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176	W. M. Strayer	1858	1860	293	J. S. Bowers	1881	1884
181	J. E. Maloy	1859	1861	294	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883
183	S. A. Hoblitzell	1859	1860	295	J. E. Nicholson	1881	1875
187	J. L. Mills	1860	1862	297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885
194	J. W. Gray	1861	1863	299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886
196	J. B. Jones	1861	1862	301	E. O. Ewing	1884	Tr.
203	J. D. Kinzer	1863	1865	302	E. A. Warfield	1884	1886
205	W. D. Litsinger	1863	1865	303	J. W. Norris	1884	1886
213	R. S. Rowe	1865	1865	308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886
215	J. M. Holmes	1865	1867	309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887
220	A. W. Mather	1866	1868	310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885
222	J. T. Lassell	1866	1866	312	F. T. Benson	1886	1887
226	D. L. Greenfield	1868	1870	315	J. F. Wooden	1886	1889
234	J. L. Straughn	1870	1872	318	B. P. Truitt	1887	1889
241	F. T. Tagg	1870	1871	320	E. H. VanDyke	1887	1889
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248	J. G. Sullivan	1871	1873	325	J. H. S. Ewell	1889	1891
252	F. T. Little	1872	1873	326	G. R. Hodge	1889	1891
253	S. B. Tredway	1872	1874	328	W. S. Phillips	1889	1892
255	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	330	C. E. McCullough	1889	1891
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260	G. F. Farring	1873	1876	339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891
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269	C. S. Arnett	1875	1878	343	L. A. Bennett	1892	1892
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286	F. C. Klein	1879	1881	350	C. K. McCaslin	1892	1893

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352	Louis Randall.....	1892	1894	398	C. M. Compher.....	1900	1901
354	J. A. Wright.....	1892	1892	400	F. J. Phillips.....	1900	1903
355	G. M. Clayton.....	1893	1896	401	W. N. Sherwood.....	1900	1903
356	J. McL. Brown.....	1893	1894	402	E. P. Perry.....	1900	1903
357	George Hines.....	1893	1896	403	E. H. Jones.....	1900	1905
358	W. B. Judefind.....	1893	1896	405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903
359	E. C. Makosky ..	1893	1895	406	C. R. Strausburg.....	1901	1904
360	C. P. Nowlin.....	1893	1895	407	Thomas Wheeler.....	1901	1904
362	G. L. Wolfe.....	1893	1895	409	P. W. Crosby.....	1903	1904
363	A. S. Beane.....	1893	1891	411	G. J. Hooker.....	1903	1904
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369	F. S. Cain.....	1895	1898	415	R. L. Shipley.....	1903	1905
370	H. L. Schlincke.....	1895	1897	416	B. A. Bryan.....	1904	
371	C. E. Dryden.....	1895	1897	417	G. I. Humphreys.....	1904	.....
372	H. O. Keen.....	1895	1898	418	J. E. Litsinger.....	1904	.....
373	G. A. Morris.....	1895	1898	419	C. E. Redeker.....	1904	Tr.
375	F. L. Stevens.....	1895	1897	420	W. B. Elliott.....	1904	.....
376	A. N. Ward.....	1895	1897	421	F. M. Clift.....	1904	.....
377	T. H. Wright.....	1895	1893	422	G. F. Norris.....	1904	.....
378	J. F. Bryan.....	1896	1897	423	J. T. Bailey.....	1905	.....
379	N. O. Gibson.....	1896	1898	424	N. C. Clough.....	1905	.....
380	F. A. Holland.....	1896	1897	425	Carroll Maddox.....	1905	.....
381	E. D. Stone.....	1896	1898	426	W. P. Roberts.....	1905	.....
382	G. H. Stocksdales.....	1896	1899	428	C. M. Elderdice.....	1906	.....
383	H. F. Wright.....	1896	1897	429	W. L. Hoffman.....	1906	.....
387	W. A. Melvin.....	1897	1898	430	R. S. Litsinger.....	1906	.....
388	E. T. Read.....	1897	1899	431	J. D. Smith.....	1906	.....
389	J. L. Ward.....	1897	1899	432	L. B. Smith.....	1906	.....
391	J. M. Dickey.....	1898	1900	433	J. A. Kittell.....	1906	Tr.
393	C. M. Zepp.....	1899	1900	434	W. S. Hanks.....	1906	
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396	T. R. Woodford ..	1899	1900				
397	G. E. Brown.....	1899	1904				

