary, formerly known as St. John's, Canton, on debt	350 00
Cannon on salary	50 00
Conquest on salary	100 00
Crumpton on salary	50 00
Deer Creek on salary	50 00
Denton on salary	100 00
Dover and Leipsic provided that they raise \$350.00 on debt	100 00
Eutaw \$1000.00 in five annual installments to be paid on new church enterprise, provided they proceed to build	200 00

Evergreen on salary	100 00
Federalsburg on salary	50 00
Felton on salary	50 00
Greensboro on salary	250 00
Hurlock \$400.00 in four annual installments, provided they raise \$500.00 annually	100 00
Lewes \$100.00 provided they raise \$400. and \$100 on salary.....	200 00
Lynchburg, on new church enterprise	125 00
Mt. Nebo provided they reduce mortgage	40 00
Mt. Tabor on salary	50 00
Montgomery on salary	100 00
North Carolina Avenue on interest	100 00
Fayson Street provided they raise \$200.00	100 00
Powellville on salary	50 00
Potomac Ct. provided they have a senior and junior pastor.....	200 00
Reliance provided they raise \$400.00	100 00
Snow Hill on debt	250 00
St. Michaels \$500.00 in two annual installments provided they raise balance of debt	250 00
St. Lukes \$600.00 in three annual installments	200 00
Taylor Memorial on debt	300 00
We recommend in connection with this church that the President of this Conference appoint a committee which shall sustain an advisory re- lation to the officary of this Church in all matters pertaining to its finan- cial management.	
Whaleyville on salary	\$300 00
To the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia to be used for Mt. Pleasant Mission provided said Society con- tribute like amount	300 00

We recommend that \$5000 be levied upon the Conference District for Church Extension.

E. C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

J. S. BOWERS, Chairman.

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Dear Brethren:

In our report of last year, we called attention to the work of St. John's, Canton. We are pleased to know that this beautiful Chapel is completed and that this organization is prospering in all the departments of its work. While the debt to be provided for may seem large, we believe it will be satisfactorily handled. We have paid the seven hundred dollars which we promised to this work.

During the year our thoughts in reference to the extension of our work in our great city have been very serious. We have sometimes condemned ourselves when we have thought of the many opportunities which have presented themselves to us which we have failed to avail of. Yet there is a measure of excuse. Our pastors are busy men. They must look after the widely scattered members of their churches. The local interests of their respective charges engage their time. While they may have an afternoon now and then to give to some project connected with this Society's work, no pastor can devote enough time to the location and planting of new enterprises to insure much success.

We believe that there are several sections of Baltimore which afford splendid opportunities for our denomination. Your attention has already been called to the beautiful lot donated to us by Mr. Carter. He has our thanks to be sure, but the reception of his beneficence puts upon us a responsibility. We shall strive, with the help of the Churches, to comply with the agreement.

At a meeting of this Society held in Starr Church recently, we discussed at some length the needs of our work in Baltimore City and our relations to it. Growing out of this discussion the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That it is our judgment, in view of the many localities within the limits of our city which afford to our denomination splendid opportunities for Church extension, that we should have a man who will devote as much of his time as possible to this important work, to be known as the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of this Society be and they are hereby authorized to respectfully request the Maryland Annual Conference to appoint Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., to this work, and that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated from funds of the Conference Church Extension Society for the maintenance of this office.

You will understand, therefore, that not only the request of the Society is before you, but the action of the Board of Managers as well.

We request the appointment of a pastor to Waverly under the direction of this Society.

We hereby record our gratitude to Mrs. T. A. Reese and to all the faithful women in all the Churches who respond so generously to the work of this society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BOWERS, President.

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

To the Md. Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

The undersigned was elected President of this Society at a regular meeting in November. Owing to the fact that I have been so very busy with other church affairs and my business, I have been unable to get together a complete report. Treasurer's report from Nov. 30th, 1908 is as follows:

Balance on hand	\$ 2 98
Cash received to date	105 27

Total	\$108 25
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Paid on account Church lot at Cherrydale, Va. in Dec. and Mch...	\$108 25
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Am also of the opinion that there was also notes of \$50.00 each and interest paid on the same account in June and September, 1908, but not having the Treasurer's report at hand cannot say positively as to this. Doubtless Bro. J. M. Gill or Bro. Zepp could give definite information as to this latter item.

I enclose herewith two resolutions from the Board of Managers for your consideration. Praying your indulgence for this imperfect report and promising a better one at your next session,

I am yours sincerely,

GEORGE TOPHAM, President.

OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS OF CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The special committee appointed to consider and report upon two items in the report of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society made to the Conference of 1908, respectfully submits the following:

After careful and we believe thorough examination of the questions involved in the suggestions of the Board of Managers, and with full appreciation of the faithful labors of the Board in connection with the Church Extension work of the Conference, we recommend the adoption of the first item, viz., "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."

In order to make the plan effective we recommend the adoption of the following:

1. That the Church Extension Committee of the Conference be and it is hereby made a permanent or continuous committee, its members serv-

ing until their successors are appointed. That the President of the Conference is hereby requested in naming the members of this committee from time to time, to retain a sufficient number of those familiar with its work to secure best results in the appropriation of the funds of the society.

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

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

4. That the secretary of the Conference be and hereby is instructed to pay, out of the Conference funds, the expense of printing, postage, etc., incurred by the committee in the discharge of the duties here referred to.

5. That when appropriations are made conditionally and the conditions are not complied with, it shall be the duty of the committee to so notify the Church Extension Steward, who shall withhold payment of the money until such payment is authorized by the committee.

5. We further recommend that the action of the Conference of 1907 be and the same is hereby reaffirmed as follows, "The Committee on Church Extension shall not report upon any cases not referred to it by the Conference, except such cases recommended by the President to accommodate the plan of appointments."

7. That this report be printed under the heading, "Missionary Regulations."

8. We recommend that this plan become operative upon the adjournment of this session.

F. T. LITTLE,
A. S. BEANE,
J. W. KIRK.

OF THE STEWARD

Summary

Receipts

Balance from last year	\$ 5 27	
From assessments on District	4206 00	
From Annual Dues	104 50	
		<u>\$4315 77</u>

Disbursements

Appropriations to charges 1908	\$4143 00	\$4143 00
		<u>\$ 172 77</u>

Paid in appropriations 1907-'08

Amelia	\$ 25	Keen Memorial	100
Baltimore	250	Lauraville	150
Bethany	250	Lewes	150
Cannon	43	North Carolina Ave.	150
Crumpton	75	Payson St.	100
Conquest	100	Potomac	50
Deer Creek	50	Powellville	50
Denton	100	Pocomoke Ct.	50
Dover and Leipsic	150	Quantico	50
Eutaw	200	Reliance	100
Evergreen	100	St. John's	350
Federalsburg	100	St. Lukes	350
Felton	50	St. Michaels	300
Frederica	50	Snow Hill	250
Greensboro	250	Talbot	100
Harrington	50		

Appropriations ordered not paid by Committee on Church Extension because conditions were not met by the respective charges:

Amelia	\$ 50
Cannon	7
Lynchburg	300
	<u>\$ 357</u>

R. L. SHIPLEY, Steward.

Report H

Superannuates

OF THE COMMITTEE

We recommend,

1st. That \$4500 be assessed on the District for the ensuing year.

2d. That Rev. J. L. Straughn and Mrs. H. C. Cushing be granted a superannuate relation.

3d. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year.

Rev. J. W. Gray	\$300	Mrs. C. H. Littleton	175
Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell	400	Mrs. W. F. Livingston	75
Rev. W. D. Litsinger	400	Mrs. R. L. Lewis	250
Rev. W. J. D. Lucas	300	Mrs. J. A. McFaden	150
Rev. W. M. Strayer	450	Mrs. E. R. McGregor	75
Rev. J. L. Straughn	400	Mrs. A. D. Mevin	375
Rev. R. S. Rowe	400	Mrs. C. B. Middleton	125
Rev. J. G. Sullivan	250	Mrs. H. E. Miskimon	125
Rev. J. A. Weigand	275	Mrs. W. J. Neeper	150
Mrs. D. Bowers		Mrs. J. E. Read	100
Mrs. H. C. Cushing	175	Mrs. John Roberts	225
Mrs. J. W. Charlton	175	Mrs. D. A. Shermer	75
Mrs. C. T. Cochel	75	Mrs. G. J. Smith	150
Mrs. W. T. Dumm	225	Mrs. C. M. Thompson	175
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice	200	Mrs. S. G. Valiant	100
Mrs. J. H. Ellegood	125	Mrs. A. J. Walter	250
Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell	150	Mrs. P. L. Wilson	125
Mrs. W. J. Floyd	150	Mrs. R. S. Williamson	225
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson	150	Orphan children of Rev. T. E.	
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert	125	Coulbourn (to be paid to their	
Mrs. J. L. Killgore	100	legal representative)	200

Fund paid this year .976.

A. W. MATHER, Chairman.

OF THE STEWARD

Receipts

1908	
July 27, by Check of Treasurer, T. A. Murray	\$ 897 53
Nov. 2, by Check of the Treasurer, T. A. Murray	1235 50
1909	
Jan. 19, by Check of the Treasurer, T. A. Murray	1295 28
Apr. 9, by Check of Treasurer, T. A. Murray	1505 90
Apr. 8-10, by Cash from District	3857 00
Apr. 13, by Collector of Dues	100 00
	<u>\$8891 21</u>

1908	Disbursements	
July 27, to Checks to Claimants		\$ 836 00
Oct. 29, to Checks to Claimants		1163 00
1909		
Jan. 21, to Checks to Claimants		1366 00
April 10, to Checks to Claimants		5403 90
April 10, to Expenses of Cor. Sec. and Steward		7 00
April 13, to Invested Fund		100 00
	To Balance	15 31
		\$8891 21

.976 per cent. paid.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. NOWLIN, Steward.

OF THE AGENT

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

As the agent for the increase to the Superannuate Fund I desire to ask the Conference to consider the following suggestions:

1. That Sunday, July 4th of the present year be named Veterans' Day, on which day pastors are to preach on the subject of the obligations of the Church to those who have been worn out in her service, but that the regular assessment for Superannuates be raised in the usual way and not on this Sunday.

2. That on Veterans' Day a collection be taken in all our Sunday Schools and that each scholar, teacher and officer be asked to give four cents for the increase to the Superannuate Fund.

3. That in every church the laies be asked to cooperate in some way agreeable to them for the increase of the fund during the coming summer.

4. That all ministers of the Conference in the active work be asked to give two per cent. of their salary for the coming year to this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, Agent.

Report J

Literature

OF THE COMMITTEE

We have carefully examined the papers referred to us, and find in the detailed statement of Baltimore Book Directory the fact that in the departments of Sunday School periodicals and merchandise, including books and general supplies, there has been an increased profit over previous years. We also learn that the decrease in profits, by a loss in furniture and fixture accounts, amounting to \$175.23, will be so arranged by the Directory that this will be ultimately cancelled. The profits have also been lessened by an item of expense ordered by the General Conference to be paid jointly by the two Book Directories.

It seems strange to us that any of our people or charges should fail to settle their accounts with the concern, necessitating an addition to the profit and loss account, for the year of \$100.00. We call special attention to this item and express the hope that all the patrons of the concern will promptly settle their bills and that such accounts will be closed before the next meeting of our Annual Conference.

The loss on the publication of the Methodist Protestant is \$622.24, which is considerably less than it was last year. The report of the Directory shows, however, that notwithstanding these items there has been a net gain to the concern of \$1,391.08. We feel that we should heartily congratulate the Directory and the agent, Rev. T. R. Woodford, on the splendid management of this department of our Church work.

It may not be generally known throughout the district that ours is the only strictly religious book store in Baltimore, and it should inspire all our people to increased diligence that we may enlarge its usefulness to the denomination. Our people everywhere should always patronize our own. We are pleased to learn that the Directory has decided to occupy the entire space on the first floor of our building, 316 N. Charles St., to give to the general public in Baltimore City, as well as to our own people, a Church book store, that we trust, will add prominence to our denomination.

We congratulate the Editor, Rev. Dr. F. T. Tagg, on his splendid work in the Editorial Chair of the Methodist Protestant. This paper had as its predecessors the Mutual Rights and the Wesleyan Repository. The latter was first published in 1821, and that makes this the oldest Methodist paper in America. It took its present name January 7, 1830, and will, therefore, celebrate its eightieth anniversary with the opening issue of 1910, an event that ought to excite much interest in the Methodist Protestant Church. The Editor assures us that he will make that number noteworthy.

patronage and influence are concerned. Where it has a wide circulation the effect is seen in the general information of the people in regard to

The paper will be only what the pastors will make it, so far as its Church work, an increase of interest and liberality to the general interests of the Church, a more appreciative and sympathetic interest in the pastoral relation and a broader and more devout loyalty to the Kingdom of God, and to the denomination.

The Editor has invited frequent contributions on Church work, and pastors should willingly respond to his appeals.

A careful comparison of the number of subscribers to the Methodist Protestant with the membership on each charge reveals the following facts: Three charges have one subscriber for every five members; thirty-seven, one for every ten; thirty, one for every fifteen; twenty, one for every twenty; sixteen, one for every twenty-five; five, one for every thirty; seven, one for every forty; three, one for every fifty; three, one for every fifty-five; three, one for every seventy; and three charges have no subscribers at all.

In view of the deplorable fact that there has been a loss in the publication of the Methodist Protestant, and believing that our Church paper should have a larger patronage within the bounds of the Conference, we recommend that every pastor, on the last Sunday in May, present the claims of the paper from his pulpit, and take subscriptions for the same, this appeal to be followed by a personal solicitation in the homes of the people; that this Annual Conference send a message to the Quarterly Conferences, urging their support in securing subscribers to the Methodist Protestant, and that the Secretary of the Conference forward this to the Secretary of the Quarterly Conferences.

We call special attention to the Intermediate Catechism for use in the Methodist Protestant Churches, by Rev. Dr. F. T. Tagg. Essential teachings for our Young People, concerning matters pertaining to Christian Life and Doctrine, also a brief review of the Methodist Protestant Church Government and statistics. This book may be bought at our book store for three cents per copy. It should be in all our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

About one thousand of the two thousand copies of the General Conference Journal have been sold. Our people everywhere should secure this Journal that they may be intelligently informed concerning the general interests of the denomination.

W. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

We are pleased to report another successful year's work. Reference to our detail statement will reveal the fact that in all the departments of

Sunday-school periodicals, and merchandise, including books and general supplies, we have made a healthy growth and show an increased profit over our previous year's work. These profits however have been decreased first, by a loss in our furniture and fixtures account amounting to \$175.23. There never has been made, heretofore, any allowance for depreciation in this account so that the estimate placed upon our furniture and fixtures from year to year has continued the same as was the original cost. This year we have charged against Profit and Loss more than ten per cent. of the original cost price of our furniture and fixtures, as above stated, and it is our purpose to continue this plan of decreasing the amount of our Furniture and Fixture Account each year until it will be practically wiped out.

Our profits have also suffered to the extent of \$40.19 because of an item of expense ordered by the General Conference to be paid jointly by the two Book Directories.

We have also charged against our Profit and Loss account nearly \$100 in customers accounts that were considered worthless. Generally speaking we have no reason to complain because of failure on the part of our patrons to settle their bills, as our loss as compared with the amount of business done, has been very small; but there have been a few notable instances where great injustice has been done us in this respect. We feel sure that the church at large will stand by us in any reasonable effort we shall make to guard our interests and prevent further loss by refusing to extend credit to unworthy and unreliable persons.

Our loss on the publication of the Methodist Protestant is \$622.24. This amount being \$473.00 less than it was the preceding year.

Notwithstanding these various items of loss, we are able to show an actual net gain to be added to our capital of \$1,391.08.

And now we feel the day has come for larger things in our Book Concern at Baltimore. We began business about five years ago on the second floor at 316 N. Charles St. Two years later the building was slightly remodelled so as to make it possible for us to have our salesroom on the first floor, though in a very limited space. We have the distinction today of being the only strictly religious book store in Baltimore, and we believe we have a splendid opportunity for a great work. So after careful consideration we have decided that, though it will mean a considerable increase of responsibility upon us, we must, in order to meet the demands of our increasing patronage, occupy the entire space on the first floor of our building, and thus be enabled to present to the general public in Baltimore City as well as to our own people, a church book store that will reflect credit upon our denomination. We trust that this forward movement on our part will prove such an impetus that it will cause our people to rally around us and support the work even more loyally than ever.

The subscription list of the Methodist Protestant has made a slight gain. Through special efforts and premium offers we have secured during

the year 511 new subscribers, while in the same time 452 have discontinued, leaving our total number 59 more than we had at the close of the previous year. We sincerely hope that the deficit in the accounts of our church paper can be further decreased the coming year. To this end we appeal again to the Maryland Conference District for cooperation.

We believe the Methodist Protestant could be greatly improved if the events of interest throughout the Conference were more regularly reported to the editor for publication. With this improvement we feel sure it would be much easier to interest our people in the paper and secure their subscriptions. Let us have brief newsy items whenever they are available.

We wish again to record our thanks to the pastors and people of the Maryland Conference who have helped to make our work a success.

J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

W. B. USILTON, President.

Baltimore, April 1, 1909.

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

Assets

Cash on hand and in Bank	\$ 1673 00	
Loans—		
Trustees of Md. Annual Conference	742 30	
Balto. Post Office, Special Deposit	25 00	
Suspense Accounts, Meth. Prot.	20 45	
Accrued Advertising, Meth. Prot.	126 35	
Advance Orders, acct. S. S. Periodicals	1767 50	
Furniture and Fixtures	1331 77	
Accounts Receivable	2789 88	
Stock Inventory, Meth. Prot. Paper	40 25	
Merchandise—		
Hymnal Plates	\$ 600 00	
780 Drinkhouse History	585 00	
	1185 00	
Other stock	10334 86	11519 86 \$20036 36

Liabilities

Capital	\$14691 18	
Advance Subscriptions, Meth. Prot.	\$ 60 00	
Advance Subscriptions, S. S. Periodicals ..	707 13	767 13
Accrued Interest on Mrs. T. A. Reese's donation:		
Mrs. T. A. Reese	168 73	
Md. Annual Conference	595 91	764 64
Book Concern Building, Rent Fund	136 02	
Accounts Payable	3677 39	\$20036 36

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

**Department, Income and Expenditure Statements and General Profit and
Loss Account for the Year ending February 27, 1909**

The Methodist Protestant Publication and Trading Statement

Cost		
Comm. and Disct.	\$ 79 34	
Paper	763 42	
Postage	198 49	
Expense Direct	146 69	
Profit and Loss	12 30	
Printing	2426 51	
Salary	2129 10	
General Expense ($\frac{1}{2}$ share)	233 14	5988 99
Returns		
Sales Revenue	\$ 4816 46	
Advertising Revenue	550 29	5366 75
Loss on Meth. Prot. to P. and L. Acct.		622 24
		<u>5988 99</u>

Sunday School Periodicals Trading Statement

Cost		
Purchases	\$ 6785 57	
Salary	1023 84	
Postage, Express and Freight	357 06	
Direct Expense	245 28	
Profit and Loss	33 67	
General Expense ($\frac{1}{2}$ share)	233 13	8678 55
Profit on S. S. Periodicals to P. and L. Acct.		1344 28
		<u>10022 83</u>
Returns		
Sales		10022 83

Merchandise Trading Statement

Cost		
Salary	\$ 1418 59	
Purchases less Inventory	9096 24	
Direct Expense	921 90	
General Expense ($\frac{1}{2}$ share)	233 13	
Profit and Loss	20 40	11690 26
Profit on Mdse. to P. and L. Acct.		947 57
		<u>12637 83</u>

Returns

Sales	\$12564 45	
Commission and Discount	73 38	12637 83

Profit and Loss Account General

Interest, per Ledger Acct.	\$ 61 68	
Furniture and Fixtures	175 23	
Profit and Loss	1 48	
General Conference Expense	40 19	
Loss on Meth. Prot.	622 24	900 77
Net Business Profit to Capital		1391 08
		2291 85
Profit on S. S. Periodicals	\$ 1344 28	
Profit on Merchandise	947 57	2291 85

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

Report K

Of the Committee on Sabbath Schools

Two of the most important and valuable movements in the modern Sunday School world are the organized adult Bible class movement and Teacher Training Classes. Encouraging beginnings have already been made in various sections of our Conference in these important departments. We recommend these two departments to the careful consideration of every Pastor and Superintendent, and we sincerely trust the coming year will witness a large increase in the number of Adult Bible classes and Teacher Training classes. The school that goes must have the teacher who knows, and the teacher who knows must be trained.

Two books are recommended by the Board of Young People's Work; namely, Training the Teacher, and Training for Service, however, any book desired may be used.

It is our desire, also, to emphasize the importance and value of the Evangelistic idea in the Sunday School. Here is afforded a most fruitful field for wise and successful Evangelism. We recommend the careful study of decision plans to every Pastor and superintendent. Experience has amply proved their value in many places.

We call attention to the fact that the Board of Young People's Work, Adrian, Michigan, is prepared to furnish free helps along all of these lines to any who desire them. We trust the Sunday Schools will take advantage of this opportunity.

The Board of Young People's Work, which is laboring directly for the interests of all the Sunday Schools of the Methodist Church, is supported entirely by free will offerings from Sunday Schools and Societies.

We recommend that one offering a year be given by the Sunday Schools for the work of this Board. We also recommend that, wherever practicable the program furnished, free of charge, by the Board, be used by the Schools. Inasmuch as the Board has no assessment to depend upon, we feel it is all the more important that the offering from the Schools be given for the work.

*[We recommend the formation of a Sunday School Union of the Maryland Annual Conference, to work in cooperation with the Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union, to aid the great and important interests of our Sunday School work. And we suggest that a joint Convention be held with that organization, thus avoiding the holding of an additional Convention, and affording a larger attendance and increased interest in the Christian Endeavor work, and that the President of the Conference appoint a Committee to cooperate with the Christian Endeavor Convention in this movement].

The Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church was created by the last General Conference, and the Rev. C. H. Hubbel, D. D., was chosen its General Secretary, and the Rev. G. W. Haddaway of our Conference being chosen its President. In the scope of its work all of the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of the denomination are included.

The purpose of the Board is to do everything possible to maintain and increase the efficiency of all of our Sunday Schools in the organization of Teachers Training classes, the formation of Adult Bible Classes, the Home Department, a Decision Day, and an Annual Rally Day.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. CAIN, Secretary.

S. F. CASSEN, Chairman.

*Note—The paragraph in brackets, was referred to a special Committee of three, to report to the session of 1910.—SECRETARY.

Report L

Of the Committee on Temperance

Your Committee on Temperance reports as follows:

We note with joy the victories which the forces of temperance have won during the last year. The glad tidings come from the east and the west and the north and the south. We tender our congratulations to the heroes in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Virginia and Tennessee, as well as many other states. We would summon those that have tried and seemed to fail, to try again; for the victory will surely come. The air is electric! The doom of the saloon is certain. The clarion call sounds clear "Go forward."

If any members of our church are partners in the sin of selling rum to their fellow men, making themselves such by signing liquor applications, we cannot find words to express our detestation of such a practice.

We believe it to be the civic duty of every Christian voter to know how candidates for Legislatures and Congress stand on temperance measures, and cast his vote accordingly.

We are profoundly interested in the proposed temperance legislation for the District of Columbia; and would urge the representatives from the districts covered by our Conference territory, to support such legislation.

We continue to be awake to the importance of the Local Option and state-wide Prohibition measures for the state of Maryland, and confidently look forward to the day when there shall not be a licensed saloon in "Maryland, My Maryland."

Rural New Castle County, Delaware, has been granted the privilege of voting again on the question of the saloon at the next regular election. We wish them the success they deserve. We were delighted with the able address of Wm. H. Anderson. We pledge him and the cause he is leading, our continued cooperation.

We feel it incumbent on us to urge total abstinence for all of our people. Back of all organized movements to suppress the saloon should be a mighty and increasing host of pledged abstainers.

While we do not believe the slogan of our enemies: "Prohibition does not prohibit", we call upon all our citizens to use their utmost endeavors to enforce and have enforced all the prohibitory laws on the statute books.

We recognize and urge the necessity for the enactment and enforcement of laws which shall effectively prevent the shipment of liquors into dry territory, whether county or state.

We believe that the contention of the liquor advocates that the revenue to the state from saloons is indispensable, is false and fallacious, and warn our people against being deceived by such claims.

We express our disapproval of the course pursued by those newspaper-

ers which lend their influence to the perpetuation of the saloon, the source of more trouble, sorrow and loss than any other American institution.

We most respectfully suggest that suitable steps be taken by the citizens of Carroll County to get a bill through the next Maryland Legislature, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within five miles of Western Maryland College.

We recommend the appointment by the President of the usual members on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League.

"The fight is on, but it is on to victory."

S. J. SMITH, Chairman.

Report M

Benevolent Agencies

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies respectfully submit the following:

We regret to report that there has been a decrease of over one-third in both Bible and Tract collections, which is accounted for by the fact that Mrs. T. A. Reese has not made her usual liberal gifts to these interests.

We heard with pleasure the address of Dr. McIlvane, agent of the Maryland Tract Society.

The report of the Maryland Bible Society, as given by Dr. Widerman, agent of the institution, shows a healthy condition.

We recommend that special attention be given these collections, and that an earnest effort be made to increase them this Conference year.

J. L. NICHOLS, Secretary.

G. Q. BACCHUS, Chairman.

OF THE BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

	1909	1908	Decrease
Bible	\$185 00	\$291 00	\$106 00
Tract	141 00	252 00	111 00
	\$326 00	\$543 00	\$217 00

G. E. BROWN, Steward.

Report N

Of the Committee on Fraternal Relations

The Committee on Fraternal Relations report with pleasure the greetings extended to this Conference by the visiting brethren from both the M. E. and M. E. Church South, and the response by our worthy President, and are pleased to note the magnificent work which God has wrought through these our sister churches as well as our own denomination during the past year. We acknowledge with Christian courtesy a communication from the Layman's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and recommend that the Secretary of this Conference reply appropriately to the communication.

We note with a great deal of pleasure and thanksgiving the report of Bro. A. Norman Ward and the work he is doing for the cause of Christ, and the Methodist Protestant Church, by his labors in that far western city of Seattle at the First Methodist Protestant Church in that city, and recommend that his request for another year be granted; namely, (loaned to the Board of Home Missions in his present capacity), and sincerely pray that the Master may even more abundantly bless his labors during the coming year than He has during the one just passed.

We also recommend that the request of the West Lafayette College for the loan of Bro. J. H. Straughn for another year be granted. That the Conference may understand the importance of this recommendation, we quote a clause of Prof. Shepperd's letter of request. He says: "Bro. Straughn is doing a good work; no one except those who are next to him and his work as I am, can know how valuable a man he is and the work he is doing."

We also wish to express a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Levy K. Merrill for the generous loan of the Pike Adding Machine, which has been of such material assistance to the Stewards during this session of the Conference. We acknowledge, with thanks, the kindness of the Oliver, and Underwood Typewriter Companies in loaning us typewriters for the work of the Conference during its session.

Also to the Eastern Shore lines of steamboats, for reduced rates of fare to the members of the Conference. To the Baltimore press for their liberal and generous reports of the sessions of this Conference, by which our membership throughout the district have been kept posted, from day to day, upon the actions of the Conference during its sessions.

Nor are we forgetful of the valuable services rendered us by Mr. Shaw of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, by his soul stirring address on Thursday evening in behalf of greater work and enthusiasm among the children along Christian Endeavor lines (for Christ and the Church).

And to the Board of Trustees, Pastor, and the membership of St. John's

Church who have made this Conference so very comfortable and pleasantly situated during our stay with them, and pray that the Lord of Hosts may bless them during the coming year, and that the blessed, hallowed influence and inspiration received from this session of Conference may linger and bless them during the years to come.

And it is with no small degree of pleasure that this Committee desire to return the thanks and praise of this Conference to the membership of the various churches of this city and the loyal friends who have so generously and hospitably opened their homes to the Ministers and Laity of our Church of this one of the most pleasant sessions of Conference in the history of our denomination.

And last but by no means least, we desire to express for the lay delegates to this Conference, their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to President Baker, and the members of the Men's League of the Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore City for their generous hospitality, and the banquet tendered by them to the delegates of the Conference at North Baltimore Church on Friday evening last, and their delightful ride back to the Conference rooms. We congratulate these brethren of the League, and prophecy for them a great organization full of good works and deeds for the Master and the Church we all love so dearly and which we revere.

T. J. WILSON, Secretary.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.

Report O

Of the Committee on Official Character

The Committee has carefully examined all the personal reports and submit to the Conference their reports upon the official character of the Ministers of the Conference.

We are glad to report that no serious charges have been made against the character of any of the Ministers, and we only call attention to some imperfections of the reports in the hope that in the future the reports may be more complete, and in entire harmony with the requirements of the Conference.

We discover from the blanks that 48 pastors have not secured any subscribers to the Protestant, and 40 Pastors have not elected a lady to represent the Church Home on their charges, and on twenty charges the trustees have not been incorporated, and that 95 charges have paid the assessments in full. This record is an improvement over the past year. We recommend that the following list of names be published as a roll of honor:

Accomac, Alexandria, Allnutt Memorial, Baltimore, Bedford, Broadway, Brooklyn, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Centreville, Chesapeake, Chertertown, Christ Church, Conquest, Crisfield, Cumberland, Cumberland Ct., Deer Creek, Denton, Dorchester, East Baltimore, Easton, Evergreen, Elizabeth, Eutaw, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church, Newark, First Church, Washington, Frederick, Georgetown, D. C., Georgetown, Del., Greensboro, Greenwood, Grove, Hampden, Harrington, Heathsville, Howard, Hurlock, Keen Memorial, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Lauraville, Laurel, Del., Lawsonia, Leeds, Leipsic, Lewes, Del., Liberty, Lisbon, Lynchburg, Mardella, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Tabor, New Church, Va., New Market, Nichol's Memorial, North Baltimore, North Carolina Ave., Oak Grove, Oxford, Parksley, Payson St., Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Pocomoke Ct., Prince George, Queen Anne, Reliance, Rhode Island Ave., Rowlandville, Salem, Salisbury, Seaford, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Starr, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Johns, St. Johns, Canton, St. Lukes, St. Michaels, Susquehanna, Trinity, Violetsville, Wallace Memorial, Warwick, Waverly, West Baltimore, Westminster, Wye.

The relation of the following brethren is recommended as follows:

Ministers Loaned—J. H. Straughn, A. N. Ward.

Ministers Supernumerary—C. S. Arnett, G. L. Wolfe.

Active relation—C. E. McCullough.

Superannuates—J. A. Weigand, J. G. Sullivan, W. M. Strayer, R. L.

Rowe, W. J. D. Lucas, W. D. Litsinger, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Straughn.

J. D. KINZER, Chairman.

Report P

Education

OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education respectfully submits the following report.

Western Maryland College

We congratulate the President and General Management upon the wonderful success achieved during the forty-two years of its existence, and rejoice with them that the graduating class this year is the largest in its history.

We notice with pleasure the forward movement taken by the improvement made in the curriculum by the addition of a course in pedagogy, and

hope the changes contemplated, whereby the scientific course will be made more attractive, may be carried out.

With the splendid equipment of Western Maryland College there certainly can be no excuse for sending our children elsewhere to be educated, and our Pastors are urged to keep before the people the advantages offered by our own institution of learning. As Dr. Lewis well says: "Those who help in this work help their own Church and community quite as much as they help the College."

We are glad to learn of the beginning of a new library and Administration Building, and hail with joy its near completion.

We are gratified that the efforts of Dr. Lewis in regard to the raising of the Endowment Fund has resulted in securing \$11,447.27. We recommend the continuance of the plan pursued last year, and urge our Pastors and delegates to cooperate with the President of the College in bringing his efforts to complete success.

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

Theological Seminary

We congratulate Westminster Theological Seminary on being able to report the best year in its history, having 35 students on its roll.

We are pleased to learn of the installation of a new boiler, thereby contributing additional comfort and safety to the building.

We regret that so many of our brethren neglected to comply with the recommendation of the last Conference that every Pastor donate one or more volumes to the Seminary Library, only 35 having responded.

We express our appreciation of the bequest of \$175.71 for the Endowment Fund by Mrs. Mary B. Sexsmith and contributions to Scholarship Fund of \$1153.52.

We rejoice that our Churches, Pastors and Laymen have contributed so generously to the Silver Jubilee Offering, the amount having reached a total of \$7,131.57.

We most heartily concur in the recommendations made by the Board of Governors, and hope they will be faithfully and thoroughly carried out.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To the Maryland Annual Conference:—

It is my privilege again to present to you my report as President of Western Maryland College for the twenty-third year, and for the forty-second year of the College. Nothing unusual has occurred during the year

to call for special mention or elaborate discussion. We have moved along pleasantly, have had about the usual attendance, a slight increase over last year, have made some improvements in our curriculum, especially the addition of a course in Pedagogy, so that graduates will hereafter be entitled to teach in any of the public schools of Maryland without examination, and another addition to the curriculum will, it is hoped, make it more attractive to those looking towards a scientific career. Our graduating class this year is the largest in the history of the College, numbering 43. This will bring our total number of graduates up to 754.

I wish to ask the continued co-operation of pastors in finding students and persuading them to attend. Those who help in this work help their own church or their own community quite as much as they help the College. Maryland needs more of her young people in colleges, and Maryland colleges need more students. There is no reason why Christian people of any denomination should send their children out of the state in order to find Christian education for them. And on the college side it is manifest that we are now working under a wasteful disadvantage. We have provided the room and without increasing our present expense for any item except for food we could take care of fifty more students. I earnestly appeal to you therefore to help us in this particular.

We have not as yet made any increase in our charges notwithstanding the great increase in the cost of everything that goes into the domestic expense account. The present situation is rendered acute by the fact that upon a considerable number of our students we are losing money. We have always, at least since my incumbency, made a rate of a little more than one-half for ministers' children and for candidates for our ministry. It will be necessary for us to make some increase in this charge, at least I shall advise the Board at its next meeting to consider it.

As I reported to you last year, the Legislature of Maryland gave us in response to our first request of the kind, a sum of money with which to erect a Library and Administration Building. We did not get all the Legislature was willing for us to have, because it seemed necessary to the Governor in his review of the situation to cut down several appropriations. Ours was one of the number. We began the building however and have concluded to go on with it to completion; in fact it seemed necessary to do this or forfeit the appropriation altogether. By Commencement, therefore we expect to have completed a very splendid addition to our facilities and one we could not have secured without the aid of the state.

In my last report I said at the close, "Give me the hearty cooperation of our pastors in this work and I pledge myself to accomplish it in a year." The work referred to was to raise \$12,500 from the churches in the district for endowment. I have not entirely accomplished it in a year, therefore, I have not had the co-operation of our pastors. If there seems to be any flaw in this logic I trust you will be willing to let it lie until you hear

my report and see how much nearer I came to succeeding than we thought I would. I have no complaint to make of our pastors. I believe they have much to endure in this respect. I have only visited a small part of the district, thirty charges in all, but when the summer is subtracted, at which time it is useless to go, and the time that must be spent in my pulpit at the College, it will be seen that one year is not enough to visit the Maryland District, nor to raise \$12,500 by personal appeal on Sundays.

I can only say that I have done the best I could, and I can and most willingly do promise the Conference that I never will visit the churches again for such a purpose as this as long as I live. But this promise is not intended to go into effect until I have had time to finish the visitation I began last year.

I congratulate the Conference on the opportunity we have in the Western Maryland College for a great work for young people, for all young people who will permit us. In many respects the Maryland Conference has had a glorious history and has won a distinguished and respected place in the opinion of the people of the state. But the dignity and power and influence which its name commands have all been heightened and broadened by its successful connection with the history of Western Maryland College. And now when we lay this cap stone of effort upon the labors of nearly half a century, and give a fund for its permanency we can feel a real joy in believing that as long as Western Maryland College lives the Methodist Protestant Church will have many sons and daughters to rise up and call it blessed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, President.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Report on the special effort to raise \$12,500 in the churches of the Maryland district and thus complete an endowment fund for Western Maryland College of \$50,000.

I began a visitation of the Churches as soon as possible after Conference and continued it through the year as I had opportunity. Of course I had to consult pastors and sometimes local conditions made it impracticable for me to visit a charge. My own time was not entirely at my command, and duties at the College prevented me from going every Sunday. But I had much encouragement from most of the charges I visited and I trust no harm was done and some good to the charges themselves.

My plan generally was to take subscriptions payable in two annual installments. The whole amount subscribed by the thirty charges visited

was \$6,784.73. I also raised from outside sources \$3,251.94, making a total of \$10,036.67. I made an appeal to the Sunday Schools to pay more than the usual assessments for the College collection, promising that if they would give us \$2500 instead of the usual \$1250, we would complete the amount desired. The collection amounted to \$1,410.60, so that the whole amount realized by the effort is \$11,447.27.

The collection on the subscriptions has been so far very satisfactory, amounting to \$7,505.81. I have no doubt that the greater part of the remainder, \$2,530.85, will be paid when due.

I do not know whether the Conference will approve of a prolongation of the effort, but if it does I think a few more months would suffice to bring the effort to complete success. I leave this, however, to the judgment of the Conference.

I append to this report a full account of the subscriptions and collections from each charge, and request that it be published in the Minutes as a matter of justice to the charges. And I wish to add my own hearty acknowledgment of the patience and sympathy of pastors and people who have met this appeal in the spirit of Christian loyalty and benevolence.

Our College is not secure against the chances of disaster, but a long step has been taken in this direction and we have great reason for courage and hope as to its future.

Subscriptions and Collections for Endowment

Broadway	\$111 50	\$ 31 50
Bethany	13 00	10 00
Buckeystown	256 00	269 14
Caroline	10 25	5 25
Centreville	66 00	54 00
Chestertown	216 75	131 00
Crisfield	83 00	42 00
Denton	1205 00	1055 00
East Baltimore	42 00	20 00
Fawn Grove	71 80	40 30
Franklin City	15 00	11 00
Georgetown, D. C.	135 25	61 75
Greenwood	130 15	51 15
Mariners	12 56	4 56
Mount Tabor	184 00	60 00
North Baltimore	298 25	250 75
North Carolina Ave.	130 10	53 10
Pittsville	88 25	41 75
Pocomoke City	176 11	113 61
Queen Anne's	53 50	15 00
Rhode Island Ave.	882 00	447 50

Saint John's	280 25	131 75
Saint Luke's	110 72	47 97
Salisbury	574 00	267 00
Seaford	30 00	28 00
Starr	200 00	
Susquehanna	110 35	74 85
Trinity (Marion)	138 94	64 94
West Baltimore	260 00	153 25
Westminster	1000 00	839 50
	\$6784 73	\$4375 62
Miscellaneous	3251 94	3130 44
	\$10036 67	\$7506 06
Conference Collections	1563 60	1563 60
	\$11599 27	\$9069 66

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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

Dear Brethren:—We take pleasure in reporting the best year in the history of Westminster Theological Seminary. We have enrolled 35 students as follows: From Maryland Conference, 13; New York, 3; Pennsylvania, 2; New Jersey, 1; Ohio, 2; Muskingum, 2; North Carolina, 3; Alabama, 2; West Virginia, 3; Georgia, 1; Michigan, 1; Indiana, 1; Japan, 1. Seven students will graduate this year, 2 from the New York Conference and 5 from the Maryland Conference, as follows: Edward Lassell Beauchamp, Alvin Boyer Dupuy, Joshua Ronald Horsey, Marion Eugene Hungerford, and John Ralph Wright.

The following amounts have been received for the year on our Free Scholarship Fund:

Income from Trinity Scholarship Fund, \$120; Mr. Joseph D. Baker, \$100; A Layman, \$135; Alumni, \$100; Mr. Caleb Freeland, \$100; Income from Henrietta Gibson Fund, \$42.32; Rhode Island Avenue Church, \$100; Interest on Deposit for Scholarships, \$28.70; North Carolina Conference, \$79; Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, \$100; Friends, \$40; Alabama Conference, \$42.50; Mr. T. W. Mather, \$50; Baltimore C. E. Union, \$16; Broadway Church, \$40; An old friend of Seminary, \$50. Total, \$1153.52.

A new boiler has been installed at a cost of \$300.

As a result of the recommendation of the last Annual Conference the following ministers have donated books to our Library: E. W. Simms, J. A. Wright, J. L. Mills, W. S. Phillips, W. P. Roberts, F. T. Benson, E. C. Makosky, W. A. Melvin, J. W. Trout, J. E. Nicholson, R. S. Rowe, and E. T. Read. Others have donated cash for the Library as follows: A. H. Green, P. L. Rice, G. H. Stocksdale, C. J. Burdette, C. M. Zepp, J. L. Elderdice, J. L. Ward, E. A. Sexsmith, H. B. Jester, A. N. Ward, C. P. Nowlin, A. S. Johnson, N. O. Gibson, J. R. Gaar, J. E. Massey, W. B. Judefind and G. M. Clayton, S. J. Smith, W. H. Litsinger, W. S. Simms, C. S. Arnett, H. L. Schlincke.

This shows that out of 151 ministers only 35 have responded, leaving 117 who have been unable, neglectful, indifferent, or have forgotten the plea of the Seminary and the recommendation of the Conference.

A bequest of \$175.71 has been received from the late Mrs. Mary B. Sexsmith, the mother of Rev. E. A. Sexsmith of this Conference. The amount was placed to the credit of the Endowment Fund.

The amount contributed to the Silver Jubilee Fund up to the last Conference was \$6485.41; since last Conference we have received \$646.16, making a total of \$7,131.57. The contributing churches and the amounts will be specified in the report of the Silver Jubilee Steward. The President of the Seminary and the Board of Governors regard it not only as a duty but as a pleasure to express their keen appreciation of the loyal and liberal responses made by pastors, churches and individual laymen to the appeals made them in behalf of their Seminary. The success of the past would not have been possible without this cordial support.

We recommend:

1. That our ministers who have not yet contributed to the Library Fund, donate one or more volumes during the Seminary year, and that our members give a donation either in books or cash.
2. That our well-to-do laymen and churches give careful consideration to the claims of the scholarship fund for the education of needy and worthy candidates for the ministry.
3. That our people plan for the permanency and higher efficiency of our Theological Seminary by increasing its Endowment Fund, both by immediate gifts and future legacies.
4. That our pastors give heed to the oft-repeated request for special sermons on the Call to the Ministry, and the setting apart of a day for special prayer for more laborers.
5. That the same assessment as last year be laid upon the district and that H. L. Elderdice be assigned to the presidency for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

OF SPECIAL COLLECTOR FOR SILVER JUBILEE FUND

Amount collected up to the last Conference\$6485 41

Collected this year:

Indian River	\$7 00	Cambridge	27 25
Felton	10 00	Conquest and Hallwood	60 45
Georgetown (Del.)	9 00	New Church (Atlantic)	27 00
Harper's Ferry	27 00	Mardela	29 00
Oxford	15 52	Caroline	11 91
Lewistown	10 00	Parkton and Ayers Chapel	30 25
Bethany	2 00	Clayton	30 00
Chesapeake	21 55	Uniontown	33 55
Dorchester	5 75	Kent Island	23 66
Laurel	44 10	Snow Hill	72 57
Pocomoke Ct.	25 00	New Cumberland (Pittsburgh)	20 33
Reliance	25 30	Turtle Creek (Pittsburgh)	15 05
Cannon	16 50		
Federalsburg	38 20		\$646 16
Vienna, Va.	8 22		
Grand total			\$7131 57

F. J. PHILLIPS, Steward.

OF THE EDUCATIONAL STEWARD

Ministerial Education	\$ 589 00
Seminary	1588 00
College	1563 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. PERRY, Steward.

Report Q

Missions

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Missions learn with profound interest of the aggressive work being conducted under the direction of the Board of Home Missions. The secretary reports that the churches under the care of the

Board received last year the sum of \$13,000 and collected for the local expenses \$14,000. The number of conversions occurring in the regular services have been 320 while the Evangelistic Bureau report 1090 through the labors of their consecrated Evangelists. New work has been opened up at Frankfort, Ind., Paris, and San Angelo, Texas, Columbus, Ohio, and other points. At Columbus two sub-stations have been opened up in the suburbs of the city since December, 1908. The work at Seattle has continued to make excellent progress under the pastorate of our beloved brother A. Norman Ward, who is planning to cut off the appropriation now being received so that the local church will be self-sustaining, with the exception of a small outlay for the care of the church and parsonage. The Board has assisted the following churches within the domain of our Conference: St. John's (Canton), \$500; Snow Hill, Md., \$1000. We respectfully urge all our pastors to use the Easter Service prepared by the Board and to organize Mission Study Classes in every church.

We most heartily commend the "Home Mission Bulletin," and we ask for it a large circulation among our people as an educational agency for the advancements of the cause of Christ and the church.

The Board of Foreign Missions report that the work in Japan was never so prosperous and never were there so many opportunities as now. Our Conference consists of 28 men, native pastors and foreign missionaries whose character and standing are equal to that of any body of men in the Empire.

Brother E. H. Van Dyke in his letter says, "The past year witnessed the greatest events in the history of our work; namely, the baptism of 34 persons in one day and at one time." We would place emphasis upon the splendid Children's Day Service prepared by the Secretary and insist upon its use in the Childrens Day Exercises. There is none better for the Methodist Protestant Church than our own.

We recommend that the pulpits of our Conference be opened to Secretary Klein, wherever and whenever possible.

We heartily commend his illustrated lecture to pastors and people as a means of arousing and maintaining an interest in the great work of Missions. We further recommend that brother E. H. Van Dyke's relations be continued with the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing year.

The Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society express their gratitude for the interest manifested on the part of some of the churches in the district. Their ardent desire is for an Auxilliary in every church. The Branch has secured the services of Miss Annie L. Forrest during the summer months and ask for her a kind and hearty welcome among our people that she may present the needs of the work.

The total amount raised during the year from April 15, 1908 until April 6, 1909 is \$1,153.00. During the year the branch has supported six scholarships, three Bible women, one music teacher, and one Kindergarten

teacher. We have paid for the furnishing of the Yokohama Chapel, \$400, and donated \$100 for the piano at the same place, and \$100 for a piano at Nagoya.

Washington and Alexandria Branch, Womans Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, have been active during the year in their labors to extend the cause of Christ in the foreign field. Receipts for the year \$515.80.

In conclusion we wish to commend the excellent work being done by both branches of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society.