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Baltimore.....		R. F. Caples
Bethany.....		G. W. Stewart
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Felton.....		James H. Price
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Georgetown, Del.....		D. L. Johnson
Georgetown Circuit.....		T. S. Rogers
Hamden.....		C. L. Ennis
		Isaac Crowther
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"Honor widows that are widows indeed." 1 Tim. 5:3.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Husband</i>	<i>Post-Office Address</i>
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2	Benson, Maria E.	Rev. B. F.	78 W. Main St., Westminster, Md.
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5	Cochel, Elizabeth A.	Rev. C. T.	1013 McCullough St., Baltimore, Md.
6	Day, Sallie E.	Rev. H. J.	244 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.
7	Dick, Lydia R. H.	Rev. A. D.	Federalburg, Md.
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10	Ellderice, Eunity	Rev. J. M.	Mardela, Md.
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12	Ellwell, Arinthia S.	Rev. J. E. T.	803 N. Payson St., Baltimore, Md.
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- 1 *To Submit Constitution for Sunday School Associations*—W. M. Strayer, J. E. Nicholson, J. M. Yingling, J. W. Hering, F. R. Keyser.
- 2 *On Our Church Home Report*—S. B. Tredway, F. C. Klein, J. H. Chamberlain.
- 3 *Conference Appointees on Executive Committee of the Maryland Conference C. E. Union*—F. T. Little, ex-officio; T. O. Crouse, F. T. Benson, G. W. Haddaway, G. K. Mather, Alexander Dodd, Jr., J. F. Sellers.
- 4 *To Formulate Plans for Systematic Temperance Work*—J. D. Kinzer, S. J. Smith, J. W. Kirk, Daniel Baker, T. P. Fisher.
- 5 *Members of the Executive Committee, Anti-Saloon League; also Delegates to State Convention, Baltimore, Md.*—J. D. Kinzer, F. C. Klein, F. T. Benson, J. H. Roberts, J. B. Thomas.
- 6 *Delegates to National Convention, Anti-Saloon League, St. Louis, Mo.*—J. W. Trout, J. L. Elderdice, D. W. Anstine, W. E. Sheppard, G. K. Mather.

Faculty of Instruction

Preparatory Course

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

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

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—Fisher's Manual on Christian Evidences.
Miley's Theology, Vol. I. to page 155.
D. L. GREENFIELD—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
A written sermon submitted February 1st.
J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.

Students—N. V. Cossaboon, J. E. Massey, C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, R. S. Litsinger, J. D. Smith, L. B. Smith.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Proofs of the Existence of God," to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st, 1907.

Second Year's Class

- H. C. CUSHING—Miley's Theology, Vol. I., page 155 to end.
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—N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, J. T. Bailey, Carroll Maddox, G. F. Norris.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Native Depravity," to H. C. Cushing on or before February 1st, 1907.

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—F. M. Clift, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, G. E. Brown, W. B. Elliott.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, 1907, to F. T. Benson.

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

All students to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE, in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth, or selections from the Psalms; 2nd year, Malachi, or selections from Isaiah; 3rd year, Jonah, or selection from Job. J. T. LASSELL, in Greek, Matthew, 28th Chapter.

S. B. Southerland 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 Wednesday of Conference at 4:00 p. m., to examine students.

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.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

Journal

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

BALTIMORE, MD., April 4th, 1906.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its Seventy-eighth Session at West Baltimore Station of the Methodist Protestant Church to-day at nine a. m. F. T. Little, President of the Conference, called Conference to order and conducted the opening devotional service. The scripture readings were from the seventy-fifth Psalm and the first chapter of I Corinthians. Hymn 2, "Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice," was sung, followed by prayer by F. T. Little.

At the conclusion of the devotions President Little called S. B. Southerland to the chair and read his annual report, and on motion his official character was passed. (Report A.)