J. M. GILL, Chairman.

OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS STEWARD

	1908	1909	Increase	Decrease
Total for Assessments	\$ 2658	\$ 2551	\$ 107	
Total for Specials:				
For Childrens Day	3195	3111	84	
For W. F. M. S.	1566	1517	49	
For Sunday School	365	182	183	
For Specials	618	1815		1197
Total	5744	6625		881
Sum Total	\$ 8402	\$ 9176		\$ 774

H. O. KEEN, Steward.

OF THE STEWARD OF GENERAL HOME MISSIONS

Assessed on District	\$2565 00
Amount Paid	2576 00
In excess of Assessment	\$ 11 00

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Steward.

Report R

Of the Committee on Sabbath Observance

The Committee on Sabbath Observance submits the following:

Inasmuch as the Sabbath Day is a divine institution and the injunction in the fourth Commandment to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy, and therefore should be reverently kept.

We believe that the matter of keeping the Sabbath holy is one of serious importance at this time, and every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should feel it his and her unbounded duty as well as a privilege to attend regularly divine services in the Sanctuary, and not allow anything such as Sunday visiting, the reading of Sunday newspapers to prevent attendance on the Divine word. And Christian people, above all others, ought to set an example in this matter. We believe that any act or deed that tends to desecrate the Sabbath day leads to national degeneration, and if persisted in, will finally overthrow the great Christian principles of our American Republic. We are in sympathy with the laboring class of our land, and most heartily commend those employers who have shortened hours of labor on Saturday so as to give this class a reasonable amount of recreation on Saturday, rather than forcing them to seek it on the Sabbath day.

We are pleased to note the success attained by the Christian Church in the City of Baltimore in closing many of the Sunday concerts by public sentiment.

We also commend the police force in their effort to force the Sunday laws in respect to the saloon and the breaking up of gambling dens on the Sabbath day.

We recommend that on the fourth Sunday of May all of our pastors preach a sermon on the subject of Sabbath Observance.

J. W. NORRIS, Chairman.

Report S

Of the Committee on Credentials

Having examined the Certificates of Delegates to this Conference your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report as follows:—

1. We are highly gratified to state that there is a decided improvement in the manner of filling up the certificates.

2. We find that in the membership meetings of Mt. Tabor, Georgetown, Delaware, and Lynchburg, Va., the Pastor acted as Chairman of said meeting which is contrary to the letter and spirit of the law as found in the Discipline Government of the Church, page 69, section 29.

3. In accordance with the action of the Conference of 1908, relative to the seating of Alternates, Minutes of 1908, page 92, we recommend that the name of Brother J. H. Morgan be substituted for the name of Brother Wm. H. Deputy, Delegate-elect from Greenwood charge.

4. In that the Discipline of our Church specifically states that in the composition of an Annual Conference, there shall be "One delegate from each station, circuit, and mission for each itinerant minister", Discipline, page 22, section 1, Brother A. T. Curtis, Delegate-elect from Prince George and Oak Grove, Virginia, is entitled to represent but one charge, namely, Prince George, on the floor of this Conference.

5. We recommend that, the status of the Taylor Memorial Methodist Protestant Church of Philadelphia, Pa., having been determined by this Conference, the name of Bro. William Adolph, bearing duly accredited credentials from said charge, be placed upon the lay roll of this Conference.

6. We recommend, at the request of Rev. W. P. Roberts, Pastor of Felton charge who has had oversight of the work at Frederica during the year, that the name of S. J. Wimmer, Delegate-elect, be placed upon the lay roll of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

Report T

Of the Committee on Christian Endeavor

The Committee on Christian Endeavor begs leave to report as follows:

It gives us great pleasure to report an increase along many lines of work. The spirit of Christian Endeavor seems to be making its way into many parts of the District, yet the increase is not as rapid as we should like to see it nor the interest as intense as it might be. We report 127 societies, a decrease of six; 65 Junior societies, an increase of three.

Membership

The Young People's Societies report 5429 and the Junior 2634, showing an increase over last year of 415. While this is the largest increase

for the last four years, it is not as large as it ought to be, the average increase for the past four years being only 104 per year. It does not seem that we are putting as much vim and push into this matter as we might. We earnestly hope that the next year will reveal a very much larger increase. We note that 36 charges have no young people's society, and 75 charges have no Junior society. This is to be regretted; a C. E. Society rightly handled is a mighty power for good and a splendid opportunity for the training of the young people. We wish to call your attention especially to the number of charges having no Junior society. There is no work which we can do that has in it such wonderful possibility as the training of the children, it is a continual source of pleasant surprises to see them blossom forth into strong, active Christians whose lips have upon them a testimony for Jesus and a glad song of hope. Let us not only heed the work of the Master "Forbid them not to come", but let us bid them come and urge them that the harvest may be filled with busy little hands.

Conversions

There were only 30 societies reporting conversions out of 192. We earnestly pray that during the coming year the results may be far greater. While we rejoice in the 292 conversions in the 30 societies yet it does seem to us that out of 192 societies the results ought to be much greater, "Pray therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers into the harvest."

Foreign Missions

The amount contributed for foreign missions is \$881.00, a decrease of \$343.00 over last year. About six per cent. of this amount was paid by Newark Society, being \$140.00, the next highest was \$78.00. Seventy-three societies paid \$25.00 and over and 93 societies made no contribution whatever. It does seem that the missionary committee need to be thoroughly aroused. If all were as much interested as a part the Foreign Missionary problem before the societies could be easily solved.

The Conference Union is to be congratulated upon assuming the support of Rev. L. Layman as its missionary to Japan, and we again pledge ourselves to do all we can to make this a success. Nothing was done towards his support until November first. Since that time about \$400.00 has been raised which means there is about \$150.00 shortage. We have every confidence that the Societies will rally to this great work, and with this definite aim before them the money will be forthcoming.

Mission Study Classes

This is a magnificent opportunity to bring the subject of missions vitally before the Society. No Society can afford to be without such a class. The closer we get to the heart of this great throbbing problem of God's the warmer our hearts will glow for his lost children. We cannot bless the need, we do not know or feel.

Field Secretary

We are happy to report the action of the General Conference in creating a young people's board to have supervision over their work and we are much pleased over the selection of Rev. C. H. Hubbel, D. D., as the Field Secretary. We have long felt this great need and now that it is supplied we are looking for large results.

The Board is supported entirely by free will offerings.

The Secretary will be glad to send helps, free, to any one desiring to organize any kind of Christian Endeavor Society.

Conventions

As only two districts of the Maryland Conference Union held conventions last year, we earnestly hope that the Churches will do all in their power to make it possible to hold all six this coming year. These Conventions can be made vital centers of our Christian Endeavor work. We call your attention to the Maryland Conference C. E. Union Convention, which is to meet in Washington, D. C., in the month of October at Congress St. Church.

We trust that this will be our best yet. If it is worth while to hold a Convention it is worth while to give it our hearty support that the amount of labor expended and the valuable time of the speakers may not only prove a blessing to those who attend, but the Societies throughout the District may receive an uplift. We call special attention to the denominational Conventions which meets in Lansing, Mich., June 10th to 13th. An elaborate program has been arranged and able speakers have been secured and we trust that Maryland will send her full quota.

Recommendations

First, we recommend that every pastor serving a charge where there is no Christian Endeavor Society, will do all in his power to organize one in each church on his charge.

Second, we recommend that each Society make an annual offer of five cents per active member, if found practicable.

Third, we recommend a more frequent presentation of the Missionary cause to our people.

Again affirming our loyalty to Jesus Christ and with an ever abiding confidence in Him as the only means to the saving of the world, we pledge ourselves to a greater devotion and a more loyal service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. STONE, Chairman.

Report U

Of the Committee on Transportation

Your Committee respectfully reports that, for this session of our Conference, it was unable to make any satisfactory arrangements in the matter of transportation to the seat of Conference.

The railway systems claim that their regular excursion rates grant the minimum fare to Baltimore City.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Committee.

Report V

Of the Committee on Church Enterprise

Your Committee on Church Enterprise would respectfully submit the following report:

We have been ready for work since our appointment, but no business having been refereed to us, we have nothing to report.

J. E. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

C. K. McCASLIN, Chairman.

Report W

Of the Special Committee on Program

Your Committee begs leave to report that herewith is submitted the printed Official Program for our Eighty-first session.

We recommend, 1, that the hours of the daily sessions be those given on the program.

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

3. That the several Agents, Boards, Standing Committees, etc., shall report on the days designated as follows:

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

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

FRIDAY—Committees on Pulpit Supply, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Itinerancy and Orders, Our Church Home, Literature.

SATURDAY—Committees on Education, Sabbath Observance, Sabbath Schools, Christian Endeavor, Missions, and the Stewards.

SUNDAY—Committees on Obituaries.

MONDAY—Committees on Benevolent Agencies, Superannuates, Official Character, Church Enterprises, Church Extension, Board of Finance.

TUESDAY—Fraternal Relations, Statistics.

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

Report X

Of the Special Committee on the Appointment of a Conference Evangelist

Your Committee has given careful consideration to the subject referred to it, and respectfully reports as follows:

I. We hail with gratitude the growing interest our Conference exhibits in an aggressive evangelism, and the soul-stirring reports of gracious and fruitful revivals that have blessed many of our churches during the past year. Never has there been greater need for direct evangelistic preaching than now, and perhaps it may be said that our pastors have never given greater attention to evangelistic work than at the present time. We desire to stimulate and to foster this spirit, recognizing as we do that the supreme task of the preacher and the great mission of the church is to so present the gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ as that men and women shall be persuaded to put away their enmity and indifference and be at peace with God and enlist in the service of His Son, the rightful Lord of all.

II. We believe that a thoroughly equipped and consecrated man could be profitably employed as a Conference Evangelist, and we express the hope that such a man may be available for this service in the near future; but your Committee is not now prepared to name any one for the office. In the absence of a Conference Evangelist we recommend that brethren having special gifts for evangelism hold themselves in readiness to go, so far as the responsibilities of their own charges will permit, to the help of other pastors as co-laborers in this blessed ministry of reconciliation.

T. O. CROUSE, Chairman.

Report Y

Of the Special Committee on Deaconess Work

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

In accordance with the direction given us at the last Annual Conference, we, your Committee on Deaconess Work, beg leave to report.

First. That the General Conference which met at Pittsburg, Pa., in May, 1908, and before which body the subject was presented, gave its authority for such a movement in the Methodist Protestant Church, and prescribed a form of service for consecrating Deaconesses to this specific work in our denomination.

Second. That this Committee advises the immediate organization of the Deaconess work in the Maryland Annual Conference, under the following arrangements:—

(A). The election of a Deaconess Board according to section three of the report of the Committee on Deaconess work in the General Conference, and as found in the Discipline on page 119, and that the Board consist of fifteen members.

(B). That the Board may proceed to select a Deaconess, who is trained in the work, who shall, under their direction, superintend the practical work.

(C). That a building, suitable for the purpose, and properly located, be acquired either by rental or purchase, which shall be known as the Deaconess Home of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

(D). That the Board shall be authorized to select competent men from among our ministers, to give stated instruction to the Deaconesses in training, in such studies as, History, Bible Study, Parish Work, Diaconics, Evangelism, and the Discipline of the Church.

(E). That the Deaconesses in training shall engage in such religious work as may be directed by the superintendent, so as to aid them in acquiring a practical knowledge of the vocation they have chosen.

(F). That the financial provision for organizing and carrying into effect the work as herein recommended, be committed to the Board of Managers.

Third. That the Deaconess Board shall report annually to the Annual Conference, stating the progress, condition and needs of the work, together with an itemized financial statement of its income and expenditures.

Fourth. That the Board shall organize with a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the exigencies of the organization may require. That an Executive Committee shall be named by the Board from among their number, to act in the interim of the meetings of the Board, and who shall report their acts to the Board; and that the Board shall be properly incorporated under the laws of the State.

Fifth. That all arrangements for the work of the Deaconesses in the Churches shall be made under the direction of the Executive Committee, and that all monies paid for the service of the Deaconess shall be properly made to the Treasurer. The Deaconess to receive such compensation for her service from the funds in the treasury as may be authorized by the Board or the Executive Committee under the direction of the Board.

Sixth. That the Deaconesses who work under the direction of the Maryland Annual Conference, shall have their home in the building provided for that purpose, and shall be cared for as long as they continue in the relation of an approved Deaconess in the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. TAGG, Chairman.

Report Z

Of the Special Committee on Revised Manual

The Special Committee to which was referred the copy of the "Manual," rearranged with corrections, alterations and additions, submitted by W. S. Phillips, respectfully reports, that having carefully examined the same, and given such study to the subject as we were able, we approve the paper and recommend its adoption by the Conference, after the following changes shall have been made; viz.,

1. In Rule V, title "Committees," section 2, strike out the word "two" and insert the word "one," in item 1 in this section.
2. Strike out all of Section 6 in Regulation II.
3. Strike out the word "Shall" and insert the word "Should" in Regulation VI.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

Report AA

Of Special Committee on C. E. Redeker

Your special Committee to consider the request of the President of the Conference relative to the case of Rev. C. E. Redeker, report that they have investigated the information upon which the President based his request, and have not been able to find any fact which would invalidate the claim of Rev. C. E. Redeker to receive his credentials.

H. L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

Since the adjournment of the Maryland Annual Conference information has come to me affecting the moral character of C. E. Redeker. I,

therefore, feel it my duty to publish the following paper, which will explain itself:

Baltimore, Md., April 14, 1909.

I hereby surrender my credentials and withdraw from the ministry of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and from membership in said church. I hereby also promise not to perform any ministerial functions, or to preach the gospel until I have established a character in some recognized Christian denomination.

C. E. REDEKER,
F. T. LITTLE (test).

J. M. SHERIDAN, President,
F. T. LITTLE (test).
Baltimore, April 14, 1909.

At the suggestion of the President, the above is printed in the Minutes.

SECRETARY.

Report BB

Of the Conference Choir

The Conference Choir, having been recognized as officially connected with this Conference, would report that at this session, E.D.Stone was elected Leader; J. H. Straughn, Assistant Leader; C. M. Elderdice, Organist; F. C. Klein, Manager. In the interest of efficiency, it was decided that membership in the Choir shall be by invitation of the Leader, and election by the members at the Annual Meeting.

E. D. STONE, Leader.

F. C. KLEIN, Manager.

Report CC

Of Treasurer of General Conference Fund

As Treasurer of Fund for Expenses of General Conference Representatives, I report the total amount received, \$589.50, with interest on Surplus of \$4.38.

Paid out to General Conference Representatives, \$341.62. Balance in hand, April 13, 1909, \$252.26.

16 charges have not paid their assessment to date.

T. R. WOODFORD, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Renting an Adding Machine

RESOLVED, That in order to assist the Stewards in their arduous work of the Statistics, the Secretary rent an adding machine for the use of the Board of Stewards.

C. P. NOWLIN,
F. T. LITTLE.

Resolution 2

Sympathy to F. T. Tagg

RESOLVED, That the sympathy of the Conference is hereby extended to Dr. F. T. Tagg in his bereavement by the death of his mother of which we have just heard, and that our prayers follow him on his sad journey to perform his last filial duties.

T. H. LEWIS,
D. L. GREENFIELD.

Resolution 3

Publication of Pamphlet on "Call to the Ministry"

RESOLVED: That H. L. Elderdice be authorized to prepare and have published a pamphlet on "The Call to the Ministry."

RESOLVED: That one thousand copies of this pamphlet be published, and that the expenses for the publication be paid out of the Conference collection.

RESOLVED: That this pamphlet be put on sale at our Book Room, and that the pastors be urged to circulate it in their Congregations, and especially that they put it into the hands of the young men of their Churches.

J. W. KIRK,
J. D. KINZER,
THOMAS J. WILSON.

Resolution 4

Publication of Conference Sermon

RESOLVED: That Rev. F. T. Benson be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon, "The Ideal of Jesus," for publication in the Minutes.

J. L. STRAUGHN,
E. P. TRUITT.

Resolution 5

One Envelope for Several Education Assessments

RESOLVED: That the money for Ministerial Education, College and Seminary be all put into one envelope, labeled "Education," and that the Secretary be authorized to have envelopes printed, designating spaces for amount of each interest.

H. S. JOHNSON,
G. W. HADDAWAY.

Resolution 6

Fixing Time of Annual Sessions

RESOLVED: That the following be made a rule of the Conference and embodied in the Manual: Conference shall convene in annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter Sunday.

DORSEY BLAKE,
E. C. MAKOSKY.

Resolution 7

Of Sympathy to Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese

RESOLVED: That the Secretary write a letter to Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, expressing the deep sympathy of the Conference with her in the serious illness which she has long suffered; and assuring her that the prayers of the Conference will ascend in her behalf, that she may be comforted by the Divine Presence in her affliction, and, if it be Divine Will, speedily restored to health.

H. L. ELDERDICE,
W. R. GRAHAM.

Resolution 8**Amending Manual**

RESOLVED, That the part of rule 28 of the Conference Manual designating Sunday afternoon as the time when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered, be stricken out, and the time for holding this service be left with the program committee of the Conference.

Signed,

J. F. WOODEN,

T. R. WOODFORD.

Resolution 9**Disposition of General Conference Fund**

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the assessment for expenses of General Conference Representatives, T. R. Woodford, be authorized to receive the remainder of that assessment on the charges that have not yet made settlement, and that the amount of the surplus in this fund, together with the further payments, be placed in a reliable savings bank, to remain on investment until needed for the expenses of our Representatives at the next General Conference, and that the amount of the fund be reported to this Conference each year.

S. F. CASSEN,

W. R. GRAHAM.

Resolution 10**Of Sympathy to G. R. Hodge**

Whereas we have learned with great sorrow of the sore affliction which has befallen our Brother, Rev. G. R. Hodge, in the death of his mother, be it

RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to address a letter of sympathy to him in the hour of his great sorrow.

LOUIS RANDALL,

N. O. GIBSON.

Resolution 11**Time-limit of Presidency**

RESOLVED: That this Conference hereby expresses itself in favor of returning to the three-year limit in the Presidency, when another man than the present incumbent is chosen to that office.

S. J. SMITH,
W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 12**By the Laymen**

RESOLVED: That we, the Lay Delegates of the Maryland Annual Conference, do hereby pledge ourselves to assist Dr. T. H. Lewis in every way possible to raise the \$10,000.00 for the Superannuate investment fund.

ALBERT HAMLIN, Acting President.

WILLIAM ADOLPH, Acting Secretary.

Resolution 13

WHEREAS, the General Conference has made provision for securing the Children's Day Offering, and the Pastor's blank and the envelope for Foreign Missions are arranged to show the amount of this offering from each charge, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Steward of Foreign Missions, in his report to the Conference, be and hereby is instructed to indicate said amounts for publication in the Conference Minutes.

J. E. LITSINGER.
F. C. KLEIN.

Resolution 14**Delegates to Report Conference to the Respective Charges**

RESOLVED: That the delegates to this Conference be urged to give to the Churches they represent, a full account of the more important transactions of the Conference, as soon as practicable, after the Conference adjourns.

S. J. SMITH,
J. L. MILLS.

Resolution 15

Field Agent for Superannuate Fund

RESOLVED, that we will during this year raise (\$10,000) Ten thousand dollars, for investment for the Superannuate Fund Society, and that we appoint Dr. T. H. Lewis our agent to seek to accomplish this object; that we as ministers and laymen will earnestly cooperate in this work as he shall request, and that our pulpits shall be open to him for the presentation of this subject.

J. L. MILLS,
G. W. HADDAWAY.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuate Fund Society

Baltimore, Md., April 10, 1909.

The Superannuate Fund Society met at 11.55 A. M. Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., was elected chairman. G. I. Humphreys was elected Secretary, pro tem.

The Treasurer's report was read by Rev. G. W. Haddaway. The report was adopted and a vote of thanks was extended to the Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Murray.

Officers were elected. First Vice President, J. L. Mills, D. D.; Second Vice President, F. T. Benson; Third Vice President, J. E. Nicholson; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, E. L. Bunce; Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

The old Board of Managers consisting of Revs. J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, and J. D. Kinzer, as Ministerial members; and Messrs. T. A. Murray, Vaughn Webster, Dr. E. B. Fenby, and J. Bibb Mills, as lay members was reelected. No further business, the Society adjourned.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Secretary pro tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR APRIL 1908-1909

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

Investment Account

Dr.

To Balance as per last report	\$1870 89
To Amt. received from C. P. Nowlin, Steward	105 00
Amount on Deposit	\$1975 89

Distribution Account

Dr.

To Income collected to date	\$4988 68
To Interest on Deposits	61 57
To Conference Assessment received	24 00
	\$5074 25

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By 1909 Taxes on Securities paid	\$60 04		
By Rent Safe Deposit Box	5 00		
By Expenses, collections, etc	75 00	\$140 04	
By Amount to C. P. Nowlin, Steward	\$897 53		
July 23, 1908, Check for	1235 50		
Oct. 30, 1908, Check for	1295 28		
Check herewith for	1505 90	\$4934 21	\$5074 25

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find 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,

J. BIBB MILLS,

Auditing Committee.

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, dur-

ing 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? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?

Church Extension Society

Baltimore, Md., April 10, 1909.

The Church Extension Society convened Saturday at 11 A. M., with J. W. Trout in the chair.

The account of the Treasurer's report was read and 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, N. T. Meginis, T. Harry Bartlett, W. W. Smith, J. N. Gilbert.

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

Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Receipts

April 1, Balance from appropriation for 1907 (Rev. R. L. Shipley) . . .	\$ 5 27
June, 10, from Rev. J. A. Wright	30 00
June 18, from Rev. H. L. Schlincke	30 00
July 14, from Rev. F. D. Reynolds	11 00
July 14, from Rev. J. E. Massey	14 00
Aug. 6, from Rev. H. F. Wright	30 00
Oct. 24, from Rev. C. M. Compber	30 00
Nov. 13, from Rev. C. P. Nowlin	40 00
Dec. 19, from Rev. J. E. Litsinger	40 00

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Jan. 10, from Rev. J. S. Bowers	103 00
Feb. 19, from Rev. J. F. Bryan	24 00
Feb. 26, from Rev. J. W. Kirk	95 00
Mch. 4, from Rev. W. L. Hoffman	11 00
Mch. 11, from Rev. G. E. Brown	40 00
Mch. 22, from Rev. E. S. Fooks	26 00
Mch. 22, from Rev. B. A. Bryan	24 00
Mch. 22, from Rev. A. H. Green	48 00
Mch. 27, from Rev. C. M. Clayton	38 00
Mch. 27, from Rev. F. M. Clift	40 00
Mch. 27, from Rev. L. B. Smith	21 00
Mch. 30, from Rev. B. W. Kindley	40 00
Mch. 30, from Rev. C. M. Cullum	30 00
Mch. 31, from Rev. W. H. Litsinger	67 00
Apr. 1, from Rev. T. O. Crouse	52 00

Total from charges \$889 27

1908 April 1, Interest on Deposits \$ 28 51

1909 April 1, Interest on Deposits 30 11

Total \$ 58 62

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Disbursements

Aug. 27, to Rev. A. S. Beane, appropriation to Keen Memorial . . . \$100 00

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Jan. 18, To Rev. J. E. Nicholson on appropriation to Lauraville . . . 75 00

Feb. 27, To Rev. J. M. Sheridan, per order of Rev. J. R. Horsey . . . 25 00

Feb. 29, To Rev. R. F. Tyson, on appropriation to Greensboro . . . 100 00

Total \$300 00

1909

April 7, Check to Rev. R. L. Shipley, Conference Steward\$589 27

\$889 27

Bank Account—Maryland Savings Bank

1908

Mch. 31, To Balance\$ 979 12

Apr. 1, Interest on deposits 28 51

1909

Apr. 1, Interest on deposits 30 11

Total\$1037 74

1908

June 10, Check to Rev. H. F. Wright, appropriation to Baltimore

Circuit, 1907\$ 300 00

1909

April 7, Balance\$ 737 74

T. HARRY BARTLETT, Treasurer.

CHURCH EXTENSION 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 continued. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members" at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

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.

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

The Mutual Relief Association

Baltimore, Md., April 12, 1909.

The Mutual Relief Association met this date, with Rev. J. E. Nicholson in the chair.

The following officers were elected: First Vice-President, J. E. Nicholson; Second Vice-President, W. M. Strayer; Third Vice-President, W. A. Melvin; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Weigand.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of J. L. Mills, L. A. Bennett, C. S. Arnett. The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined and found Treasurer's report correct. The report was then accepted.

There was a motion to appoint, L. A. Bennett, solicitor for the year to secure new members.

There was also a motion to have an application Blank for the work of Solicitor in securing new members; and that Secretary-Treasurer have such blanks printed.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the Year Ending April 7, 1909

Amount on hand from 24th advance case	\$131 00	
Amount on hand from 25th advance case	126 00	
Amount on hand from 26th advance case	125 00	
Amount on hand from 27th advance case	127 00	
Amount on hand from 28th advance case	124 00	\$633 00

Expense of collecting 24th advance case	\$ 4 50	
Expense of collecting 25th advance case	4 50	
Expense of collecting 26th advance case	4 50	
Expense of collecting 27th advance case	4 50	
Expense of collecting 28th advance case	4 50	\$ 22 50

Of the above, \$16.50 paid from the Invested Fund, which absorbed it.

The balance (\$6.00) paid from current collections.

Paid heirs of Mrs. B. F. Benson	\$131 00	
Paid Rev. J. T. Lassell	126 00	
Paid Mrs. H. C. Cushing	125 00	
Paid heirs of Mrs. A. D. Dick	127 00	
Paid heirs of Mrs. H. J. Day	124 00	\$633 00

Six members deceased and six lapsed during the year; now on roll 127.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec.-Treas.

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
Neville 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
Ell 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 Vallant	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read	1846	1865	1878

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Thomas M. Bryan.....	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb.....	1792	1880	1870
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	1889	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell.....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice.....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray.....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon.....	1845	1868	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden.....	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker.....	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton.....	1854	1876	1888
William Thomas Dumm.....	1817	1843	1888
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1888
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	1900
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.....	1819	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve.....	1831	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.....	1824	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.....	1834	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.....	1835	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.....	1830	1850	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.....	1872	1899	1903
Abraham Downs Dick.....	1846	1872	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton.....	1826	1854	1904
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.....	1820	1852	1905
William Sim Hammond.....	1824	1842	1905
George Durbin Edmonston.....	1832	1851	1905
William Augustus Crouse.....	1844	1864	1905
David Wilson, M. D.....	1824	1870	1905
William John Neepler.....	1826	1845	1906
Elas Bruce Southerland, D. D.....	1848	1871	1906
Jacob Matthias Vingling.....	1817	1841	1907
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell.....	1847	1873	1907
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D.....	1865	1889	1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D.....	1838	1863	1908
	1836	1866	1909

OBITUARIES

Rev. Henry Caleb Cushing

Rev. Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D., a member of the Maryland Annual Conference, was born in Prince William Co., Va., September 30th, 1838, and at Sudley Springs, Va., on September 2nd, 1908, his spirit left its tenement of clay to be forever with the Lord.

Dr. Cushing was converted in early boyhood, and his long and useful life bore testimony to the genuineness of his conversion. In early manhood he entered upon the Gospel ministry. Among the first fruits of his ministry were his own father and mother, and to the end of his earthly career, his home witnessed the constant victories of his faith and the ripest fruits of his many virtues.

May 11, 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Dulcie McCormick, who after sharing with him the joys and the labors of itinerant life for some years preceded him to his heavenly home. On July 9, 1878, Dr. Cushing was united in marriage to Miss Clara P. Newsom, who with three children of his first marriage survives him.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Dr. Cushing by Western Maryland College.

He began his itinerant career among his own people in 1852, and in 1853 was received into the Maryland Annual Conference. He served consecutively, Prince William, Deer Creek, Cumberland, Liberty, East Baltimore, Howard, Queen Anne, Frederick, Kent, Pipe Creek, Westminster, Western Maryland College (as Vice-President), Kent Island, Susquehanna, Atlanta, Ga. (loan), Laurel, Mt. Tabor, Kent Island, Eutaw. Dr. Cushing was at his own request left without appointment 1880-1881, was superannuated 1887-1888 and from 1895 to the time of his death. Dr. Elderdice writes, "He was Prof. of Systematic Theology in Westminster Theological Seminary 1903-1908, and although then at an age when most men have reached the limit of their usefulness, he was yet vigorous of mind. He kept abreast of current literature in the theological world and was able to analyze and classify the latest books. In theological opinion, he was conservative yet ready to welcome all constructive criticism which could bear

the test of sound Biblical interpretation; but he had no patience with the destructive critics. In the class-room, his sane instruction, his sweet spirit, his sympathetic personal touch, were a priceless benediction to all his pupils. Patient in affliction, resigned in disappointment, and, in spite of every adversity, he began his daily prayer with thanksgiving."

One writes of him, "The first striking thing about Dr. Cushing was his absolute fidelity to 'the faith once delivered to the saints.' He delighted in the doctrines of religion. He read constantly and widely and made himself familiar with the reactionary teaching so much in vogue. But he held fast to the traditions of the fathers, the seasoned beliefs of the time honored standards of the church; not because they were old and subscribed to by the fathers, but because he subjected them to the test of a singularly clear and logical mind, and approved them as being true to the revealed Word of God. He personally trusted as he earnestly taught what he believed to be rock-founded faith."

Dr. J. W. Herring writes, "My acquaintance with the late Dr. H. C. Cushing covered a period of more than forty years, and no man with whom I have been closely thrown in social and church life, commanded more fully my esteem and veneration. He was a modest man, never pushing himself forward, simple in his tastes and habits, entirely unostentatious in his manner. But those who met him, even casually, felt that they were in the presence of a true man. Of no man within the range of my knowledge or recollection, can it be more truthfully said,—and the expression embraces the best that can be said,—He was a good man. As a preacher he was clear, logical, helpful. As a Pastor, he was tender and sympathetic, and the fragrance of his good life remains as a benediction with the Westminster church and our community."

My personal acquaintance with Dr. Cushing began a half a century ago when I was a boy, and he was my father's Pastor. I remember his interest in the children at that time. One rainy Sunday two boys constituted the congregation. Dr. Cushing took a seat in the pew with them, read a Psalm, explained it, and prayed with them. I was associated with him on Queen Anne Circuit and learned many valuable lessons from my association with him. He was scrupulously conscientious himself, and in his younger years while judging others by his own conscience sometimes seemed exacting, but as the years rolled by, while not at all dulling the sensitiveness of his own conscience, he became charitable towards others, and he sweetened and mellowed and grew in grace, and grew old gracefully. He had kind and gentle thoughts of his erring fellow men; he had tender sympathy for those who even with many stumblings tried to do right. He was cheerful, hopeful, courageous, loyal, and interested in everything that would glorify God and help his fellows. He was a wise counsellor, a tender and affectionate friend, a devoted husband and father and a successful minister of the Gospel. He lived a clean, pure life, he was a good man "Full of faith and

of the Holy Ghost," and has left an enviable record on earth. It may well be said of him,

"Servant of God, well done!"

His funeral services were held in the Methodist Protestant Church in Westminster, Md. Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., and Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., made addresses most fitting and worthy of the solemn hour. Rev. J. M. Sheridan, President of the Conference, committed his ashes to the dust.

A. W. MATHER,	J. W. HERRING,
H. L. ELDERDICE,	HARRY HOPKINS,
D. L. GREENFIELD,	T. W. MATHER.

Rev. James T. Lassell, A. M., D. D.

James Thomas Lassell, son of William Spencer and Charlotte Pinkind Lassell, was born at Chestertown, Md., March 6th, 1836, and fell asleep in Jesus March 24, 1909, at his home on the Old Pimlico Road, Baltimore, Md.

He was converted at his father's home in 1851, when about fifteen years of age. He was educated at Washington College, Chestertown, from which institution he was graduated in 1855. Two years later he was admitted to the bar of his native county. In April, 1855, on account of feeble health, he went to Norfolk Co., Va., taking charge of Hickory Ground Academy. In July, at the suggestion of the faculty of Washington College, he returned to his home and passed an excellent examination for his degree of bachelor of arts. Yellow fever at Norfolk and Portsmouth delayed his return to his school in Virginia, and he taught the classes in mathematics in his Alma Mater during the month of October; at the expiration of this engagement he was proffered the professorship of mathematics, but preferred to return to his academy in Virginia, according to his promise. Later, even when he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law, his thoughts were turned toward the ministry of the Gospel, but his mind was agitated and troubled about a "call" to the holy office. After much debate and prayer in the spring of 1860, he resigned his lucrative position as teacher of Indian Ridge Academy, N. C., with a view of preparing to enter the itinerant ministry. In Norfolk on the morning following the destruction of the dry-dock at Portsmouth, he had an interview with Rev. Wm. Crocker, president of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, who assured him that entering the itinerancy in that Conference at that time was impracticable because of the outbreak of the war. Thereupon he returned to North Carolina and enlisted in a company of North Carolina state troops. We need not follow the incidents of his short military life, but resume the story of his connection with the Christian ministry in which he found his congenial life work. His formal license to preach

was issued at Good Hope, M. P. Church, Norfolk Co., Va. He preached regularly at the Methodist Episcopal South and Baptist Churches, and at the churches of his own denomination whenever opportunity was offered.

In 1864 he married Miss Julia A. Sanderson, a daughter of Thomas L. Sanderson, Esq., a prominent citizen of Currituck Co., N. C. This wife of his early manhood shared the toils and joys of his subsequent career until June, 1908, when her sweet spirit passed to the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

At the close of the Civil War, brother Lassell volunteered to take charge of a circuit within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and in March, 1866, he was admitted to membership in that body and elected to deacons' orders. He was ordained in the interim of Conference at Chateau Church, Dorchester Co., by Rev. John J. Murray, President, assisted by Revs. W. M. Poisal, of the M. P. Church, and James Martin, of the M. E. Church South. His successive charges were Cambridge, Dorchester, Snow Hill, Newtown, Easton, Susquehanna, Anne Arundel, Washington St., Ninth St., Washington, Warwick, Howard, Lisbon, Finksburg, Brooklyn, Pipe Creek, Fawn Grove, Oxford, Leeds and Mariner's. At the Conference of 1907 he asked for a superannuate relation, chiefly because of the physical weakness of his wife, whose health, never robust, had become an occasion of great and affectionate solicitude to him.

To this summary of his life, largely compiled from notes prepared by his own hand, there may be added a brief estimate of his character and work. He was a man of strong personality. His mental characteristics were pronounced. To native gifts of a superior kind, culture added grace and alertness. His keenness of perception, his faculty of analysis, his independence in judgment and his love of polemic disputation, were shown not only in the debates on the floor of the Conference, but in the more familiar intercourse of social life with his brethren. He was fond of argument. He was never harsh, inconsiderate or acrimonious, but he was tenacious in his opinion and pressed his points with the skill of a trained master of debate. He had enjoyed greater educational opportunities than the most of his compeers in the Conference, and his literary culture and taste were recognized by his brethren in the important place he was assigned in the Faculty of Instruction soon after his reception into the Conference and which he occupied at the time of his death. His Alma Mater also recognized his culture and bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In the social circle he was genial and popular. There was a vein of humor and goodnatured pleasantry that made him especially interesting to young people, as well as the delightful companion of those of maturer age. His exuberant mirth never descended to coarse or vulgar jest, and he never compromised his character as the consistent, cultivated, christian gentleman. From the homes where he found entertainment during his

long itinerant life there come many testimonies to his acceptable social qualities. As a preacher he justly held an honorable rank in the Conference. There were times when he rose to excellence and exerted great power. His logical mind, his literary culture, his general knowledge of men and books, his faithfulness to the vital truths of the written Word and his fervent piety made him a workman that needed not to be ashamed. Mr. Frank L. Hering, who sat under his ministry for three years, writes of Dr. Lassell that he was among the best and most profitable preachers he ever heard, and that his sermons were always an inspiration to a better Christian life.

The piety of our brother Lassell was a deep and overmastering sentiment. It was fervent and outspoken, but never boisterous. His faith in God's loving care for him was strong and unfaltering. In the freedom of conversation the writer has heard him express the most implicit trust in the guiding and guarding hand of the Heavenly Father. This trait of his religious character was especially exhibited in the last days of his fatal illness. He was not, seemingly, quite aware of the serious nature of his disease; and there was the expressed hope that he might again visit some of the churches that he had served as pastor and once more bear to them some message from the evangel of God's grace in Jesus Christ. But in the last conversation the writer had with him, a few hours before the spirit left the weak and trembling tabernacle for the house not made with hands, he said with great and deliberate emphasis, "I am ready to abide in the will of the Lord; I have no fear; my faith triumphs over the terrors of death; I am in God's hand, and His will be done."

These sentiments were not uttered with mechanical formality, but with a fervency and impressiveness that indicated that they issued from the very depths of his heart. It was in keeping with his known fondness for the ancient classics that his last utterance was in the Latin tongue, one word only being distinctly heard, "sacra." A more entire or a calmer submission to the will of God one could not expect to see, nor need we covet a stronger faith in the prospect of our departure out of this life.

His funeral services were in charge of Rev. J. M. Sheridan, President of the Maryland Conference, assisted by Revs. J. L. Mills, J. M. Holmes and T. O. Crouse. Many of the pastors of our churches in Baltimore and vicinage attended the funeral and six of his ministerial brethren bore his body to its resting place in the Druid Ridge Cemetery.

Five children survive our brother; Thomas, James, and Philip, and Mrs. Julia McCauley and Miss Marietta. May the God of their venerated and beloved father be their Comforter and Guide, and their portion forever.

S. A. HOBLITZELL,	W. W. BAYNES,
T. O. CROUSE,	F. L. HERING,
J. D. KINZER,	C. J. STOLL.

Mrs. B. F. Benson

Mrs. Maria Elizabeth Benson was the daughter of John B. Thomas and Ann Cox Hopper, sister of Judge Philemon B. Hopper, of precious memory as one of the founders and local ministers of our church. She was born in the family homestead, near Ruthsburg, Queen Anne's County, Md., August 21, 1834. She became the subject of converting grace in her girlhood, and eagerly devoted herself to the activities of a religious life. On the 17th of March, 1860, she was married to Rev. B. F. Benson, for many years, a revered member of the Maryland Conference.

Frail health and maternal cares restricted her activity in the church all her days, but within her home she lived in piety, and endured the privations and met the responsibilities of the itinerant life with exemplary faithfulness. Deeply affectionate, she gave herself up in devotion to her husband and children; a devotion so unselfish it often seemed to pass into undue anxiety of Martha, "careful and troubled about many things." She knew well how to so manage the economies of her household as to make it always the abode of comfort, and she was wise to rear her children so that they all came, in due time, to fear and love God. Hers was a hospitable heart and hearth. She delighted to have the people of the charges her husband served for her guests and friends, and during the years she and Dr. Benson were associated with the college, she mothered the girls and boys, distant from their parents and their homes.

Dr. Cushing, who knew Mrs. Benson throughout her life, said of her: "I do not believe she ever lost a friend, or made an enemy. She was an honest, upright, outspoken Christian woman. She could not countenance what she believed to be wrong anywhere, in any one, and she was not slow in condemning it. Her life, all through was characterized by fairness and justice in her dealing and intercourse with others. She was true and faithful in her friendships; most kind and hospitable in her home; a faithful wife and loving mother."

Mrs. Benson lived to see her son, Rev. Frank T. Benson, enter the ministry of the church, dear to her by inheritance and association, and her beloved daughter a Christian woman, and happily settled in life. Then came the sudden death of her husband, the most tender and affectionate of men, on whom she depended and clung. For the sake of her younger son, she continued to maintain her home in Westminster, but, there had come "a mist and a weeping rain, and life was never the same again." She pined for the presence that for so many years had been her comfort and her stay. Infirmities grew rapidly upon her. Illness came, with protracted sufferings, and then, as the Easter Sunday church bells rang—release, rest, heaven! Long had the voyage been, with many a storm, but it was well worth it to enter such a haven! In the first breath of immortality, the first hand clasping, the first moment with Jesus, tedious, toilsome, pain-worn years,

are all forgot! Oh, what are privations, sacrifice, sufferings, sorrow and death, if, at the end, awaits the glorious crown!

"The dear ones left behind! O, foolish one and blind,
A day—and you will meet; a night—and you will greet!

"This is the death of Death, to breathe away a breath,
And know the end of strife, and taste the deathless life.

"And joy without a fear, and smile without a tear,
And work, nor care, nor rest, and find the last is best."

With solemn and tearful rites her body was laid to rest amidst the ashes of her kindred, on the dear shore where she was born, and beside that of the husband of her love, waits the trump of the archangel and the voice of God.

D. L. GREENFIELD, for the Committee.

Mrs. J. T. Lassell

Mrs. Julia A. Lassell, beloved wife of Rev. J. T. Lassell, D. D., after a period of constant decline, peacefully entered the eternal rest June 26, 1908.

She was born in Moyock District, of Currituck County, North Carolina, on the 30th day of June, 1846. Had she lived four days longer she would have completed sixty-two years of earthly sojourn.

Sister Lassell was the daughter of Thomas L. and Mary Chamberlain Sanderson, intelligent, refined and wealthy residents of the south land. She did not know her mother's love and care because while yet a little child her tender ministries were stopped by death. The father, doubtless realizing the great responsibility upon him, spared neither money nor pains to properly train his motherless child. Private tutors were employed for her instruction in the home and when she had arrived at sufficient age she was sent to the Greensboro Female College, an institution under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When not quite eighteen years of age, she became the bride of our bereaved brother. From March 24, 1864, to the end of her life they happily climbed life's hill together. Before, and for a short time after their marriage, Dr. Lassell was the teacher of what was then called a "pay school." He had graduated from Washington College, Chestertown, Md. Studied law and had been admitted to the bar and was holding a license to preach from the Norfolk Circuit M. P. Church. From the deep conviction that preaching the glorious gospel was to be his life work he could not escape. Candidly and plainly he out-

lined to the delicate but resolute girl of his choice all that her choice of him involved. Without hesitation she accepted the conditions. In the autumn of 1865 she came to Maryland with her husband, and Dr. J. J. Murray, then president, assigned them to Tobacco Stick, now known as Madison, Dorchester Co. Thus began her experience of itinerant toll. Sister Lassell was converted in her early girlhood and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, near her home. This relation to the church of her childhood was severed when she assumed the duties of an active pastor's wife in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Sister Lassell possessed a sweet and quiet temper, a gentleness of manner, which was winsome, a dignity and grace of personality which were attractive. Her heart was full of sympathy for the suffering and distressed. Many tender ministries went forth from her to bless and lighten the burden of care. She was a true helper to her husband, interested in his work and always ready to give the benefit of her judgment or her toil. During the forty-two years of uninterrupted service on the various charges of the Maryland Conference, Sister Lassell made a splendid record as a Christian. Her fitness for the task which in early life she assumed is everywhere acknowledged. The committee has received tender expressions of regard from almost every charge she helped to serve. We regret that we cannot insert them here. They will be precious to the family and preserved by them. One, though, in spirit, like all the rest, we will insert. Bro. F. L. Hering writes: "I have known Sister Lassell for a number of years and during all that time have never observed in her anything but a sweet Christian spirit. During their pastorate on our circuit I knew her intimately. I found the longer we knew her the more we loved her. She always displayed the sweet Christian spirit, always respected the opinions of others in the work of the church. I can say truthfully, that of all Christian ladies I have ever come in contact with, Sister Lassell to me and mine, seemed to stand at the head. She was an exceedingly intelligent Christian lady. It was a blessed privilege to be in her company."

Just before the meeting of the Annual Conference in 1907 she said to her husband: "I have gone as far as I can, we must retire from the active service." The husband, himself well-worn, gave heed to this desire and requested superannuation. This was done in hope of recuperation. The willing hands and loving hearts of devoted children made a beautiful home, a resting place for them near Park Heights Avenue in the suburbs of Baltimore.

It was there amidst the ministries of love she faded like a flower. It was there she ceased to be. It was there they thought they lost her. She is not lost except to present sight. Perhaps even now she is an angel watcher, screened by a kindly providence of forgetfulness from every thing

about them that would give her pain. But if they are in Christ Jesus and faithful to the end remain, we doubt not that she shall be known of them again.

"Yes, this we know; He liveth, and shall stand
Upon this earth; and round Him thick as waves
That laugh with light at noon, uncounted hosts
Of His redeemed; and this farther know:
That we shall see thee, amidst all that band,
Know thee unsought, and midst a thousand joys
Ineffable, our own shall we possess
Clasped heart to heart and looking eye to eye."

May our bereaved brother and his children—Thomas P., James H., Philip S., Marietta C. and Julia L.—who survive their mother, be abundantly comforted. Funeral services were held at the Park Heights home Sunday afternoon following her demise. Rev. John S. Bowers, D. D., conducted the service and was assisted by the following brethren of the Maryland Conference: Rev. R. S. Rowe, Rev. W. D. Litsinger, Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Rev. F. C. Klein. As the light of that beautiful Sunday was fading we laid her away with a song of hope in the quiet of Druid Ridge.

J. D. KINZER,	J. N. WARFIELD,
F. T. LITTLE,	F. L. HERING.
J. S. BOWERS,	

Mrs. J. E. Nichols

Mrs. Emma Louder Nichols, daughter of William L. and Mary E. Masten, and beloved wife of Rev. James E. Nichols, of the Maryland Conference, was born March 22, 1878, and died at Harrington, Del., September 2, 1908. A little more than thirty years mark the time of her pilgrimage on earth.

Sister Nichols was converted during the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Yingling, while he was in charge of Caroline Circuit. She joined the church at Burrsville, March 19, 1893. In September, 1895, she united with the church in Harrington. It will be seen that one-half of her life was given to her Savior and made to count for the Master.

She was married to Bro. Nichols, June 2, 1902. Her devoted husband, the able and successful pastor of the Lynchburg Methodist Protestant Church, crowds into a few words—from a bleeding heart—the following: "Her life was a continual rebuke to me because of its purity, tenderness

and patience, even under the fiercest suffering and most adverse conditions. There was never a more faithful wife, a truer or more tender mother, a more patient sufferer, or a sweeter or purer Christian. Her short life with me did more for me than anything else could possibly have done."

To Brother and Sister Nichols was born one child—James Herbert. May he walk in the footsteps of his parents.