W. S. Phillips, Secretary, called the roll of the Conference. After the name of S. B. Southerland the Secretary offered the following motion which was adopted: That we suspend the calling of the roll and that members of the Conference, by standing, greet our "father in Israel," Dr. S. B. Southerland, and express profound thanks to God for lengthening out his life another year, and in his partial restoration to health. Dr. Southerland expressed to the Conference his appreciation of their consideration. The names of J. J. Murray, David Wilson, W. S. Hammond, W. A. Crouse and G. D. Edmonston, who had entered the other life during the year, were on motion of the chairman of their respective obituary committees transferred to the Dead Roll.

On the call of the roll of delegates the following alternates were placed on the Conference Roll: Melvin Wright, of West Wilmington, and Henry McClements, of Wye. W. J. Neepier stated that the delegate and alternate of Laurel had resigned and that another delegate had been elected. The whole matter was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

At the conclusion of the roll call, the President read his list of Standing Committees. (See list).

W. R. Graham moved the following amendment to rule 31 of the Manual, concerning the devotional services of the Conference, "That fifteen minutes each day, from 11 to 11.15 o'clock shall be spent in devotional service under direction of the President." The motion was adopted.

The order of the day at 10 30 o'clock having arrived with the Conference Sermon, T. O. Crouse, who had been appointed by the President, came to the platform. W. R. Graham announced hymn 11, "Ye servants of God, Your Master proclaim," which was sung by the Conference. S. B. Tredway offered prayer. The Scripture readings were from Exodus 33rd chapter and Hebrews 1st chapter. After the singing of hymn 137, "Hail to the Lord's anointed," T. O. Crouse preached the sermon on "The Supremacy of Christ," from Colos. 1:15 to 18 verses. F. T. Little offered prayer and benediction in conclusion.

Afternoon.

The Conference resumed its session at 2 o'clock.

By common consent many papers were referred to the various committees.

A letter of greeting from A. N. Ward with the request for the continuance of his loan to serve First M. P. Church at Seattle, Washington, under the Home Missions Board, was read by the Secretary. The letter was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

Another letter from the First M. P. Church of Pittsburg, requesting the continued loan of F. H. Lewis as pastor of that Church, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

On motion of G. Q. Bacchus the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the fifth pew across the church.

On motion of J. M. Holmes the hours of the Conference sessions were fixed from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 2 to adjourn at pleasure.

The Secretary read a letter from the Trustees of the Harlem Park M. E. Church offering the use of their church building to this Conference. The courtesy was accepted by the Conference and the Secretary instructed to acknowledge the same.

On the recommendation of the President the Conference voted to leave G. F. Norris without appointment for the succeeding year because of ill health.

In view of the informal methods of Sunday Schools, W. M. Strayer offered a resolution which was adopted, that a committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed to draft a constitution for the use of all Sunday Schools which have not already a constitution in harmony with the discipline. (Resolution 1).

The order of the day at 2.40 o'clock was the election of officers. The President appointed the following tellers: E. C. Makosky, W. H. Litsinger, A. E. Tull, and W. E. Gibson. The ballot for President was taken with the following result: F. T. Little, 122; W. R. Graham, 45; J. M. Sheridan, 8; J. M. Gill, 7; F. F. Tagg, 3; J. H. S. Ewell, 2; J. M. Holmes, 1. The Secretary thereupon declared F. T. Little elected President.

S. B. Tredway moved that the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for W. S. Phillips for Secretary, which prevailed and was executed. The Secretary thereupon appointed J. H. S. Ewell and J. H. Straughn his assistants.

On individual motions the Secretary cast the ballot for the following Stewards to serve in 1907: Conference, Clayborne Phillips; Church Extension, E. S. Fooks; Superannuate Fund, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, R. K. Lewis; Educational, E. P. Perry; General Home Missions, C. R. Strausburg; Our Church Home B. F. Ruley; Bible and Tract, G. E. Brown.

The ballot on Standing District Committee was taken and two tellers retired to count the ballot. Two more tellers, H. S. Johnson and J. G. Hennis, were appointed to assist in taking the ballot for the Committee on Appeals. On motion they withdrew to count the ballot.