It is due to say that no patient ever had more tender and unremitting attention from husband and mother, brother and sisters than Sister Nichols received. But the seemingly inevitable came. A noble battle was fought, but tuberculosis won. Yet death found her prepared—she looked forward to the Home of the souls fearlessly, confidently—her loving and chastened spirit took its flight to the land "where pain never enters, nor sorrow," and where the inhabitants never say, "I am sick." We deeply sympathize with Brother Nichols and the other dear and loving relatives. But while your loss is irreparable, her gain is unspeakable. We shall meet again.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Nichols' mother, at Harrington. The chairman of the committee had charge of the services, assisted by Rev. E. D. Stone, pastor of Congress Street Church, Washington, D. C., and Rev. R. H. Adams, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Harrington.

The choir sang "Abide with me" and "Crossing the Bar." Bro. Stone sang impressively, "Out of the Shadowland." The attendance was very large. We laid her to rest in beautiful Hollywood Cemetery, Harrington, Bro. Stone singing another selection at the grave.

The members of the committee have expressed themselves as to their estimate of Sister Nichols: T. Pliny Fisher says: "I always knew her as a very lovely character."

Rev. W. S. Phillips writes as follows:

"The decease of Sister Emma Masten Nichols came as a personal bereavement to me. Not alone through having been her pastor for three years did I have opportunity of knowing her, but she was a frequent and welcomed visitor at the parsonage, because of the close personal friendship between her and Mrs. Phillips. Indeed, it was in our home that she first met Rev. James L. Nichols, whose wife she became.

"Hers was a lovely character. Pure and chaste in thought and life, modest and quiet in disposition and demeanor, true and unwavering in her friendships, truly, 'to know her was to love her.' But one had to know her to fully appreciate her genuine worth. She would never thrust herself forward. She was too retiring and devoid of the spirit of ostentation. She was a 'keeper at home,' responding only to that which was pure and good.

"Sister Nichols was blessed in her ancestry. Few, if any, ever had a better mother than she had—Mrs. Emily Smith Masten, who was of the same ancestry that gave us our Drs. T. H. Lewis, W. R. Graham and A. D. Melvin.

"Possibly her greatest gift was her voice, and her greatest accomplishment her singing, which she consecrated to her Master's use.

"Her married life was brief and overshadowed by disease. But what a fight she made! Her dear husband and mother and sisters have the consciousness to cheer them that they did all in their power to aid her. But God knew best, and so 'her sun is gone down while it is yet day.' Brief as her life was upon earth, she has not lived in vain. She has left behind those who will be purer and better for having known her."

Rev. E. D. Stone has these words of tender appreciation:

"It is not easy to sum up a life in a few words, but the one before us can truly be said to be in every sense a 'Christian.'

"I believe she endeavored to follow Jesus as near as she could. Her life in her home was beautiful, quiet, easy. Always sweet tempered, she bore suffering as only a Christian who believed in God, would bear it, never any murmuring or complaining, but bright, and at times happy as a hero, fighting out her battle until the end came, and then as a tired child let go earth and took the hand of her Savior, to walk the valley which leads unto life eternal.

"There was nothing about her that made one feel that he did not want to be in her sick room; it was always a pleasure to be near her—so full of life. Her face was ever toward the sunrise and her heart ever under its mellow glow.

"Her dear little boy tells the story in a few words, 'Mamma has gone to live with Jesus.' What gain! No more battles or struggles; no more traveling up and down the earth in search of health and strength. Thank God, she has found the fountain of perpetual youth; she drinks and lives and sings while she walks the streets of God's Summer Land, where she waits her companion, God's faithful minister, who still is with us laboring, until the day dawns and the blessed morning of reunion breaks in gladness over our happy hearts."

Bro. Irving E. LeGates, of Harrington, writes as follows:

"I have known Mrs. Emma Masten Nichols ever since she was a girl, and was closely associated with her in church work until her marriage with Rev. J. L. Nichols. She always impressed me as a Christian of the highest type, by her pure, upright, Christian life, and her earnest endeavors to exalt Christ in her home, social and church life. She was a very useful member of church. Possessing a fine soprano voice, she could be depended on to sing at the public service, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor or prayer meeting, or whenever such help was needed.

"I visited her a number of times during her late illness, and always found her cheerful but perfectly resigned to the will of God. She gave me instructions concerning the music for her funeral, saying she would not live much longer, and while she would like to live for the sake of her loved

ones, she was not afraid to die, as it was all right between her and her Maker.

"I thank God for the privilege of having known Mrs. Nichols, feeling that her life has been an inspiration to me as well as to all others with whom she came in contact."

"We shall strike the harps of glory Bye and Bye, Bye and Bye."

S. J. SMITH,	T. PLINY FISHER,
W. S. PHILLIPS,	IRVING LEGATES,
E. D. STONE,	A. N. PIERCE,
	Committee.

Mrs. A. D. Dick

Sister Dick went home to Heaven on Sunday. It was February 14th, 1.40 P. M., 1909, that her happy spirit was liberated. Loved ones who were with her testify to the triumphant departure. "Saved by the blood of the Crucified," and "Sweeping through the gates" seemed to be her favorites among the many quotations of the last hours on earth. Sister Dick had lived well, and the end was glorious.

Her devoted daughter writes me: "She made every preparation for the future as calmly as if she were arranging a trip to some place on this earth." "Tell the ministers," said the departing mother in Israel, "there are two things I have all my life tried to do: 'my duty,—and to others as I would have them do to me.'"

In her last moments she testified to the inexpressible joy that filled her soul in the contemplation of soon being in Heaven where she could sit at the feet of her blessed Saviour, and see Him and sing His praises and be with all the loved ones who had gone before. The first real acquaintance of the chairman of this committee, with Mrs. Dick, was during our pastorate of the Federalsburg Charge. As we drove up to the parsonage that afternoon, Sister Dick was the leading spirit of the company to meet us. Her face was aglow with good cheer and a happy reception. She was ever a source of inspiration as we endeavored to preach the Word, and a cheerful, faithful, consecrated worker in all departments of church enterprise. No wonder her good husband used to say, "she is my inspiration."

We were profoundly impressed with her deep piety. Rev. C. M. Elderdice writes: "I visited Sister Dick in her last illness, and am assured that she died 'in the faith.' A few days before her death, after I had prayed with her, she said to me: 'Brother Elderdice, I am ready to go, and I want to tell you that there are no doubts or fears.' She departed triumphantly to be 'forever with the Lord,' her Lord, Whom she had loved

and served so long. She was a charter member of the Church, in Federalsburg, and we miss her sorely, but hope to meet her in the 'sweet by and by.' Her funeral was held in our Church and was largely attended. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Claiborne Phillips, Rev. J. F. Bryan, Rev. G. W. Bounds of the M. E. Church, Rev. T. S. Holt, a former pastor of the same church, and myself."

Rev. D. W. Anstine says: "I have known Mrs. Dick for a number of years. My first impression of her was that she was an ideal wife for an itinerant preacher. She seemed to have the faculty of adapting herself to her surroundings and the peculiar conditions of the charge they served—an helpmeet indeed. She had a keen insight into the needs of the work to which they were assigned, and helped her husband meet them. Side by side she labored with him in the Master's vineyard, cheerful and happy under the most trying circumstances. 'She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.' I doubt not that many hearts were made lighter by coming in touch with her. I think we have not had two more faithful workers in our Conference than Brother and Sister Dick. Both have now gone to their reward, and with the redeemed of the Lord together will they rejoice in the victory won through Jesus Christ."

Brother Purdum writes: "Mrs. Dick was the daughter of Rev. John Wood, and Ruth Burgess Wood, of Frederick Co., Md. Rev. John Wood was one of the first Methodist Protestants, having cast his lot with the Reformers in 1830. Sister Dick was converted and joined the M. P. Church at New Market, Frederick County, Md., in the 18th year of her age. Died at Federalsburg, Caroline County, Md., in the seventy-fifth year of her age. She is survived by two children, Mr. L. Reese H. Dick, and Mrs. Alice Davis, of Federalsburg, one brother and two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Hammond, of Howard County, Md., Mrs. Elizabeth Griffith, of North Carolina, and Mr. Charles Wood, of Frederick County, Md. It was my privilege to be well acquainted with the subject of this notice for more than fifty years, and I am fully prepared to say that in her young womanhood days, she was regarded as a true model of Christian character. Her life was such as to give strength, force and power to the Christian religion. She was an active worker in the 'Vineyard of the Lord.'

"Many times have I heard her lead in prayer. Often have I seen her moving around in the congregation, looking up penitents, and leading them to the altar for prayer. Her every effort was backed by a consistent and beautiful life, which gave her great influence, especially among the young people with whom she came in contact."

Brother Sheppard writes: "Rev. A. D. Dick was my pastor at one time at Pittsville, some thirty years ago or more. I remember that Mrs. Dick was quite a help to him in his work. She took part in religious work, lead

in prayer, and was willing to do anything she was called on to do. I feel certain she was a grand, good woman."

Brother Phillips says: "During the pastorate of Rev. A. D. Dick at Kent Island Charge, his beloved wife, the subject of this sketch, soon become well known, and was loved by all with whom she came in contact. She was truly a devoted wife and mother, an exemplary Christian lady, a sympathizing friend, a pastor's helpmeet in all his undertakings, and her counsel was his guide.

"Brother Dick was our pastor for two years, and during all that time she exhibited that true Christian character which endeared her to so many. It was my privilege to pay her a visit while at Federalsburg several years ago, after the death of her husband. I found her the same lovable and cheerful lady of years ago * * * I spent several hours in sweet converse with her of other days, with the wish and prayer that she would be spared many more days of usefulness, but an all wise Providence willed otherwise. She is now with her beloved husband reaping her reward 'with the just made perfect.'"

Another one beloved writes: "It was a smiling peaceful death with a heart full of love."

"Sweet rest,—the rest begun,
That Christ hath for His people won."

Her sacred dust rests in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Federalsburg, awaiting the resurrection of the just made perfect in the blood of the Redeemer.

F. H. MULLINEAUX,	JOHN O. PHILLIPS,
D. W. ANSTINE,	W. E. SHEPPARD,
C. M. ELDERDICE,	COLUMBUS PURDUM,
	Committee.

Mrs. Hamilton J. Day

Mrs. Sallie E. Day, widow of Rev. H. J. Day, passed to the life beyond, March 22nd, 1909.

She was the daughter of William and Annie M. Maloy, most estimable members of the Methodist Protestant Church in Queen Anne's Co., and a sister of Rev. J. Earle Maloy, an honored veteran of the Maryland Conference.

She was born March 15th, 1830, and married March 8th, 1849. Until the health of her husband compelled him to superannuate, she shared the toils and privations of the Methodist itinerant's life; and in those days these toils were laborious and these privations many. In June, 1900, her beloved husband passed to his heavenly home,—“the weary wheels of life

stood still at last"—, and she was left to bear the loneliness of widowhood.

Her kind, genial and motherly disposition endeared her to a wide circle of friends, many of whom called her "Grandmother Day" as a mark of the tender affection they had for her. Her faithfulness to the church of her parents and her venerated husband never faltered, and so long and so often as her strength permitted she found delight in its associations and worship. Rev. W. H. Litsinger, a member of the committee to prepare this brief obituary, writes:

"I knew Mrs. Day as a member of the congregation at Christ Church (Baltimore) during my pastorate there, 1896-1900. She was a regular attendant upon the services of God's House and a zealous worker for His Cause. I recall with pleasure the material assistance she rendered to the various enterprises of that young and struggling organization."

Her last illness was protracted, and at times her sufferings were great; but through it all she was patient and hopeful. Among the last words the writer of this sketch heard her say, only a few hours before the end came were, "I am waiting,—waiting for the Lord."

Mrs. Day is survived by three children; two daughters, Mrs. Wm. T. Lawton of Baltimore and Mrs. C. E. Stenersen, of N. C., and one son Charles M. Day of New York City.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Wm. T. Lawton, Park Ave., Baltimore, by Revs. T. O. Crouse and J. M. Sheridan, President of the Maryland Conference. The interment was in Green Mount Cemetery.

T. O. CROUSE,	W. J. HOPPER,
F. C. KLEIN,	JOHN B. THOMAS,
W. H. LITSINGER,	A. R. LEWIS,
	Committee.

THE SERMON

BY REV. FRANK T. BENSON.

Theme: THE IDEAL OF JESUS.

Text: Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none beside me. I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Isaiah 45: 22-23.

There is no ambiguity in these words of my text. They declare simply, and under the most solemn pledges, the great purpose of Jehovah that every tongue shall swear allegiance to Him, and every knee shall bow before Him in acknowledgment of His sovereignty, and thus by these holy offices enter into a sacred covenant to do His will. That these words refer to the Messiah is amply proven by the fact that they are so applied in two passages in the New Testament: Rom. 14:11, Phil. 2:10. They therefore declare "The Ideal of Jesus" which shall be my theme this morning.

The ideal of Jesus here declared, and more fully revealed in the earthly ministry of our Lord, comprehends His sovereignty over 1, All men, 2, All of man, 3, And for all time and for all eternity. There can be no honest doubt that Jesus wants to be the Master of all men. He seeks worldwide dominion. He does not hesitate to say so in His word, and His disciples made it the key-note of their message. He tasted death for every man. The disciples were to invite all men, everywhere. The Great Commission was to preach the gospel to every creature. None the less is it true that Jesus seeks to be the Master of the whole nature of man. He would have him body, mind, and soul. Further, He would not only have man acknowledge His lordship over what he is, but even more, He would have him recognize His lordship over what he does. And further yet, He would not only have man to serve Him in everything, but everywhere. It

is an absolute mastership that Jesus Christ demands of men.

This absolute sovereignty over man is not to be spasmodic. Christ would rule man for all time, and for all eternity. He wants all men, and all of man, and forever.

The text indicates why Jesus wants thus to rule over the mighty trinity of man's personality. He wants to rule man that He may save him from sin.

The text also gives the ground upon which Jesus bases His confidence in His saving power, "I am God, and there is none beside Me."

It is also here affirmed that Jesus has entered into this loving, tender, divine mission; that He has lifted the standard of this high and holy ideal, never to retreat. He has sworn by Himself, since He could swear by none greater, that His word shall never return to Him. He is therefore irrevocably and forever committed to this ideal of His. Such then is 'The Ideal Of Jesus.' He had this ideal in His heart in eternity. It found its setting on the cross nineteen hundred years ago. And since He has declared that He is unalterable in His purpose, it must be His ideal still.

Nothing could be more sublime than this ideal conceived in the heart of God, and laid by Him upon the heart of the church. The one business of the church is to put herself into right relations with this ideal, and to proceed with all diligence to make it real in the world whose salvation Jesus has purchased with His blood.

As we dwell, for a time, on this ideal of Jesus let us seek to realize,—How marvelously Jesus and His gospel are fitted for the realization of such an ideal, How He has chosen methods which are simple enough for all to understand, How wonderfully this ideal has spread over the earth, and What is the Challenge of the hour to us to whom Jesus committed the task of bringing to the world the knowledge of His yearning love toward all men.

I Jesus Christ and His Gospel are Sublimely Adapted for the Propagation and Realization of His Great Ideal.

I lay emphasis upon this fact because it distinguishes Christianity from every other system of religion, and proclaims it divine.

There is nothing local or circumscribed about the person, the character, or the doctrine of Jesus.

Jesus Christ was born of a Jewish mother, but He was no Jew. There were no race marks on Him although they have been found on every other man who has ever lived. Jesus was born in Judea, but the narrow exclusiveness, the haughty self righteousness, the rigid formalism of Judaism had no place in Him. Jesus was born in the first century of the Christian era, but there were no time marks upon Him to fix Him as belonging to that age. Neither that age, nor any age could point to Him and say, "He is of us." The speech of Jesus had this universal quality. Men of a thous-

and years ago, or even a few hundred years ago, are hard to understand today, but there is no difficulty in understanding Jesus after the lapse of two thousand years since His words were spoken in the flesh. His words speak to the universal heart of man. The personality of Jesus was a universal personality. He attracts all men, high or low, rich or poor, good or bad. Wicked men and devils sound His praise. His character as surely appeals to men of today as of generations gone.

It follows that in Jesus men have a unifying center. They come together as they rally to Him. About His holy person it is possible to realize the solidarity of the race. In the fellowship of a common passion men are moulded into the beauty of a brotherhood. Since One is our Master, all we are brethren.

The gospel which Jesus taught, and which found its perfect illustration in the glorious tragedy of the cross, was no less universal than His person, or His character. Some truth is of local and limited application. On the other hand there are certain primal truths which are of universal application. They are as true of one man as of another. Such truths are those indicated by the words, sin, sorrow, pain, punishment, atonement, lovelorn, sacrifice, righteousness, love, God. These and kindred truths make their appeal to all men, it matters not where they live, or what racial tag is on them, or in what age they are born. It is divinely true that all men are included under sin, that all men may be also included under grace. The truth of Jesus therefore has its message for every man.

The gospel plan has shown itself adapted to the world-wide ideal of Jesus because it accomplishes the thing it sets out to do. It is not only an ideal, but an almighty power. It never fails. It helps and saves in every case. This is also a universal fact. It saved Saul of Tarsus, and the Ethiopian Eunuch, and the Philippian jailor. It saved the beggar at the Beautiful Gate, and Constantine on the throne of the Caesars. It avails for the Chinaman, and the Negro, and the Indian, as well as the noble Caucasian. The gospel is universally efficient. No other religion can claim so much. Other systems of religion have given utterance to beautiful moral precepts, and soothing meditations, but none have been able to save from sin. The glory of the gospel of Jesus is that it can save from sin, and it can do it anywhere. In this sense it is true that among men "There is no difference."

After all these things have been considered it remains that the greatest adaptation of the ideal of Jesus for world-wide evangelism is that its Author is the Son of God, and that behind it, as an impelling power, is the almightiness of God. After His Resurrection, and just before His Ascension Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth." In that power His disciples were to go forth on their world-wide mission, and the assurance was theirs, "Lo I am with you always." The heart in which

nestles this holy, sublime ideal is the heart of God. The ideal is therefore God's ideal, and God will bring it to pass.

"Can truth divine fulfillment fail?
Sooner shall star-crowned nature die."

ii. The Method by which Jesus would Realize His High Ideal is Both Simple and Unique.

The unit of power in the realization of the ideal of Jesus, in bringing the world to His feet, is the saved man passing on to other men the story of his redemption. Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are my witnesses." What Jesus might have done, we are not privileged to ask. What He has done is to commit the propaganda of salvation to human hands, and human lips. The end waits complete obedience to the command, "Go ye into all the world."

To make more effective the power of saved men, they are banded together into the church. The church is both an organization, and a living force. As an organization it is committed to her to care for the material interests of the kingdom, and to plan the campaign, and to provision the host of the gospel army. As a living force she is to be the channel through which divine grace is communicated to men. In her hallowed sanctuaries men enter into fellowship with God, and He reveals His will to them. It is hers to guard with jealous care the sacred deposit of divine truth, and to send it forth in its purity to the ends of the earth.

Saved men, organized as the church of the Living God, are called upon to consecrate themselves wholly, and unreservedly to the will of God. They are called upon to believe with all their hearts that His will is perfect. They are no longer to be their own. They are to be "slaves of Jesus Christ." They are to go where He wants them to go. They are to say what He wants them to say. They are to do what He wants them to do. It is to be the "full surrender." So Paul gave himself to his Lord, so Livingstone, so Wesley, so Moody, so the glorious company of the martyrs, and so must we if we are to become a part of the mighty host who are spreading abroad Emmanuel's praise.

The time-server, the croaker, the ease-lover, and the selfish man have no place in the method of the kingdom. Here self is lost, swallowed up in Christ.

These saved men, organized into the church of the Living God, consecrated absolutely to the will of God, must be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Since the work is divine, a divine Spirit must direct it, and inspire it. The first disciples, to whom this holy ideal was committed, were commanded to wait in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Spirit. Their conquering power as witnesses was inevitably bound up with that baptism. This advent of the Spirit was not as a witness of salvation, but as an in-

filling for service. The man who enters into the service of Christ to spread abroad the knowledge of His love, is engaged in a supernatural work, and must be fitted for it from on high. The early church could not move one step without this divine preparation, and how can we? We must never forget that the Spirit-filled church alone has the promise of the Father.

In the heart of these saved men, constituting the church of God, consecrated wholly to His will, and baptized with His Spirit, must reside the same spirit, and ideal which possessed their divine Lord and drove Him to the cross. They must love men. They must see in them their possibilities in Christ Jesus. They must desire above everything else their salvation. They must have what Dr. Josiah Strong and others have called, "An enthusiasm for humanity." They must enter into the fellowship of the passion of the cross. The awful condition of men without Christ must fill their hearts with pain. They must feel what Paul felt when he said, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." They must know what Robert Speer feels when he goes up and down this land with a heart filled with a frenzy of love, begging the church to hasten to the rescue of the great heathen world which is gorging the earth with new-made graves at the setting of every sun.

Into the hands of these men who have entered into the heart of Jesus in His agony for the redemption of a lost race, God has put certain agencies of power.

They have the open Book—the Word of God. It can never be fettered by the persecution or the hate of men, nor can it be closed by a vaulting human egotism which seeks to tamper with its inspired pages. The church can hope for little headway in winning the world to Christ except as we carry to the world the Book. It is still "quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword to the dividing asunder of a man from his sins." There is no new Book for the new times. It is the old Book for the new times that the world needs, and that is the Book which God has placed in our hands to bear to the uttermost parts of the world.

Another agency of power in the hands of the evangelist of Jesus is the ministry of intercession. The Father said to the Son, "Ask of Me and I will give Thee the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." He says no less to those who are seeking to carry that promise into effect. The promise was to be fulfilled to the Son for the asking, and our Lord has said to us, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do." The open heavens respond to prayer. As Jesus interceded for men so must we. Why this is so I am not concerned in asking. I only know that God has said it, and the history of these ages has no greater miracles recorded than those which have been wrought through the agency of prayer.

Another agency in the hands of those who would bring the ideal of Jesus to pass is the preaching of the word. The great commission of

Christ to His church was to preach the gospel. It is the divine method. The command has never been revoked. The preacher is called of God, sanctified according to His purpose, ordained to his holy calling, and his lips inspired with a divine unction. There is nothing more holy, more sublime, more awful, or more potent than a minister of God declaring the message inspired in him by the Holy Spirit.

The substance of a man's preaching must be backed by a vital personal experience. He must be able to say, "What I have felt of the good word of God" that declare I unto you. The personal experience of the witnesser gives the note of assurance to the witnessing. Behind the message must be the man, possessed of the message, and incarnating the message. The first requisite of a minister of Jesus Christ is that he be a converted man, born of the spirit from above. No amount of talent, no amount of theological learning, no amount of oratorical skill can compensate for the absence of this. The saved man speaking out of his heart the story of redeeming love, which he has first learned out of the Book, and afterward at the throne of God prone upon his face in penitence and prayer, is still the supreme agent of the world's evangelization.

As these saved men go forward with the gospel message to the world to bring it to the feet of Jesus, they must not only have the Holy Spirit within them, but that Spirit must get without them to the world for whose salvation they are seeking. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is one thing, the outpouring of the Spirit is quite another.

The power to save is divine power, but it is a solemn thought that the divine power can only reach effectively the world as it resides in some soul, and from that soul goes out to save.

In the great plan of human redemption God has limited Himself in order that He may use man to achieve His holy will. It is for saved men to keep the channel OPEN and CLEAN, that the Spirit may get out into the world with His omnipotent power.