Mr. Geo. P. Morris, of the Editorial Staff of the *Congregationalist*, Boston, was introduced and made a fraternal address to the Conference.

S. J. Smith offered a resolution that the Conference communicate with the Georgetown, Del., court now in session, requesting the same not to grant the license to sell liquor in Delmar. A motion to adopt was made, followed by a substitute to refer the resolution to the Committee on Temperance. There was a division on the vote and on a rising vote the substitute was adopted. (See Report L).

G. Q. Bacchus offered the following resolution, "That it be the sense of this Conference that the office of President be limited to three years." J. F. Bryan offered a substitute that the Conference favors a three year service and that this become a law, effective in 1907. There was discussion, and by a rising vote the whole matter was laid on the table.

The Tellers reported one minister elected on ballot for Standing District Committee. On motion of J. E. Nicholson the Secretary cast the ballot for the two next highest ministers and three highest laymen as follows: Ministers, J. L. Straughn and W. R. Graham; Laymen, W. B. Usilton, W. G. Baker, T. P. Fisher.

The President appointed as Chairman of Credential Committee, J. B. Jones in place of J. L. Straughn, who is ill.

During a pause in the Conference proceedings a souvenir booklet provided by the entertaining Church, containing a directory of the Conference, list of committees and other items of interest, was distributed.

The Conference adjourned at 4.30 o'clock with benediction by J. E. Nicholson.

Evening

A meeting in the interest of Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor was held in the evening. W. H. Litsinger, by appointment of the President, presided. Mr. Preston Fiddis, President of the Maryland Sunday-School Union, and G. W. Hines, made addresses concerning Sunday-School work. J. H. Straughn, President of the Denominational Christian Endeavor Union, in an address presented phases and needs of Christian Endeavor work.

SECOND DAY—Thursday

The opening devotional service was conducted by C. R. Strausburg. At 9.30 the President called the Conference to order for business. The minutes were read, corrected and so approved. The roll call was omitted and delegates deposited papers from their charges.

The report of the tellers on the election of the Committee on Appeals was read as follows: 2 ministers, W. M. Strayer and J. L. Mills, and 2 laymen, J. W. Hering and J. N. Warfield, elected. On motion of J. E. Nicholson the Secretary cast the ballot for the next highest voted for, J. D. Kinzer and M. A. Davis.

The report of the Special Committee on Waverly Church was read by J. D. Kinzer, stating the excellent development of the church during the year. The report was adopted. (Report W).

J. L. Mills read the report of the Baltimore Book Directory, stating an increase in the Editor's salary, increase of office help and the development of the business generally. The report was referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report J).

The Secretary called the roll of charges, and pastors deposited their reports, followed by the reference of communications to committees.

A letter from the St. John's Board requesting the continued loan of J. S. Bowers as pastor of Clarke Memorial Church and F. T. Benson as pastor of St. John's Church, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

The President appointed the following to take charge of the morning devotional services: Friday, Thomas Wheeler; Saturday, W. P. Roberts; Monday, R. L. Shipley; Tuesday, J. E. Litsinger.

The Special Committee to draft a constitution for Sunday Schools was announced as follows: W. M. Strayer, J. E. Nicholson, J. M. Yingling, J. W. Hering and F. R. Keyser.

The Secretary read his annual report stating an increase in the size of the minutes, furnishing of the conference room at the Book Directory and the purchase of a trunk for the use of the Secretary, and was referred to the Board of Finance. (Report B).

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was referred without reading to the Board of Finance. (See Report A).

T. H. Lewis submitted a resolution authorizing the Board of Finance to add \$250 to the conference collection and that this amount be appropriated to the church hereafter entertaining the Conference. During the discussion T. J. Wilson, delegate from Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, submitted an invitation to hold the next Conference in that church, stating also they would not want the appropriation, which invitation was laid on the table for twenty four hours according to rule. There was a motion to postpone action on the resolution in view of the offer of the Rhode Island Avenue Church. There was a substitute motion to make the resolution the order of the day for Friday at 3 p. m. There was objection and on a further motion the whole matter was laid on the table.

The following were then introduced to the Conference: Miss M. M. Kuhns, Field-secretary of the W. F. M. S.; J. H. Lucas, Secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board; C. E. Wilbur, editor of our Sunday-school literature; Rev. Fultz, of the United Brethren Church, and Rev. W. F. Roberts, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

President Little at this juncture presented a gift of gold to S. B. Southerland, the senior member of the Conference, from a Chestertown friend. Dr. Southerland feelingly acknowledged the gift, and the Conference spontaneously sang "Blest be the tie that binds."

On motion of the chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations the Conference heard Dr. Wideman in the interest of the Maryland Bible Society.

On a further motion of J. M. Sheridan the Conference decided to hear the General Conference Agents Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

T. H. Lewis, Commissioner of this Conference to the General Council, requested that the Conference would signify its desire concerning the reading of his report of that Council, which had already been published in the *Methodist Protestant*. It was decided to hear the report Friday at 2 o'clock.

The devotional service at 11 o'clock was observed, and by request special prayer was offered for J. L. Straughn, Richard Thomas, Mrs. E. O. Ewing and a young lady in Florida, all of whom were ill.

At quarter past eleven the Conference resumed business. J. W. Hering read the report of Our Church Home, stating eight persons living at the Home, some improvements to the equipment of the Home, and on motion of Dr. Hering the report was referred to a special committee appointed by the President, as follows: S. B. Tredway, F. C. Klein, J. H. Chamberlain.

F. T. Tagg suggested and moved that the Conference should extend its sympathy to General Thomas because of his recent affliction, through a letter signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, which motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Credentials read by the delegate from South Baltimore, that credentials had been received from all charges save Patapsco, and also giving E. L. Wolfe, delegate from Laurel, a seat in the Conference, was adopted. (Report S).

The Conference agreed to give way at 10 a. m. Friday for the annual meeting of the Church Extension Society.

The following visitors were then introduced to the Conference: Dr. Dobbins, of the M. E. Church; Rev. Cox, of the Baptist Church; Rev. Campbell, manager of Emory Grove Camp Meeting; Revs. Register and Guthrie, of the M. E. Church.

T. H. Lewis stated his desire to yield his place on the evening program in the interest of Literature and Education, because of the crowded program, and that the Committee on Education fix an order of the day for his address. The request was granted.

G. Q. Bacchus offered a resolution fixing time of next Annual Conference for the first Wednesday of April, 1907, which was laid, according to rule, on the table for twenty-four hours. (Resolution 2).

A resolution was offered to divide Caroline Circuit so as to include the town of Greensboro, which place offered a field for a Methodist Protestant organization. The matter was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

The special committee on the inauguration of new work in Lewes, Delaware, submitted its report stating the organization of a church of fifteen members, a Sunday School and a Ladies' Aid Society, also the purchase of a corner lot well located, and recommending that Lewes be placed among the list of appointments and that the Conference appropriate \$100 on salary. The report was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (Report X).

B. P. Truitt submitted a resolution amending Rule 30 of the Manual, that pastors deposit their reports at 10 o'clock Thursday morning of Conference, which prevailed. (Resolution 3).

After announcements it was ordered to give the Special Committee on Drafting a Sunday-School Constitution the privilege of reporting at the next Conference.

The Conference took a recess shortly before 12 o'clock, J. M. Sheridan pronouncing the benediction.

Afternoon

The Conference resumed business at 2 o'clock and communications were referred to various committees.

A. S. Beane offered a resolution authorizing the appointment by the President of speakers for each day of next Conference, during its sessions, on themes, "The Origin and Inspiration of the Bible," "Bib-

lical Theology," etc. There was much discussion concerning its feasibility and a motion to lay on the table was made. A division was called on the vote and by a rising vote the motion to lay on the table obtained.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Rev. Fielding, of the M. E. Church South; Revs. Gosser, Brubaker, Gonn, Steinspring and Jones of the U. B. Church.

F. T. Tagg requested that the Agent of the Book Concern be heard to-morrow instead of to-night, as he had a business message to the Conference, which request was granted.