This then is the simple, and unique plan by which Christ Jesus would bring to pass His sublime ideal of world-wide salvation. The one chief, and never-to-be-forgotten fact is that above all other agencies and instrumentalities, the one absolutely essential thing is the saved man telling the story of his redemption to the world which is lost without Christ. If saved men fail, the plan fails. This man must not wait to have the world come to him; he must go to the world. To the sinner the invitation is, "Come," but ever after that there is one imperious voice which sounds everywhere through the evangel—"Go!" On restless and unwearying feet the saved man must seek the lost man, and with the pleading of a passionate love must tell him the story of the cross, until the last man has bowed down before the feet of Him, who for all men's redemption poured out His blood in perfect atonement.

The plan is at once so unique and simple, and to the eyes of men so perilous, depending as it does upon the uncertain fidelity of men, that one

must wonder if it is efficient. To a consideration of that question we will next address ourselves.

III. In the Centuries Past the Ideal of Jesus has Achieved Great Victories, and has Prepared the Way for Its Final Triumph.

Soil Prepared. A most significant fact appears to us on the very threshold of the consideration of the victories of the ideal of Jesus. The influence of the gospel, with its world-wide horizon, has pushed the horizon of man's life outward in every direction. The world to which the ideal of Jesus was first preached was a narrow world, and the men who inhabited that world were as narrow as the world in which they lived. Great schemes found no congenial soil in such a generation. In every age there have been rare souls who have towered above their fellows and their times, and it was so in these times; but the great multitude looked upon the ideal of Jesus as the dream of an enthusiast. For many generations after, the church had much the same notion. But a mighty change has come. The world has so shrunk through the miracles of modern invention that New York is nearer to Calcutta today, than it was to Washington a century or more ago. What the world does today, will be known almost everywhere at dawn tomorrow. Men are living a world-life. Their enterprise is world-enterprise, their thought is world-thought. Nothing is so great as to daunt the courage of man in the attempt to achieve it, and his triumphs stagger the imagination.

But this wide vision, this reaching out after great things, this world-wide horizon is the most congenial soil in which to cause to flourish this ideal of Jesus. Men who are engaged in world-schemes, will take kindly, and even enthusiastically to the world-scheme of the gospel. Witness the great laymen's movement which is stirring the pulse of the church at this time. We make a great mistake in seeking to make the way of salvation easy that we may attract men to it. Men are not seeking easy things today. They instinctively feel that the great God ought to expect great things of men. The heroic days of Christianity have always been those days when men held their faith at the peril of their lives.

"The hero is not fed on sweets,
Daily his own heart he eats;
Chambers of the great are jails,
And head-winds right for royal sails."

The body of Christ needs nothing so much as the tonic of a mighty ideal. It might as well be understood, once and for all, that the church cannot expect to hold the respect of this generation except as she awakens to the fact that the day of small things has forever passed. The spirit of these times is a triumph of the spirit of Jesus, and the world is ready today, as never before, to give its sympathy and help to the sublime ideal of Jesus to preach the gospel to all men.

Resources: Another of the triumphs of the ideal of Jesus is that the church has had placed in her hands ample resources to speedily evangelize the world, if she will consecrate and use them. These resources comprehend Men, Money, and Machinery.

Men:—Nine tenths of the missionary activity of the world is found in four Christian Nations—Germany, Great Britain, Canada and the United States. In these lands the population is 178,000,000. In the United States Protestant Christianity has about 19,000,000 communicants,—or one in four of the population. The average is not quite so high in the other nations. In these lands one out of every 150 men are enlisted in their standing armies. They are consecrated to the high art of slaughtering their fellow men in obedience to the rules of the game. If these nations can give one out of every 150 to slay men, might they not give one out of every thousand to save men? This would provide a host of 200,000 missionaries to carry the gospel to all men, and it could be easily done with such an host. The church is amply supplied with men to carry out our Lord's ideal.

Money:—The church is no less prepared to finance the proposition for world-wide evangelization. Mr. Speed estimates that there is in the hands of the members of the Christian Church in these lands mentioned \$33,000,000,000. If we consider the multitudes of people dwelling in these countries who, though not communicants, yet still count themselves Christians, Mr. Speer thinks we might fairly double these figures. Surely here is wealth sufficient for even so great an enterprise as the ideal of Jesus. The average increase of wealth in our land is nearly three billions of dollars yearly. One fourth of this is estimated to belong to the followers of Jesus Christ, or \$725,000,000. In other words after God's people have supplied their necessities, and indulged in their luxuries they still have a surplus to hoard away amounting to the vast sum of \$725,000,000. Mr. Speer says truthfully, and we think very moderately, "The Christian Church stands in possession of material resources so great that she would not feel the expenditure of what would be necessary for the evangelization of the whole world."

Machinery:—With the machinery of the church in our own and other Christian lands, I take it, you are all familiar. It is a saying among us that the church is organized to death. This means that we have all the machinery here that we need, and more, to accomplish the work which God expects of us. The need of our times in Christian lands is not more machinery, but more power to run the machinery we already have. It is literally true that in Christendom the church is organized to meet every need of man.

Abroad, the machinery of missions is entirely sufficient in kind, if not in quantity, to do the work of evangelization when the church is ready to supply the means. We quote again from Mr. Robert Speer, "Think again of the actual missionary equipment of the church. There are 558 mission-

ary societies, 306 of these in the four countries mentioned, with 7,319 mission stations, 14,364 organized churches, 94 colleges and universities having a student population greater than that of Germany, and almost as great as the combined university population of Canada and Great Britain. I hesitate to speak of the immense mass of machinery that has grown up under the control of Christian Missions: 20,458 schools with an attendance of children larger than the standing armies of these four nations, 379 hospitals and 782 dispensaries treating every year more patients than the entire population of the Dominion of Canada; 152 publishing houses, printing annually 400,000,000 pages and circulating the Bible in 452 living versions; 64 missionary ships belonging exclusively to Christ, traversing every sea and almost furnishing Christian Missions, if other ships were lacking, with the means of bearing the representatives of the cross to every land under the sky."

Achievement.

In Christian Lands:—The victories of this great ideal of Jesus are not all in preparing the soil, and getting together the resources to cultivate it. Great and wonderful progress has been made both at home and abroad in actually bringing the world to Christ. The progress of the gospel has been in two directions. It has come to the individual with its message of love leading him to yield himself to the sovereignty of Jesus, and it has come to the nations as a leaven leavening, by gradual process, the whole lump.

The story of the triumph of the gospel in Christian lands is so familiar to us, I need only remind you of some of its most signal achievements that I may assist you in the exercise of the gratitude, which is meet in the presence of the blessings which have fallen upon us so richly from the full treasures of God.

At the end of the first thousand years of christian effort the gospel had been preached to only fifty millions of people. A thousand years is longer than the life of most nations, few nations have survived so long. The kingdom of Christ only learned to walk in its first thousand years of history. In the next five hundred years it had traveled as far as the thousand years preceding—one hundred million rejoiced in the knowledge of a Saviour born. During the next three hundred years the church won to the banner of Jesus as many as in the fifteen hundred years before, and numbered two hundred millions. While the nineteenth century is not looked upon as an age of miracles in Christian expansion, the number of those who owned the sway of Jesus Christ on earth had in that century risen to the magnificent proportions of four hundred millions of people. In other words the gospel reached more people in that one century than in all the eighteen hundred years preceding. One is here struck with the cumulative influence of the gospel, and pessimism is smitten dumb.

The simple story of enlisting converts is not half the story of what Jesus has done in these Christian Lands of ours during the last nineteen hun-

dred years. The spirit of Jesus, and the idea of Jesus has entered into every realm of life and learning, and everywhere they have entered as a transforming power. Law, literature, government, business, society have all felt this transforming power. There can be no doubt that the civilization of today is a Christian Civilization—the leaven of the gospel working among the nations.

The resources of the church as discussed in another part of this sermon are also in evidence of the power of the ideal of Jesus controlling in the hearts of men.

Perhaps we may be able the more easily to grasp what Christ means to the world in which we live, by considering how intimately the history, the teaching, and the love of Jesus have entered into the individual lives of all of us from the very cradle to the grave. Infancy is sanctified among us because we remember that the Babe of Bethlehem was couched in a manger with the beasts of the field. It is the privilege of the parent to take the new-born infant to the church, and, in the mystic waters of baptism, consecrate it to the service and care of Jesus. When youth stands hesitant and afraid before the great concerns of life and destiny, it is Jesus who leads the hesitant and fearful feet to the paths of righteousness and truth. When the soul of man becomes conscious of sin, and he trembles before the wrath of an offended conscience, it is Jesus whose voice of love speaks to his agony and penitence, "Thy sins be forgiven thee, go and sin no more." When temptations "like a wild deluge" rush in upon the soul, it is Jesus who bids the mighty waves be still, and brings to the tempted man the victory that abides. When shadows fall upon us, and burden our souls with a weight too heavy to be borne, it is Jesus who "stands within the shadow keeping watch above His own." When we stand by new-made graves, it is Jesus who comforts us with the joyful proclamation, "I am the resurrection and the life." When at last man sits beside the hearthstone in the gloaming of his days, the Book of Jesus is in his lap, the truth of Jesus is in his heart, the hope of Jesus lightens his eyes, the invisible presence of Jesus covers him as with a mantle of peace. And when the day is done he pillows his head upon the bosom of Jesus, and falls asleep in God, to wake in heaven. Ah, what would we do without Jesus along the weary ways of life! As the tiny sunbeam penetrates and enlivens the flower from its seed-let to its glorious bloom, so does the life and love of Jesus pervade and fill the life of man as he grows and flowers toward paradisaical perfection. Does any man ask, "Where shall I find Jesus in these lands?" I answer—Everywhere!

Miracle of Missions:—There is no place where the conquering power of the Ideal of Jesus is seen in such wonderful display as in heathen lands today. The missionary propaganda has only been prosecuted in any real, and earnest way during the last hundred years. At the beginning it found closed doors at home and abroad. The church was almost wholly selfish and inert. Francis Xavier, as he stood on the island of Sancian and looked

over toward the great Sunrise Kingdom, girt with its wall of adamant, and shut tight to the disciples of the cross, cried out, "O rock, O rock, when wilt thou open to my Master?" The question remained without an answer for hundreds of years, but at last the rocky doors gave way in that land, and in all lands. There is no door shut today in all the world. We may, if we will, go with the gospel to every land. Is there not a miracle here?

At first the appeal of the gospel to heathen ears met with a stony indifference. The first missionaries struggled on for years without a convert. It was a heart-breaking experience, but an unfaltering faith sustained them. Judson, the apostle to India, after such an experience was asked what the prospects were. His answer is as sublime as anything we meet with in history sacred or profane. He said, "As bright as the promises of God." To such a faith the heavens bend.

But the tide is turned. With every year it is rising higher and higher. Nations are being born in a day. One is tempted to go into details here but the time forbids. Doctor Arthur Pierson some years ago wrote a book on the "Miracle of Missions." The book was out of date before it was off the press, things were happening so fast. He wrote another of which the same might be said. Ever since he has been editing a missionary journal that he might have the opportunity every month to chronicle the miracles of missions. The last statistics give the number of heathen converts to Christianity as one million five hundred thousand souls. Besides these there are as many more waiting baptism.

But these statistics do not tell the story. The indirect influence of Christ upon these lands is beyond all calculation. What Sir Bartle Frere, formerly Governor of Bombay, says of India is true of all lands. "Whatever you may be told to the contrary, the teaching of Christianity among 160,000,000 of civilized and industrious Hindus and Mohammedans in India is effecting changes moral, social, and political, which for extent and rapidity of effect are far more extraordinary than anything you, or your fathers have witnessed in modern Europe." Sir H. H. Johnson says of Africa, "When the history of the great African States of the future is written, the arrival of the first missionary will with many of these new nations be the first historical event in their annals."

But I cannot close this part of my subject without briefly referring to the type of spiritual manhood missions has developed in the missionaries themselves and their converts. They have shown such consecration, such passion of self-sacrifice as to shame us in the homeland. They have stood firm when the hurtling arrows of death were flying on every side, and they have not flinched when the alternative was death. There is not a heathen land where the sod has not been made holy by the blood of the Christian Missionary. Nor is there a land where their converts have not died valiantly for their new-found Master while their faces, like Stephen's, shone as an angel of light. If the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church, what a garden of holy bloom these heathen lands are destined to become.

I remember when the Boxer Rebellion filled our hearts with fear, and when China seemed to have cast Jesus Christ out of her midst, that Doctor Maltbie Babcock wrote a message to the trembling church in which he said in substance, "It is no time to mourn. The blood of martyrs has sealed the land of China for our Lord." How marvelously this prediction has come true. All the world stands amazed at the marvelous progress China has been making toward a Christian civilization since those days.

All hail to these men who have given to the church a new, and revised edition of the Acts of the Apostles by their sublime heroism, and unselfish sacrifices! They have shown to us, enamored of our ease, the glory of sacrifice. They have brought the church again to contemplate the cross with its passion and its pain, out of which alone can come that power which is able to sweep a ruined world into the arms of God.

Here then is the achievement and the promise. What has been accomplished, has been done with the most meagre equipment for the most part, but the Lord has put into our hands today the resources which are amply sufficient to bring to realization His holy ideal as set forth in the text.

The world is ready, God is ready, and the church has the means to do the work. It is the greatest hour of all time to march to victory. God and the world stand challenging the church to enter in, and possess the land.

The Challenge of the Hour.

Mr. Robert Speer writes in his book, "Missionary Principles and Practice," from which I have quoted several times in this sermon, these most remarkable and startling statements in regard to the Tai-ping Rebellion in China, "There are some older people who will recall those days when the great rebellion swept up from Kwang-tung to the Yangtze valley, and down that valley to the sea, and obliterated every vestige of idolatry so that idols came down off their pedestals, and the waters of the rivers ran full of the bodies of the Chinese gods down to the Yellow Sea. The Christian Church might have gone in and built a house of Christian worship on the ruins of every dismantled temple, and set up a Christian preacher on the pedestal of every discredited god. It seemed as though the very sun in the heavens stood still to give the Church her opportunity. But it passed at last. The temples rose again upon their ruins, and the idols came back to their pedestals, and leered down upon the faces of their worshippers." The church failed to meet the challenge of God and opportunity then, shall she do so now?

The conditions are much the same today. The propagation of the gospel, among the leaders of the people at least, has discredited their false gods. They have come to realize the absurdity of idol worship. It may almost be said with perfect accuracy that Christian Civilization has conquered the world. China, Japan, India are permeated with Christian

thought. Their students are in our universities, and will return to their lands to further spread the knowledge of occidental civilization. Where that civilization goes idols cannot stay. The choice in these lands is not between Christ and idols, but between Christ and infidelity. They may reason that if their "gods" are false, all gods are false. We have taken away the gods of the East, shall we leave them to the dervishes of a Christless creed?

Hear the sad wail of a brilliant Japanese scholar who had found how culture alone could not meet the soul's deep need. He said of his teachers in his religious struggle, "Whereas I asked for bread, my teachers gave me a stone; I sought after fish and they gave me a serpent; whereas I longed for eggs, they gave me scorpions. I would rather die in superstition than to live in irreligion." Shall we wait while the millions who have thrown open their doors, and thrown over their gods reproach us with the bitter cry of the disinherited soul? It almost seems that we have reached the point in the prosecution of the "Ideal of Jesus" when it is NOW or NEVER. The church has never faced such an appeal as is made to her in these opening years of the twentieth century. If she should lie down and sleep in the presence of this mighty challenge, if she should withhold more than is meet of her mighty resources of men, money and machinery, I fear her disappointed Lord will take away her crown.

She will not do it! She must not do it! The earthquake of the Almighty's wrath would bestir her from her slumbers.

Brethren, we will not fail our Lord in these days of glorious promise. With a noble faith, and a valiant service we will join with that splendid Indian scholar, Keshub Chunder Sen, who saw the glory of the Lord afar off and only touched the hem of His garment, when he declares, "None but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus is worthy to wear the diadem of India, and he alone shall have it." Not alone the diadem of India, but of China, and of Japan, and of Africa, and of the Islands of the great seas—we will seize them all for our King, and we will press them upon His brow to hide the scars the thorns have made!

Then shall my Lord and yours, "see the travail of His soul, and be satisfied." Then shall the "joy that was set before Him" on the cross, in dear realization, make the arches of heaven ring with the laughter of glad song.

Does any say, "It is a dream?" Does any say, "It is a vision?" Abraham and Jacob entered into the covenant of the cross in dreams and visions. John on Patmos saw the vision of the Son of Man, and heard Him speak the mighty word which all the ages shall yet know came to pass on Easter Morning, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of death and hell."

Though a vision and a dream I dare believe it, in spite of the cacklings of witless fools, and the blasphemies of those who know not God,—For God hath spoken it, and His Word standeth sure.

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

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Alnutt Mem'l.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	24	92	99	99	103	103	55	55	63	63	473	541
Amelia.....	12	12	2	1	3	2	8	8	6	6	19	15	24	8	11	3	12	12	97	67
Baltimore.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	13	13	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	144	144
Bedford.....	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	19	15	15	44	44	48	48	24	24	28	28	217	217
Belair.....	25	25	4	3	5	4	16	12	9	7	39	30	39	30	21	15	24	6	182	132
Bethany.....	10	10	3	2	2	1	6	4	12	7	16	11	16	13	9	6	10	7	84	62
Broadway.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	190	190
Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	139	139
Buckeystown.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	15	15	90	90	95	95	52	52	58	58	43	488
Cambridge.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	16	16	47	47	51	51	26	26	30	30	231	231
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Cannon.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	10	10	5	5	6	6	52	52
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Concord.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	7	184	167
Conquest.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	16	16	9	9	10	10	79	79
Crisfield.....	45	45	7	7	9	9	28	28	37	40	66	66	69	69	38	38	42	42	341	344
Crumpton.....	15	15	2	1	2	1	10	2	6	3	24	8	24	10	14	7	14	9	111	56
Cumberland.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	40	40	21	28	24	25	185	193
Cumberland Circ't.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	12	12	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	58	58
Deer Creek.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	8	8	24	24	24	24	14	14	14	14	114	114
Deer Park.....	19	19	3	2	4	4	9	9	22	14	24	20	25	16	14	10	15	15	135	109
Delmar.....	25	25	4	3	5	2	16	10	21	7	39	10	40	10	21	8	24	10	195	85
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Denton.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	141	141
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Easton.....	43	43	7	7	7	7	26	26	6	12	64	64	67	67	35	35	40	40	295	301
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Eutaw.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	4	4	24	24	25	25	14	14	15	15	117	117
Evergreen.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	6	16	16	16	16	16	9	9	10	10	78	88
Fairfax.....	12	12	3	2	3	3	8	5	13	5	19	5	21	3	11	5	12	5	102	44
Fawn Grove.....	25	25	4	2	5	3	16	10	28	16	39	23	40	23	21	12	24	20	202	134
Federalsburg.....	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	52	52
Felton.....	18	18	3	2	4	3	10	10	14	5	25	10	26	20	15	5	17	7	132	80
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First Church (Newark).....	60	60	7	7	13	13	38	38	25	50	88	88	90	90	50	91	54	64	425	501

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

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.....					275	150				61			211	278	 Amelia	
20			5	169	600	622	180	124	75	5800		36	6801	7006	 Baltimore	
10	1	1	10	239	660	660	50	60	70	275	.....	7	1115	1361	 Bedford	
40	1	1	8	182	775	775	400	240	80	5000	.....	.....	6495	6677	 Belair	
2	.....	.....	64	.....	720	650	.....	241	120	153	510	22	1674	1760	 Bethany	
23	.....	.....	5	218	1000	1000	300	300	120	.....	200	249	1920	2387	 Broadway	
.....	1	.....	5	145	700	613	250	187	70	416	.....	203	1536	2478	 Brooklyn	
258	1	1	24	772	800	1000	250	313	215	1025	.....	366	2803	3941	 Buckeystown	
22	1	1	1	256	850	850	150	260	200	500	175	82	2135	2473	 Cambridge	
.....	.....	.....	54	.....	100	100	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	11	118	183	 Campbell	
20	.....	.....	72	.....	350	266	.....	65	25	.....	.....	142	356	570	 Cannon	
25	.....	.....	4	97	527	506	150	85	67	.....	.....	49	808	954	 Caroline	
20	1	1	5	125	600	575	200	195	75	20	32	.....	1097	1222	 Cecil	
32	1	1	.....	195	700	765	200	350	75	161	.....	5	1551	1751	 Centreville	
10	.....	.....	10	159	500	500	100	83	50	225	110	98	1068	1325	 Chesapeake	
32	2	2	20	501	1100	1100	300	750	200	325	.....	207	2675	3383	 Chestertown	
.....	.....	.....	1	86	600	600	100	125	100	300	.....	129	1225	1440	 Chincoteague	
37	.....	.....	3	143	600	600	280	290	222	317	900	92	26	2844	 Christ Church	
15	.....	.....	5	106	600	605	120	129	177	60	130	189	1231	1516	 Clayton	
82	.....	.....	14	263	475	490	60	83	65	154	.....	82	857	1202	 Concord	
10	1	1	1	92	300	303	.....	20	47	125	210	114	705	911	 Conquest	
88	2	2	15	451	1200	1200	200	400	338	100	.....	434	2238	3123	 Crisfield	
.....	1	1	2	60	350	430	75	100	50	.....	.....	23	653	738	 Crumpton	
17	1	1	9	221	800	800	300	120	133	166	527	97	2	46	2364	 Cumberland
.....	1	1	3	63	25	625	.....	127	70	.....	177	118	999	1180	 Cumberland Circ't	
7	1	1	5	128	370	377	84	62	40	213	.....	28	773	932	 Deer Creek	
.....	1	1	8	119	500	482	100	66	43	109	.....	74	800	1033	 Deer Park	
.....	.....	.....	85	.....	900	791	175	196	158	2418	.....	17	3738	3940	 Delmar	
10	.....	.....	5	142	624	624	150	130	80	127	150	25	1261	1428	 Delta	
67	1	1	7	217	900	900	200	355	178	.....	.....	150	1633	2000	 Denton	
20	1	1	7	217	650	650	150	200	100	160	.....	312	1260	1789	 Dorchester	
7	.....	.....	60	.....	500	500	.....	124	34	634	.....	18	1292	1370	 Dover	
91	3	3	10	420	1000	1000	240	876	258	249	.....	195	2623	3233	 East Baltimore	
63	1	1	15	381	800	800	200	511	166	230	300	509	2207	3097	 Easton	
34	.....	.....	5	353	1000	1000	500	1005	315	625	200	270	3643	4268	 Elizabeth	
25	1	1	5	149	500	503	300	90	70	1500	.....	36	2463	2648	 Eutaw	
26	1	1	2	118	500	500	.....	72	83	105	.....	67	760	945	 Evergreen	
23	1	1	4	73	350	300	.....	15	50	25	50	24	440	537	 Fairfax	
94	1	1	5	235	700	700	50	275	190	149	900	149	2234	2648	 Fawn Grove	
25	.....	.....	77	.....	400	460	125	159	74	.....	.....	119	818	1014	 Federalsburg	
10	.....	.....	90	.....	475	481	100	75	60	180	100	162	996	1248	 Felton	
64	1	1	9	255	700	700	120	230	141	206	958	44	2355	2454	 Finksburg	
171	1	1	20	694	1500	1500	600	1931	1146	360		957	5537	7188	 First Church, Newark	