T. H. Lewis read his twentieth annual report as President of Western Maryland College, stating the usual number of students, and also the campaign for an endowment of \$50,000. The report was referred to the Committee on Education. (See Report P)

The report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, read by J. D. Kinzer, stated a larger number of students than usual, an increase in library facilities and physical improvements to the grounds, also requesting a continuance of the loan of H. L. Elderdice as President, and the same assessment of \$1800. The report went to the Committee on Education. (See Report P).

Daniel Baker presented a resolution that the President of the Conference secure for the succeeding Conference Dr. Munhall, or some other eminent Bible teacher, to give Bible readings each day of Conference from 4 to 5 o'clock. The Secretary amended to fix time for 3 to 4, which was accepted, and so amended the resolution was adopted. (Resolution 4).

The delegate from Leeds offered a resolution objecting to Sunday elections of delegates to Conference. During the discussion J. D. Kinzer was called to the chair. W. C. Perkins offered a substitute that no delegate elected on the Sabbath should be recognized by the Conference. A point of constitutionality was raised. C. P. Nowlin offered a substitute for the substitute, that pastors should discourage Sunday elections. There was no second. While the discussion continued President Little again took the chair. H. C. Cushing moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The previous question was called and sustained. Dr. Cushing's amendment was lost as was also Mr. Perkins', and finally the original motion failed to carry.

A resolution concerning the suffrage of members was offered by F. T. Tagg, which being amended by W. R. Graham finally passed. (Resolution 5)

11.15 o'clock Friday morning was recommended by the Committee on Education as the time for the presentation of the interests of Western Maryland College.

The Conference after announcements adjourned with benediction by J. W. Trout.

Evening

The evening service was in the interest of Literature and Education, and presided over by B. W. Kindley. Addresses were made by F. T. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, for that paper; C. E. Wilbur, editor of our Sunday School Literature, in the interests of that work; and H. L. Elderdice, on behalf of the Westminster Theological Seminary. The session adjourned at 9.45.

THIRD DAY—Friday

The morning devotional services were in charge of Thomas Wheeler.

The President at 9.30 called the Conference to order for business. The minutes were read and the Secretary called the roll of the Conference. At the conclusion of the roll-call the Conference gave way at 10 o'clock to the meeting of the Church Extension Society, resuming business at 10.30.

J. L. Mills for the trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference submitted the annual report of that body stating the election of J. W. Hering to succeed Daniel Baker, resigned, and submitting a paper adopted by the Board of Trustees and the Baltimore Book Directory concerning the management of the conference building, 316 N. Charles Street. The paper recommended the appointment of three members of each board, which joint committee shall manage the affairs of the building. The paper was adopted and on motion the Secretary cast the ballot for the re-election of J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, J. W. Hering and N. T. Meginnis as trustees to continue till 1909. (Report C).

The President announced that in the absence of J. C. Berrien, Secretary-treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, H. L. Elderdice had been authorized to conduct the business of that board.

A letter from E. O. Ewing, regretting his absence from Conference and the serious illness of Mrs. Ewing, was read by the Secretary, who was authorized to write a letter of sympathy to Brother Ewing.

By common consent many communications were referred to the various committees.

A partial report of the Superannuate Committee, recommending that an assessment of \$4500 be levied on the District, was read and adopted. (See Report H).

The report of the W. F. M. S., Washington and Alexandria Branch, stating nearly \$400 contributed during the year, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report S)

The delegate from North Carolina Avenue submitted a paper from the Board of Managers of the District of Columbia Church Extension

Society, recommending the establishment of a church in Mt. Pleasant, Washington, and requesting aid from the Conference. The letter was sent to the Committee on Church Extension with instructions that they be prepared to report on this item in their report at 11:15 o'clock Monday morning. (See Report G).

J. M. Holmes, chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee, read the report of that committee, which was adopted.

At 11 o'clock the Conference gave way to the accustomed devotional service. The order of the day for 11.15 was the Western Maryland College interests. The Committee on Education submitted a partition report recommending that this Conference pledge itself to assist the College in raising \$20,000 endowment in our District by opening the churches and fields to its agent. T. H. Lewis supplemented the report by an address in its behalf and for the College. The hour for recess was extended for ten minutes. The delegate from North Baltimore offered a substitute resolution that the pastor and delegate of each charge pledge his charge to the raising of an amount equal to seven times the President's salary. The substitute was lost and the Conference with the subject still open took the noon recess, W. M. Strayer pronouncing the benediction.

Afternoon

The Conference resumed business at 2 o'clock. The order of the day for the Commissioner's report was deferred until action should be taken on the partial report of the Education Committee. The report was re-read and adopted. (See Report P).

J. W. Herring, President of the Board of Trustees of the College, expressed his appreciation of the Conference's action, and requested the loan of Avery Donovan for the Field Agent of the College. The request was granted.

Papers were referred to various committees without reading.

The order of the day was then taken up and T. H. Lewis read his report of the Dayton Council on Union with much pleasure to the Conference. (Report Y). J. S. Bowers offered a resolution in commendation of the excellent work done at the Council and for the report made. The resolution was adopted (Resolution 17).

The order of the day for three o'clock then obtained.

J. H. Lucas, Secretary-treasurer of the Home Missions Board was then introduced and addressed the Conference on behalf of Home Missions work. Rev. Oliver Huckel, pastor of the Associate Congregational Church, was introduced to the Conference, bringing fraternal greeting from that body. He was followed by T. J. Ogburn, Secretary-treasurer of the Foreign Missions Board; C. E. Wilbur, editor of our Sunday School Literature, and Miss M. M. Kuhns, Field-secretary of the W. F. M. S.

G. L. Wolfe, because of physical disabilities, requested to be left without appointment for another year, which was granted.

W. M. Strayer, who completes fifty years ministry with this Conference, stated his desire for a rest and requested to be given a superannuate relation for one year. The request was referred, according to rule, to the Superannuate Committee. A. W. Mather for that committee made a partial report that his request be granted, which was adopted.

F. T. Tagg requested for C. S. Arnett that the latter's relation be continued, "left without appointment," which request was granted.

After announcements, Conference adjourned with the benediction by H. C. Cushing.

Evening

The evening service was in the interest of Missions, and presided over by F. C. Klein. Addresses were made by F. H. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, on Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Speidel, of Washington, President of the Woman's Home Missions Society. The session closed at 9:45.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

W. P. Roberts conducted the morning worship. At 9.30 the President took the chair, when the minutes were read and approved.

On motion of J. E. Nicholson the calling of the roll was omitted and hereafter to be dispensed with. J. E. Nicholson, because of a death on his charge, was excused from pulpit service to-morrow and from Conference until Monday afternoon.

On motion of J. M. Sheridan the Statistical Steward was instructed to so arrange the tables as to give separate credits of the assessments to Greenwood and Cannon.

At the request of J. W. Gray, he was given the relation of "left without appointment" for one year.

A letter from the Secretary of the Home Missions Board, calling attention to the General Conference law of assessment for Home Missions at the rate of ten cents per member, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

A letter from E. H. VanDyke, now living at Vancouver, British Columbia, was read. He regrets his inability to attend Conference; that he is supplying an M. E. Church, but with no resignation of his own church ties; that he assisted two Japanese students to enter Kansas City University, and also requesting a continuance of his loan to the Board of Foreign Missions, though unable to return to Japan. His letter was referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

The report of the W. F. M. S., Maryland Branch, was referred to Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

A communication from the Anti-Saloon League, indicating the work it is doing and requesting the continued sympathy of the Conference, was referred to the Committee on Temperance (See Report L).

J. L. Mills, Secretary of the Faculty, read a partial report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. Item 1, grading G. J. Hooker, Clayborne Phillips, R. L. Shipley and F. P. Krauss and passing them through the course, was adopted. Item 2, grading P. W. Crosby, F. M. Clift, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, G. E. Brown and W. B. Elliott, and passing them into the third year's class, was adopted. Item 3, grading N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, J. T. Bailey and Carroll Maddox and passing them into the second year's class, was adopted. Item 4, recommending that N. V. Cossaboon, J. E. Massey, F. D. Reynolds and W. E. Sites be placed in the President's hands, was adopted, and on individual motions C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, R. S. Litsinger, J. D. Smith and L. B. Smith were received on trial. Item 5, recommending the approval of the transfer of J. A. Kittell from the West Virginia Conference, was adopted. Item 6, recommending that B. A. Bryan, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger and F. M. Clift be ordained, each of whom promised in open Conference to continue the course of study, was adopted. Item 7 was adopted, granting License to Administer the Ordinances to J. T. Bailey, Eben Baldwin, N. C. Clough, W. B. Elliott, W. M. Jett, Carroll Maddox, W. P. Roberts, C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith, L. B. Smith and N. V. Cossaboon. At this point the Faculty was permitted to withdraw its report and to report later on the other items. (See Report F).