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	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	
First Church, Wash	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	19	19	39	39	40	40	2	100	24	24	193	272	
Franklin City.....	25	25	4	3	5	3	16	5	22	5	39	16	40	12	21	6	24	25	196	100	
Frederica.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Frederick.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	19	19	34	34	36	36	19	19	22	22	175	175	
Georgetown, D. C	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	8	8	86	86	89	89	49	49	54	54	397	397	
Georgetown, Del.	19	19	3	3	5	5	12	12	11	11	27	27	25	25	17	17	18	18	137	137	
Georgetown Circ't	12	12	3	...	3	...	8	...	12	...	19	1	21	...	11	...	12	...	101	13	
Greensboro.....	...	5	...	2	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	9	...	9	...	45	45
Greenwood.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	17	17	34	34	36	36	19	24	22	22	173	178	
Grove.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	13	13	24	24	24	24	14	14	14	14	118	118	
Hampden.....	40	40	7	7	8	8	24	24	22	22	59	59	62	62	32	32	40	40	294	294	
Harbeson.....	10	10	3	1	2	1	6	4	15	8	6	4	16	6	9	5	10	4	77	43	
Harpers Ferry.....	18	18	3	...	4	...	10	10	4	...	25	...	26	...	15	9	17	17	122	54	
Harrington.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	187	187	
Heathsville.....	28	28	...	5	6	6	19	19	6	6	44	41	48	48	24	24	28	28	208	208	
Howard.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	12	27	34	34	36	36	19	26	22	22	168	190	
Hurlock.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	15	15	19	19	21	21	11	11	12	12	104	104	
Indian River.....	5	5	1	...	2	...	4	...	4	3	9	...	11	...	5	...	6	5	47	13	
Keen Memorial...	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	19	19	24	24	23	23	14	14	16	16	131	131	
Kempton.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	19	34	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	150	192	
Kennedyville.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	5	10	25	25	26	26	15	15	17	17	123	128	
Kent Island.....	22	22	4	3	5	4	14	10	6	5	34	20	36	13	19	13	22	10	162	100	
Lauraville.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	5	50	50	
Laurel.....	32	32	7	7	7	7	21	21	14	14	49	49	52	52	28	43	29	29	239	254	
Laurel Circuit.....	25	25	4	3	5	3	16	8	15	7	39	18	40	20	21	8	24	24	189	116	
Lawsonia.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	14	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	53	60	
Leeds.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	5	5	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	136	136	
Leipsic.....	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	3	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	47	47	
Lewes.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	5	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	46	48	
Lewistown.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	8	9	3	11	1	5	1	6	2	55	30	
Liberty.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	13	13	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	144	144	
Lisbon.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	17	17	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	191	191	
Lynchburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	15	15	12	39	35	40	40	21	20	24	21	189	177	
Mardela.....	17	17	3	3	4	4	10	10	18	18	24	24	23	23	14	16	16	16	129	131	
Mariners.....	20	20	3	2	4	2	12	8	7	5	28	14	30	10	16	8	18	12	138	81	
Marley.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	6	13	5	24	20	24	11	14	7	14	7	118	75	
Middleway.....	10	10	3	...	2	...	6	2	3	1	16	...	16	1	9	1	10	2	75	17	
Millville.....	10	10	3	5	2	2	6	6	17	19	16	16	16	14	9	9	10	10	89	91	
Milton.....	17	17	3	3	4	4	10	6	7	5	24	16	23	15	14	14	16	10	118	90	
Montgomery.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	1	10	...	9	5	1	3	5	1	6	3	53	21	
Mt. Nebo.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	8	4	7	19	19	21	21	11	11	12	12	93	96	
Mt. Tabor.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	6	34	34	36	36	19	19	22	22	162	162	
New Church.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	13	13	25	24	26	26	15	15	17	17	131	130	
Newmarket.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	19	19	47	47	50	50	26	37	30	30	233	244	
Nichols Memorial	6	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	49	49	
North Baltimore..	35	35	5	5	8	8	22	22	9	24	50	50	52	52	28	28	36	36	245	260	
N.Carolina Avenue	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	15	25	39	39	40	40	21	56	24	24	189	234	

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	Bible.	Tract.	Church Home.		As'd	Paid.													
88	1	1	8	370	900	900	450	382	329	309									
.....	1	1	1	103	600	600	80	140	200	200		233	2370	2973					First Church, Wash
100	1	1	20	297	125	125	.....	10	15	.....									..... Franklin City
163	3	2	14	579	600	600	100	101	157	1400	.....	6	150	156					 Frederica
10	.....	.....	5	152	1200	1200	400	831	182	413	.....	5	2358	2660					 Frederick
3	.....	.....	1	17	700	700	150	115	143	160	.....	351	3026	3956					Georgetown, D. C.
.....	.....	.....	4	49	350	262	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	198	1268	1618					Georgetown, Del.
25	1	1	7	212	350	350	96	110	30	250	150	.....	312	342					Georgetown Circ't
.....	.....	.....	1	121	600	600	100	170	102	18	90	40	986	1035					 Greensboro
162	1	1	6	464	450	450	60	60	75	150	.....	5	795	921					 Greenwood
.....	.....	.....	.....	43	900	900	150	562	271	411	.....	240	2294	2998					 Grove
6	.....	.....	6	66	500	226	50	23	25	235	.....	.....	560	603					 Hampden
23	1	1	5	217	400	400	60	100	30	.....	.....	37	590	693					 Harbeson
23	1	1	18	251	900	900	150	294	123	40	.....	40	1507	1764					 Harpers Ferry
78	1	1	20	290	600	584	100	92	38	39	100	44	953	1248					 Harrington
22	.....	.....	.....	126	600	609	125	75	40	200	.....	212	1049	1551					 Heathsville
.....	.....	.....	.....	13	550	550	120	70	80	30	100	26	950	1102					 Howard
10	.....	.....	.....	141	100	100	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	7	105	125					 Hurlock
83	1	1	20	297	800	800	.....	400	350	50	400	331	2000	2472					 Indian River
8	.....	.....	6	142	700	700	75	150	100	350	.....	83	1375	1755					 Keen Memorial
18	1	1	5	125	500	500	120	50	20	145	130	42	965	1149					 Kemptown
.....	.....	.....	.....	56	500	500	100	150	50	.....	.....	133	800	1058					 Kennedyville
89	7	1	11	362	500	500	.....	64	85	.....	317	23	966	1015					 Kent Island
.....	.....	.....	.....	118	900	900	150	153	203	195	340	260	1941	2563					 Lauraville
10	1	1	5	77	650	687	125	70	36	86	32	.....	1036	1154					 Laurel
34	1	1	9	181	800	800	72	78	80	40	30	536	1100	1713					 Laurel Circuit
5	.....	.....	.....	52	600	650	85	137	21	694	49	1587	1717						 Lawsonia
.....	.....	.....	.....	51	250	250	.....	50	49	14	.....	1	363	416					 Leeds
10	1	1	1	43	350	358	84	92	38	1694	.....	5	2266	2322					 Leipsic
56	1	1	13	215	125	140	50	22	23	10	.....	35	245	323					 Lewes
83	1	1	30	306	550	550	75	128	.....	62	.....	93	815	1123					 Lewistown
184	.....	.....	.....	361	700	700	75	78	36	30	185	5	1104	1415					 Liberty
5	.....	.....	.....	140	900	900	300	323	139	75	200	380	1937	2678					 Lisbon
5	1	1	2	90	650	630	100	115	135	130	175	37	1305	1482					 Lynchburg
.....	.....	.....	.....	80	600	600	60	90	39	.....	80	12	869	971					 Mardela
.....	.....	.....	.....	17	650	550	102	100	55	.....	250	30	1057	1167					 Mariners
5	1	1	5	103	117	117	50	20	25	.....	.....	212	229						 Marley
18	20	1	5	134	600	600	.....	150	117	74	264	81	125	1389					 Middleway
15	.....	.....	.....	39	600	600	75	159	80	28	315	68	1257	1459					 Millville
10	.....	.....	.....	108	.....	156	.....	35	25	50	.....	316	355						 Milton
37	1	1	1	22	400	400	84	84	60	1000	.....	59	1628	1795					 Montgomery
20	.....	.....	.....	156	900	900	.....	328	150	.....	215	1378	1795						 Mt. Nebo
24	1	1	5	275	600	610	125	64	84	1731	.....	140	2614	2910					 Mt. Tabor
1	1	1	1	53	800	800	120	225	175	250	.....	37	1570	1882					 New Church
154	5	3	20	442	400	400	144	90	40	60	50	9	784	846					 Newmarket
91	1	1	10	337	1200	1200	600	1300	142		480	3242	4164						 Nichols Mem'l
.....					1200	1200		620	212	20	500	278	2552	3167					 North Baltimore
.....																			N. Carolina Avenue

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	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.....	13	13	2	2	3	3	9	9	3	3	21	21	23	23	12	12	13	13	99	99
Oxford.....	23	13	4	4	5	5	15	15	5	5	37	37	39	39	20	20	22	22	170	170
Parksley.....	24	24	4	4	5	5	15	15	20	20	36	36	38	38	19	19	21	21	182	182
Payson Street.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	10	10	17	17	18	18	9	9	10	10	85	85
Pipe Creek.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	9	9	34	34	36	36	19	19	22	22	165	165
Pittsville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	18	18	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	149	149
Pocomoke Cir.....	12	12	3	3	3	3	8	7	10	3	19	6	21	5	11	5	12	5	99	49
Pocomoke City.....	43	43	4	4	7	7	26	26	12	12	64	64	67	67	35	35	40	40	298	298
Potomac.....	20	20	3	2	4	3	12	8	12	8	28	15	30	16	16	8	18	18	143	98
Powellville.....	15	15	3	2	2	2	10	7	3	2	24	20	24	20	14	9	14	9	109	86
Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	51	51
Quantico.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	5	5	5	24	5	24	5	14	5	14	5	111	50
Queen Anne.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	7	7	24	24	24	24	14	14	14	14	113	123
Reliance.....	16	16	2	2	3	3	10	35	17	25	23	23	24	24	14	19	16	17	125	164
Rhode Island Ave.....	80	80	12	12	17	17	49	49	33	43	111	111	129	129	56	56	88	88	580	652
Rowlandville.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	8	8	24	24	24	24	14	14	14	14	113	113
Salem.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	5	7	24	24	24	24	14	14	14	14	110	112
Salisbury.....	35	35	5	5	8	8	22	22	24	24	50	50	52	52	28	28	36	36	260	260
Seaford.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	17	17	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	191	191
Sharptown.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	18	18	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	149	149
Snow Hill.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	33	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	190	207
South Baltimore.....	25	25	4	3	5	4	16	16	9	7	39	39	40	30	21	1	24	24	183	158
Starr.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	13	13	99	99	103	103	55	55	63	63	462	462
Stewartstown.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	22	39	39	40	40	21	27	24	24	188	202
St. James.....	27	30	4	4	5	5	19	19	10	10	42	42	45	45	22	27	26	26	200	208
St. Johns.....	60	60	9	9	13	23	38	38	9	20	90	90	95	95	52	52	58	58	424	445
St. Johns (Canton).....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	16	16	16	16	16	16	9	9	10	10	88	88
St. Lukes.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	20	20	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	194	194
St. Michaels.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	9	28	28	30	30	16	18	18	18	140	156
Susquehanna.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	39	40	40	21	21	24	24	184	184
Talbot.....	12	12	2	2	3	2	8	8	7	7	19	10	21	8	11	4	12	12	95	65
Tri ity.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	10	10	42	42	45	45	22	22	26	26	200	200
Union.....	13	13	2	2	3	3	9	5	11	6	21	10	23	10	12	6	13	13	107	68
Union Bridge.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	138	138
Violetville.....	8	8	1	2	2	2	4	4	7	5	9	11	9	11	5	5	6	6	53	50
Wallace Memorial.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	9	9	9	11	11	5	5	6	6	55	55
Waltersville.....	22	22	4	2	5	3	14	6	12	5	34	10	36	10	19	6	22	10	168	74
Warwick.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	30	30	16	16	18	18	137	137
Waverly.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	10	10	19	19	21	21	11	11	12	12	98	98
West Baltimore.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	20	20	99	99	103	103	55	55	63	63	469	469
Westminster.....	55	55	7	7	12	12	36	36	10	25	86	86	89	89	49	54	54	54	398	413
W. Wilmington.....	10	10	3	1	2	2	6	5	10	2	16	3	16	2	9	2	10	2	82	28
Williamsport.....	10	10	3	1	2	2	6	3	9	1	16	1	16	1	9	1	10	1	81	21
Wilmington.....	18	18	3	2	4	4	10	10	2	2	25	25	26	26	15	15	17	17	120	20
Wye.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	4	5	19	19	21	21	11	11	12	12	92	98

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					Ass'd	Paid.									
9	...	...	5	113	350	350	85	33	29			27	499	637	Oak Grove
32	1	1	5	209	600	600	150	140	73	1000		55	1963	2227	Oxford
130	1	1	10	324	900	900	180	500	375	250	1250	30	3455	3809	Parksley
2	1	1	5	94	600	600	.....	265	86	200	.....	80	1151	1325	Payson Street
72	1	1	10	249	600	600	100	144	46	.....	.....	88	890	1227	Pipe Creek
52	1	1	5	208	750	750	250	152	112	550	325	22	2139	2369	Pittsville
...	...	...	5	54	385	412	60	37	19	43	.....	232	571	857	Pocomoke Circuit
44	1	1	10	354	1080	1080	150	225	100	350	.....	267	1905	2526	Pocomoke City
...	...	...	5	103	610	610	150	126	223	210	603	52	1922	2077	Potomac
5	1	1	1	94	450	450	75	35	50	75	25	4	710	808	Powellville
3	...	...	3	57	200	213	.....	15	65	350	.....	37	643	737	Prince George
...	1	1	5	57	411	413	75	5	20	40	.....	4	553	614	Quantico
10	1	...	5	139	500	500	75	125	75	150	.....	52	925	1116	Queen Anne
10	1	1	8	184	600	650	100	265	115	75	913	24	2118	2326	Reliance
816	5	1	11	985	2250	2250	.....	1800	700	200	2571	132	7521	9938	Rhode Island Ave
10	1	1	5	130	600	600	60	103	86	210	89	37	1148	1315	Rowlandville
15	...	...	...	127	500	500	100	80	48	10	.....	138	738	1003	Salem
87	...	...	12	359	1100	1100	200	576	463	300	.....	224	2639	3222	Salisbury
92	5	1	8	297	750	750	125	210	104	451	.....	274	1640	2211	Seaford
45	1	1	14	210	800	800	75	109	129	3513	.....	233	4626	5069	Sharptown
20	1	...	10	238	800	800	200	412	125	200	630	545	2367	3150	Snow Hill
10	1	2	6	177	600	600	250	267	65	565	.....	78	1747	2002	South Baltimore
50	1	1	22	536	1500	1500	300	1300	300	300	.....	352	3700	4588	Starr
25	...	...	10	237	720	720	150	160	76	189	.....	5	1295	1537	Stewartstown
81	1	1	11	252	650	650	125	140	35	50	.....	27	1000	1279	St. James
248	50	50	25	818	1500	1500	600	1900	375	310	.....	730	4685	6233	St. Johns
...	...	...	1	89	600	600	.....	154	139	.....	1651	120	2594	2803	St. Johns (Canton)
10	...	...	9	213	1000	1000	500	1993	548	.....	500	327	4541	5032	St. Lukes
27	1	...	9	193	600	600	100	200	94	500	650	113	2144	2450	St. Michaels
41	1	1	8	235	720	720	150	140	160	130	30	206	1330	1771	Susquehanna
...	...	...	...	65	400	350	.....	20	21	40	84	13	515	593	Talbot
125	...	...	9	334	850	900	250	180	65	175	.....	5	1570	1909	Trinity
10	...	...	5	83	500	500	50	40	35	190	.....	15	815	913	Union
45	...	...	178	500	454	444	64	33	123	.....	.....	4	818	1000	Union Bridge
...	1	...	1	52	500	500	.....	50	121	.....	.....	671	723	Violetville	
18	...	...	73	500	420	75	65	72	75	40	95	747	915	Wallace Memorial	
18	...	...	92	700	700	200	150	53	150	.....	5	1253	1350	Waltersville	
15	...	...	6	158	550	550	60	230	65	400	.....	104	1305	1567	Warwick
...	1	5	5	109	500	500	180	158	312	.....	.....	265	1150	1524	Waverly
426	2	2	25	924	1300	1300	300	1000	500	.....	587	3100	4611	W. Baltimore	
106	1	1	17	538	1000	1000	.....	409	158	200	.....	98	1767	2403	Westminster
...	...	...	...	28	650	625	.....	100	88	.....	19	813	860	West Wilmington	
...	...	...	...	21	255	255	.....	22	1611	.....	.....	1888	1909	Williamsport	
...	...	...	...	20			100	40	25	1168	10	1333	1363	Wilmington	
26	1	1	5	126	400	400	120	100	30	80	183	10	913	1049	Wye

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	Unsta.	Min.	and Preachers	Probationers.	Full Members.	Received.	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued	Decensed.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued	Decensed.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.																			
Accomac.....	17	245	10	14	2	4	38	8	4	4	19	162	2	3	14	19	336	70	226	1	190	1	70	1	25																			
Alexandria.....	1	3	132	2	15	1	15	1	62	2	3	14	19	1	18	100	250	1	70	1	25	1	58	1	105																			
Alnutt Memo'al	3	19	536	19	19	7	1	9	23	144	31	461	1	58	1	105	1	58	1	105	1	58	1	105	1	105																		
Amelia.....	6	147	6	3	16	6	3	8	6	337	14	175	2	60	1	25	2	60	1	25	2	60	1	25	2	60																		
Baltimore Ct.....	2	6	190	6	37	2	3	27	52	650	250	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30																			
Bedford.....	425	26	26	6	37	2	3	27	52	650	250	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30																			
Belair.....	238	4	4	6	3	6	3	6	4	436	145	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25																			
Bethauy.....	1	16	104	1	15	10	1	2	16	9	121	26	207	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25																			
Broadway.....	1	175	4	4	60	5	32	2	5	25	25	124	50	200	1	70	1	70	1	70	1	70	1	70	1	70																		
Brooklyn.....	1	88	2	2	6	2	2	5	8	59	238	51	250	1	87	2	73	1	87	2	73	1	87	2	73																			
Buckeystown.....	1	264	30	30	34	7	5	2	5	8	59	238	51	250	1	87	2	73	1	87	2	73	1	87	2	73																		
Cambridge.....	75	214	60	72	10	80	1	5	148	103	340	50	341	1	40	1	40	1	40	1	40	1	40	1	40																			
Campbell.....	190	73	3	3	13	3	1	9	35	318	190	1	39	1	35	1	39	1	35	1	39	1	35	1	35																			
Cannon.....	73	176	5	10	5	143	3	5	449	49	282	3	99	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20																			
Ca.oline.....	176	17	240	4	5	10	8	3	11	2	5	9	332	33	193	1	35	1	35	1	35	1	35	1	35																			
Cecil.....	2	111	5	10	5	116	5	11	4	114	7	83	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	40																		
Centreville.....	2	111	5	10	5	116	5	11	4	114	7	83	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	40																		
Chesapeake.....	115	7	265	12	5	16	10	21	5	8	27	12	128	20	280	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	40																			
Chestertown.....	7	265	12	5	16	10	21	5	8	27	12	128	20	280	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	40	1	40																		
Chincoteague.....	1	100	7	2	7	3	3	7	13	118	25	200	1	22	1	75	1	22	1	75	1	22	1	75	1	75																		
Christ Church.....	2	10	147	8	28	1	3	3	10	30	122	166	343	1	22	1	75	1	22	1	75	1	22	1	75																			
Clayton.....	7	144	17	10	3	17	3	2	5	17	320	15	159	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40	1	50	1	40																			
Concord.....	7	302	11	2	14	240	6	3	9	27	338	145	2	56	1	24	1	56	1	24	1	56	1	24	1	24																		
Conquest.....	99	23	21	9	5	30	2	21	12	152	1	24	1	56	1	24	1	56	1	24	1	56	1	24	1	24																		
Crisfield.....	2	245	324	206	1	16	3	1	16	36	306	140	184	828	1	89	1	135	1	89	1	135	1	89	1	135																		
Crumpton.....	113	7	9	9	15	249	4	3	13	12	120	43	243	1	54	1	40	1	54	1	40	1	54	1	40																			
Cumberland.....	2	234	3	1	15	249	4	3	13	12	120	43	243	1	54	1	40	1	54	1	40	1	54	1	40																			
Cumberland Ct.....	181	5	78	2	15	12	53	60	3	22	95	245	2	125	1	20	1	125	1	20	1	125	1	20	1	20																		
Deer Creek.....	22	126	7	6	6	2	1	7	9	7	222	50	163	2	20	1	20	2	20	1	20	2	20	1	20																			
Deer Park.....	1	6	263	8	4	5	5	3	1	9	9	447	21	380	2	76	1	76	2	76	1	76	2	76	1	76																		
Delmar.....	187	1	216	1	12	2	128	26	367	1	73	1	73	1	73	1	73	1	73	1	73	1	73	1	73																			
Delta.....	2	169	10	10	1	10	1	2	8	10	113	8	158	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50																			
Denton.....	13	135	13	13	23	1	2	15	1	17	233	1	40	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28																			
Dorchester.....	1	196	1	23	11	3	7	18	40	430	20	200	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28																		
Dover.....	3	89	1	2	3	1	9	1	12	1	112	10	60	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28	1	28																			
East Baltimore.....	230	2	40	11	3	4	11	15	119	45	162	1	45	1	45	1	45	1	45	1	45	1	45	1	45																			
Easton.....	5	182	13	13	19	1	3	1	2	3	20	120	30	119	1	19	1	19	1	19	1	19	1	19	1	19																		
Elizabeth.....	263	3	1	29	7	24	3	1	15	7	134	91	451	1	59	1	40	1	59	1	40	1	59	1	40																			
Eutaw.....	75	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	110	12	70	1	22	1	12	1	22	1	12	1	22	1	12	1	12																		
Evergreen.....	1	77	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	112	14	127	2	54	1	20	2	54	1	20	2	54	1	20																			
Fairfax.....	1	7	185	15	8	1	33	8	2	25	48	428	135	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25																			
Fawn Grove.....	1	419	11	11	11	3	1	2	12	16	350	19	515	2	262	1	40	2	262	1	40	2	262	1	40																			
Federalsburg.....	9	95	9	1	31	3	2	4	38	117	10	150	1	45	1	40	1	45	1	40	1	45	1	40	1	40																		
Felton.....	1	7	149	36	29	2	37	1	126	37	330	45	200	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20																			
Finksburg.....	431	66	66	66	66	19	32	11	230	126	447	15	290	4	141	1	40	4	141	1	40	4	141	1	40																			
1st Church Newark	1	4	326	5	11	28	18	4	3	7	15	139	61	453	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48																		

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		Received.	Elect to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.			
Oak Grove.....	1	3	159	12	8	1	10	1	4	2	8	2	28	1	12	18	66	...	...	...	...			
Oxford	18	73	10	13	...	1	13	...	...	1	...	...	20	1	25	5	90	1	45	1	37			
Parksley	8	309	7	...	...	37	...	...	9	6	41	237	75	456	2	135	2	81	...	...				
Payson Street ...	7	76	10	2	1	11	4	9	...	13	19	115	15	194	1	22	1	48	...	...				
Pipe Creek.....	...	223	9	9	...	10	4	...	4	3	4	8	220	16	175	1	45	...	...	...				
Pittsville.....	1	13	781	...	15	...	138	8	5	5	31	35	45	561	205	546	2	97	1	29				
Pocomoke City...	...	306	17	17	...	1	22	1	2	4	2	17	231	15	215	...	...	1	45	...				
Pocomoke Circ't	3	8	205	35	27	1	...	35	1	...	3	16	7	35	3	21	25	127	...	...				
Potomac.....	...	140	...	...	...	18	...	4	...	21	14	330	113	319	2	48	...	...	...	...				
Powellville.....	34	151	39	17	3	...	18	6	1	4	13	43	224	30	81	...	...	...	...	...				
Prince George...	7	111	9	2	...	6	3	...	1	4	1	15	215	16	94	...	...	...	...	...				
Quantico.....	1	187	11	10	...	12	3	...	2	10	10	11	4	18	25	100	...	...	...	...				
Queen Anne.....	...	101	6	6	...	8	4	10	1	...	7	10	222	5	140	1	40	...	...	...				
Reliance.....	18	292	11	8	1	2	29	10	2	2	127	34	343	15	320	1	40	...	...	...				
R. I. Avenue.....	1	...	612	40	60	...	72	23	30	4	2	10	40	150	67	667	2	180	1	115				
Rowlandville...	...	3	162	...	...	5	2	5	3	...	15	9	330	10	145	2	75	...	...	...				
Salem.....	16	110	4	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	2	8	114	5	85	2	25	1	23	...				
Salisbury.....	26	321	12	6	10	33	13	3	3	6	20	133	130	450	1	80	1	40	...	...				
Seaford.....	...	292	...	...	...	51	6	15	4	1	13	42	125	57	340	1	57	1	93	...				
Sharptown.....	24	231	30	6	...	43	1	14	3	...	65	54	240	41	348	1	76	1	67	...				
Snow Hill.....	1	66	423	66	38	2	1	40	6	2	1	7	16	340	60	301	1	55	1	50				
South Baltimore	1	23	126	19	...	2	6	3	13	7	...	14	19	124	67	115	1	30	...	...				
Starr.....	1	14	235	3	2	20	11	...	61	6	1	38	15	123	20	210	1	47	1	25				
Stewartstown ...	2	9	264	26	27	...	27	3	8	3	8	20	24	240	...	200	2	78	2	36				
St. James.....	...	164	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	10	1	2	26	8	165	2	60	...	...				
St. Johns.....	2	3	200	23	20	...	45	4	...	2	3	8	18	122	88	217	1	44	1	35				
St. Johns (anton)	1	13	104	2	2	10	15	1	12	1	1	8	15	125	...	301	...	1	69	...				
St. Lukes.....	2	6	195	6	7	...	14	1	...	3	2	20	6	132	36	401	1	65	1	36				
St. Michaels.....	2	18	151	17	1	1	12	1	...	1	11	18	227	21	167	2	60	...	...	...				
Susquehanna.....	1	...	225	8	8	...	8	3	...	4	3	13	328	...	175	1	24	...	...	...				
Talbot.....	...	88	...	...	...	11	...	9	...	...	2	23	58	3	19	20	143	1	31	...				
Taylor Mem'l.....	3	5	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	135	1	75	...	...				
Trinity.....	26	252	38	23	...	1	23	2	1	3	2	40	221	12	175	...	...	1	35	...				
Union.....	1	11	150	28	17	4	...	19	4	20	5	1	17	33	16	25	173	...	...	...				
Union Bridge...	...	8	128	6	3	...	3	6	28	2	...	5	2	15	6	145	1	29	...	...				
Violetville.....	4	75	8	7	...	8	2	2	1	...	3	25	1	12	125	1	25	...	...	...				
Wallace Memo'l	13	83	9	...	3	...	3	1	...	...	12	1	17	3	165	1	6	...	...	...				
Waltersville.....	1	...	218	33	33	...	52	3	8	...	7	17	51	227	13	235	...	...	...	...				
Warwick.....	...	208	51	49	...	53	...	1	345	51	3	27	50	148	1	40	...	...	...	...				
Waverly.....	18	83	9	9	...	4	2	15	1	...	3	9	1	25	16	200	1	58	1	50				
West Baltimore..	2	18	394	18	11	...	25	33	39	9	...	18	18	143	75	332	1	60	1	40				
Westminster.....	4	8	208	7	...	6	...	2	...	2	5	2	1	18	20	106	1	67	1	20				
West Wilming'n	2	11	84	...	...	1	...	...	12	3	1	19	...	175	1	27	1	25	...	...				
Williamsport....	3	66	3	1	...	1	...	24	...	14	2	19	10	105	1	15	...	...	...	...				
Wilmington.....	...	80	...	...	...	5	6	...	2	4	7	7	1	8	12	50	...	...	...	...				
Wye.....	2	114	12	12	2	...	13	2	...	3	5	12	2	21	14	81	1	25	1	21				

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.								ASSESSMENTS 1909-10										
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Lebt 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	3	2	1	6100	1000	.....	600	20	22	4	5	14	13	34	38	19	22	171	
Alexandria	1	1	1	17300	2700	1750	8000	5	20	3	4	12	13	28	32	16	18	146	
Alnutt Memor'l	1	1	1	55000	6000	.....	14800	32	65	9	13	42	25	99	108	55	63	479	
Amelia	3	3	1	2000	1000	.....	1500	4	10	2	2	6	6	15	17	9	10	77	
Baltimore Ct.	3	3	1	18000	2000	2600	105 00	10	20	3	4	12	11	28	32	16	18	144	
Bedford	6	6	1	10000	1000	.....	1900	28	28	5	6	19	15	44	51	24	28	220	
Belair	4	4	1	18500	7000	.....	10000	18	25	4	5	16	9	39	41	21	24	184	
Bethany	1	1	...	4000	.....	200	3000	5	10	3	2	6	11	16	18	9	10	85	
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	200	10000	6	25	4	5	16	11	39	42	21	24	187	
Brooklyn	2	2	2	15000	4500	.....	5500	19	20	3	4	12	8	28	32	16	18	141	
Buckeystown	2	2	1	22000	4500	.....	13800	26	60	9	13	38	14	90	100	52	58	434	
Cambridge	3	3	1	7000	2500	325	3500	...	30	5	6	20	19	47	54	26	30	237	
Campbell	6	6	...	4100	.....	.....	.....	12	10	3	2	6	10	16	17	9	10	83	
Cannon	1	1	...	1600	.....	.....	1600	2	8	1	2	4	7	9	11	5	6	53	
Caroline	4	4	1	6500	1000	.....	2600	9	25	4	5	16	17	39	42	21	24	190	
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000	30	10000	6	22	4	5	14	11	34	38	19	22	169	
Centreville	1	1	1	13500	2500	.....	6500	29	22	4	5	14	6	34	38	19	22	164	
Chesapeake	1	1	1	6450	2000	250	4525	4	20	3	4	12	5	23	32	16	18	138	
Chestertown	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	15340	26	60	9	13	38	15	90	100	52	58	435	
Chincoteague	1	1	1	2500	1200	.....	1500	2	18	3	4	10	11	25	28	15	17	131	
Christ Church	1	1	...	8000	275	1675	3500	7	12	2	3	8	18	19	25	11	12	110	
Clayton	3	3	1	9000	1700	200	6700	10	25	4	5	16	9	39	42	21	24	185	
Concord	3	3	1	5200	500	.....	3900	20	25	4	5	16	9	39	42	21	24	185	
Conquest	2	2	...	4000	.....	55	2250	6	10	3	2	6	9	16	18	9	10	83	
Crisfield	1	1	1	35000	2000	1000	13500	23	45	7	9	23	43	66	72	38	42	350	
Crumpton	3	3	1	4800	1000	.....	3100	5	15	2	2	10	8	24	23	14	14	114	
Cumberland	1	1	1	15100	5000	4125	10800	21	25	4	5	16	13	39	42	21	24	189	
" Cir.	3	3	...	3500	.....	200	2400	5	10	3	2	6	13	14	16	8	9	81	
Deer Creek	2	2	1	4200	1800	.....	2900	13	13	3	3	8	9	19	23	11	12	100	
Deer Park	4	4	1	7000	1600	.....	6500	11	19	3	4	9	21	24	27	14	15	136	
Delmar	1	1	1	12000	1800	6600	9600	15	25	4	5	16	20	39	42	21	24	196	
Delta	1	1	1	6000	2500	645	2900	9	20	3	4	12	9	28	32	16	18	142	
Denton	1	1	1	6000	2500	.....	4500	11	25	4	5	16	13	39	42	21	24	189	
Dorchester	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6500	24	25	4	5	16	12	39	42	21	24	188	
Dover	1	1	1	7000	3200	2100	4675	6	10	3	2	6	4	16	18	9	10	78	
East Baltimore	1	1	1	25000	2000	500	6000	12	45	7	9	23	9	66	72	38	42	316	
Easton	1	1	1	15000	2000	900	12885	30	43	7	7	25	7	64	70	35	40	299	
Elizabeth	1	1	1	16500	5500	8200	14300	10	43	7	7	26	24	64	70	35	40	316	
Eutaw	1	1	1	3500	4000	.....	2700	9	19	3	4	9	4	24	27	14	15	119	
Evergreen	1	1	...	2500	.....	.....	2000	8	10	3	2	6	7	16	18	9	10	81	
Fairfax	4	4	...	5000	50	.....	4090	...	12	3	3	8	8	19	23	11	12	99	
Fawn Grove	3	3	1	20000	1000	900	7155	13	25	4	5	16	28	39	42	21	24	204	
Federalsburg	1	1	1	6000	2000	300	4400	6	10	3	2	6	8	16	18	9	10	82	
Felton	3	3	1	3000	2000	850	3200	3	12	3	3	8	12	19	23	11	12	103	
Finksburg	4	4	1	20000	2000	930	11000	22	25	4	5	16	17	39	42	21	24	193	
First Ch'h (Newark)	4	2	2	65000	8500	13000	33500	16	60	7	13	38	25	88	93	50	54	428	
First Ch'h (Wash.)	1	1	1	30000	5000	3000	15000	17	25	4	5	16	18	39	42	21	24	194	
Franklin City	4	4	1	7000	3000	.....	3100	24	25	4	5	16	24	39	42	21	24	200	
Frederica	1	1	...	1500	.....	32	1000	...	2	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	15	

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

CHARGE	PROPERTY.							ASSESSMENTS 1909-10										
	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.
Frederick	4	4	1	6800	1600	.....	4700	28	22	4	5	14	18	34	38	19	22	176
Geo'town, D.C.	1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	11100	31	55	8	12	36	6	86	93	49	54	399
Geo'town, Del.	1	1	1	3500	3500	1800	4400	3	20	3	4	12	17	28	32	16	18	150
Geo'town Cir't	3	3	...	3200	.....	.....	2100	3	12	3	3	8	12	19	23	11	12	103
Greenwood	3	3	1	10000	2000	250	9800	16	22	4	5	14	17	34	38	19	22	175
Greensboro	1	1	...	5000	.....	.....	2000	3	10	3	2	6	3	16	18	9	10	77
Grove	4	4	1	5000	800	.....	.....	6	15	2	2	10	15	24	25	14	14	121
Hampden	1	1	1	16700	1500	.....	12650	18	40	7	8	24	18	59	65	32	40	293
Harbeson	3	3	1	3100	1200	.....	500	1	10	3	2	6	10	16	18	9	10	84
Harpers Ferry..	2	2	1	6000	500	.....	2600	5	18	3	4	10	6	25	28	15	17	126
Harrington	2	2	1	15000	1675	320	5500	10	25	4	5	16	16	39	42	21	24	193
Heathsville	5	5	1	14000	1600	100	1000	26	28	5	6	19	6	44	51	24	28	210
Howard	4	3	1	7400	3100	.....	9750	44	22	4	5	14	12	34	38	19	22	170
Hurlock	3	4	1	4500	1400	.....	3800	9	12	3	3	8	10	19	23	11	12	101
Indian River...	1	1	...	500	.....	.....	.....	2	5	1	2	4	3	9	12	5	6	47
Keen Memorial	1	1	1	14000	4300	3800	6000	2	18	3	4	10	20	25	28	15	17	140
Kempton	4	4	1	9000	1000	.....	8200	37	20	3	4	12	19	28	32	16	18	152
Kennedyville...	1	1	1	4750	1200	.....	4000	14	18	3	4	10	3	25	28	15	17	123
Kent Island	2	2	1	7000	1800	.....	1200	15	22	4	5	14	7	34	38	19	22	165
Lauraville	1	1	...	5500	.....	2200	3600	4	5	1	2	4	5	9	12	5	6	49
Laurel	1	1	1	7000	3500	135	6800	17	32	7	7	21	16	49	55	28	29	243
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	3200	2000	354	4200	12	25	4	5	16	14	39	42	21	24	190
Lawsonia	1	1	1	3500	800	500	2900	4	10	3	2	6	7	16	18	9	10	81
Leeds	2	2	1	7250	3000	.....	6562	13	20	3	4	12	5	28	32	16	18	138
Leipsic	1	1	...	3000	.....	.....	2000	1	6	1	2	4	4	9	12	5	6	49
Lewes	1	1	...	4000	300	1300	2800	4	8	1	2	4	8	9	12	5	6	55
Lewistown	3	3	1	2500	1200	700	2835	...	8	1	2	4	10	9	12	5	6	57
Liberty	4	4	1	9600	2000	.....	6280	25	20	3	4	12	12	28	32	16	18	145
Lisbon	4	4	1	5500	1500	.....	4700	19	25	4	5	16	17	39	42	21	24	193
Lynchburg	2	1	1	20200	5000	1000	5500	11	25	4	5	16	14	39	42	21	24	190
Mardela	4	4	1	8500	1000	66	2500	22	17	3	4	10	19	24	25	14	16	132
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1000	350	4000	4	20	3	4	12	8	28	32	16	18	141
Marley	3	3	...	5200	.....	.....	2800	7	15	2	2	10	10	24	25	14	14	116
Middleway	1	1	1	1000	550	.....	500	3	10	3	2	6	3	16	18	9	10	77
Millville	3	3	...	6000	.....	819	4200	2	10	3	2	6	15	16	18	9	10	89
Milton	1	1	1	3200	1200	.....	2800	...	17	3	4	10	8	24	25	14	16	121
Montgomery ..	4	4	...	5600	.....	.....	3400	7	5	1	2	4	7	9	12	5	6	51
Mt. Nebo	2	2	1	3950	1500	700	3450	2	12	3	3	8	9	19	23	11	12	100
Mt. Tabor	1	1	...	9500	.....	.....	6500	11	22	4	5	14	6	34	38	19	22	164
Mt. Pleasant...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	2	4	3	9	12	5	6	47
New Church	3	3	1	7500	2100	1250	3000	22	18	3	4	10	13	25	28	15	17	133
Newmarket	4	4	1	12000	2000	250	9000	14	30	5	6	20	20	47	52	26	30	236
Nichols Memo'l	2	2	1	3500	1500	450	2500	4	6	1	2	4	5	9	12	5	6	51
North Baltim'e	1	1	1	36000	6000	6800	25500	31	35	5	8	22	7	50	55	28	36	246
N. C. Ave.	1	1	...	40000	300	4500	11000	14	25	4	5	16	15	39	43	21	24	192
Oak Grove	2	2	1	1500	1200	.....	1500	21	18	2	3	9	4	21	24	12	13	101
Oxford	1	1	1	3000	2500	.....	3300	12	22	4	5	14	6	34	38	19	22	164
Parksley	2	2	1	5000	2500	.....	4100	16	24	4	5	15	25	36	40	19	21	189

Financial Summary

Total for General Interests

	1909	1908	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3056	\$ 3009	\$ 47	\$
Conference.....	455	700		245
Ministerial Education	602	560	42	
Seminary	1588	1722		134
College	1563	1209	354	
Superannuates.....	4052	3997	55	
Church Extension.....	4206	3743	463	
Home Missions.....	2676	2286	390	
Foreign Missions.....	3658	2551	107	
Special for Foreign Missions.....	5744	6625		881
Bible	185	309		124
Tract	141	266		125
Church Home.....	906	909		3
Total	27,832	27,886		54

Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary	\$90,045	\$87,710	\$2,335	
Parsonage Rent	18,120	18,368		248
Current Expenses.....	35,529	31,901	3,628	
Sunday School Expenses.....	17,500	16,026	1,474	
Building and Improvements.....	47,286	51,820		4,534
Paid on Debt.....	20,099	16,423	3,676	
Miscellaneous.....	18,152	16,492	1,660	
Total for Local Interests	246,731	238,740	7,991	
Total for all purposes.....	274,563	266,626	7,937	

Assessments

President	\$ 3104	\$ 3050	\$ 54	\$
Conference	513	496	17	
Ministerial Education	633	634		1
Seminary	1944	1917	27	
College	1663	1604	59	
Superannuates.....	4665	4576	89	
Church Extension.....	5197	4824	373	
Home Missions.....	2604	2565	39	
Foreign Missions.....	2968	2921	47	

CLAYBORNE PHILLIPS,

Conference Steward.

Statistical Summary

Membership

	1909	1908	Increase	Decrease
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	84	73	11	
Probationers.....	1762	1350	412	
Full Members.....	27095	26877	718	
Probationers Received.....	2182	1308	874	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1438	1030	408	
Probationers Withdrawn.....	11	6	5	
Probationers Discontinued.....	198	369		171
Probationers Deceased.....	8	11		3
Full Members Received.....	2864	2254	610	
Full Members Withdrawn.....	461	410	51	
Full Members Discontinued.....	1121	975	146	
Full Members Deceased.....	299	292	7	
Adults Baptized.....	377	296	81	
Children Baptized.....	1752	1611	141	
Conversions.....	4169	2864	1305	
Sunday Schools.....	282	280	2	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	3636	3660		24
New Scholars.....	4076	3656	416	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	29274	28312	962	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	130	133		3
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	5533	5217	316	
Junior C. E. Societies.....	66	62	4	
Junior C. E. Members.....	2674	2431	243	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior } Societies for Foreign Missions..... }	\$959.98	\$ 1224		\$ 264.02

Property

Appointments.....	297	295	2	
Churches.....	297½	292½	5	
Parsonages.....	108	106	2	
Value of Church Property.....	1993650	1886828	106822	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	264025	250675	13350	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	165151	146014	19137	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	990672	848193	142479	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	1757	1859		102

L. B. SMITH,

B. A. BRYAN,

Committee on Statistics.

MANUAL

Rules of Order and Regulations

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. 1. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.

2. The Pastor shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and the pastor of the Church where the Conference is held.

3. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

4. The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Conference, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE. Duties of the President:—1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.

3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.

4. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

5. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

6. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

7. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

9. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

10. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

14. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$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 III. Duties of the Secretary:—1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of 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 the Committee on the Publication and distribution 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.

14. Be the Committee on Transportation.

Rule IV. 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.

Rule V. COMMITTEES. All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

2. The Standing Committees shall be:—1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen, one of each order being members not on the Committee the previous year.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Young People's Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Moral Reform—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
11. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
12. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
13. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
14. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.

3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors 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.

5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full.

Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—

1. At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

2. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"

3. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary.

4. 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, to be determined by Conference Program Committee, followed by Memorial Services for deceased members of Conference. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday.

5. At 2.30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. 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.

6. Examination of Official Character. At 10.00 o'clock Thursday morning the roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character.

Rule VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAILY SESSIONS:—

1. On each day following the opening session there shall be held a devotional service lasting thirty minutes, beginning at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

2. Reading of Minutes of the preceding day for correction and adoption.

3. Calling of the roll of charges in alphabetical order, for the presentation of any business by delegates or pastors from the churches they represent. When any such, upon recognition of the Chair, shall present any business it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business, or referred to the proper committee without motion.

4. Call, for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up in regular order, or made the order of the day.

5. Reports of standing and special committees called for in order, and they shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

6. Miscellaneous business.

7. When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

8. Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

9. Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

10. When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule VIII. DECORUM:—1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

2. If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

3. No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

4. When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

5. In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

6. No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

7. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

8. Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule IX. MOTIONS:—1. Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

2. Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

3. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

4. It shall be in order to move the previous question, or that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending, except in cases in which character is involved, and if sustained by a two-thirds of members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.

5. When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

6. No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

7. A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

8. No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment; but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition.

9. All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

Rule X. VOTING:—1. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is being put shall vote, unless the Conference for a special reason shall excuse him.

2. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

3. Votes for all Conference officers and the Committees on Appeal and Standing District shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yea and nay; but a division of the house being called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted.

4. A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

6. Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.

Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS. All motions or resolutions, whether submitted by committees or individual members, contemplating an amendment to these Rules and Regulations, must so specify. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon any other session of the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

REGULATIONS

Regulation I. DUTIES OF PASTORS. 1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards", pp.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed Minister or Preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given the Minutes.

9. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.

10. Station and Circuit Stewards shall furnish the pastor with a sufficient number of Disciplines, that he may be able to present each new member with a copy, in compliance with Disciplinary law.

Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY. 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 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.

6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the Pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. 1. The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. The assessment of \$3,000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: 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.

Regulation IV. RECORDS OF TRIAL CASES. In all cases of the trial of a minister, the Secretary of the Trial Committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges, and specifications, a copy of the finding, or verdict of the Committee—and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference.

Regulation V. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AND SUPERNUMERARY REQUESTS. All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Character for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

Regulation VI. SABBATH SCHOOLS. 1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teachers' meetings should be steadily held under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Disciplinary regulations concerning the organization of our Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.

3. Children's Day shall be faithfully observed by all our Sabbath Schools, and the money received on that day shall be exclusively devoted to the Children's Day offering for Foreign Missions.

Regulation VII. OUR CHURCH HOME. 1. Every pastor shall appoint a lady visitor to Our Church Home, and the said visitor is requested to collect at least an amount equal to one-third of the President's salary apportioned that charge.

2. The list of charges failing to meet the requirement of the Conference relative to Our Church Home shall be read at each session of the Conference.

3. The second Sunday of November of each year shall be known as "Donation Day" for Our Church Home, and all our pastors are instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and an endeavor made to have donations of provisions, groceries, and things needed to conduct the Home, sent to Mrs. E. O. Grimes, Westminster, Md.

Regulation VIII. ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES. No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

Regulation IX. UNSTATIONED MINISTERS. The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

Regulation X. LOTTERIES. The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

Regulation XI. MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY. The placing of mortgage upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

Regulation XII. OBITUARIES. 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may 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.

Regulation XIII. MARRIAGES. The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

Regulation XIV. TITLES AND DEGREES. Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

Regulation XV. UNFERMENTED WINE. The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Regulation XVI. DROPPING MEMBERS. Persons whose names are on the church register and cannot be found, or who have ceased to take an interest in the church, may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by the Quarterly Conference.

Regulation XVII. PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES. As the Discipline grants the Annual Conference the right to "make such regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the ministers and preachers," it is the judgment of this Conference that the charge to which a minister or preacher is assigned should pay the moving expenses of the incoming pastor.

Regulation XVIII. CAMP-MEETINGS. 1. Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

2. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's Day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

3. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraph, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

6. In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

7. Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

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