At the call of committees, G. W. Haddaway, Committee on Transportation, submitted his report stating the usual railroad courtesies, which was adopted. (Report U).

The Committee on Church Enterprises referred the communication of St. Luke's to the Church Extension Committee, as the church wanted aid. (See Report V).

Because of his ordination B. A. Bryan was excused from pulpit service to-morrow morning.

Rev. J. W. McIlvaine, Agent of the Maryland Tract Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

A resolution of J. W. Kirk, authorizing the appointment of a committee of three ministers and two laymen to devise a plan for systematic temperance work through the Conference, and to report their plan next Conference, was referred to the Committee on Temperance. (See Report L).

The resolution fixing the time of next Conference for the first Wednesday in April, was taken from the table and adopted. Also the invitation of Rhode Island Avenue Church to hold the next session of Conference in that church was taken from the table and accepted by a rising vote.

The request of the Home Missions Board for the continued loan of A. N. Ward as pastor of the first M. P. Church at Seattle, Wash., was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

The report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society, stating the continuance of the same office, and the collection of interest and payment to the Seminary, was read by J. D. Kinzer and adopted. (See Report P).

The report of the Educational Steward stated an increase over last year in amounts paid on assessments for Seminary, Ministerial Education and College. The report was adopted. (See Report P).

C. P. Nowlin offered a resolution that each candidate for admission to this Conference be required to join the Mutual Relief Association. A division was called on the vote. During a discussion on a second reading of the resolution the hour of the day for the devotional service arrived and was observed. On resumption of business the question was put and the resolution failed to obtain.

The Faculty reported other items, recommending in item 8 the reception of W. S. Hanks, formerly of the Pittsburg Conference, and A. C. Boyd, of the Kansas Conference of the M. E. Church, into this Conference, which was adopted. Item 9 recommended James Dudley for aid to the Board of Ministerial Education, which was adopted. (See Report F).

The Secretary moved the hour of adjournment at 1 o'clock until Monday. A substitute was offered for 4 o'clock. The whole matter was laid on the table and the time extended long enough to hear T. R. Woodford, Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern.

J. H. S. Ewell offered a resolution congratulating Dr. Lewis on the publication of his book of sermons, "The Good Life," and commending the book to our pastors and people (Resolution 15).

The Conference took a recess, with the benediction by J. E. Nicholson.

Afternoon

A communication from Mrs. George Speidel, President of the Woman's Home Mission Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

A. W. Mather, chairman of the Superannuate Committee, submitted the report of the committee which according to rule is to lay on the table for twenty four hours.

The Bible and Tract Steward read his report, which was adopted. (See Report M).

The report of the Steward on General Home Missions was read and adopted. (See Report Q).

F. C. Klein offered a resolution pertaining to the printing of T. O. Crouse's sermon, which was adopted. (Resolution 6).

The Conference at this point gave way to a meeting of the Superannuate Society, and immediately following to a meeting of the Church Extension Society.

On the resumption of business the Conference upon motion of the Secretary, fixed the ordination services for to-morrow morning immediately following the sermon by D. L. Greenfield.

On motion of H. S. Johnson the Conference adjourned for the day at 3.15 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday

The morning Sunday service was in charge of the President. The service opened with the singing of Hymn 169, "When I survey the wondrous cross," followed with prayer by President Little, responsive reading of the 66th Psalm, and singing of Hymn 89, "Break thou the bread of life." D. L. Greenfield preached the Ordination Sermon from Hebrews 9:4, "And Aaron's rod that budded." At the conclusion of the sermon the Secretary of the Conference presented to the President, Benjamin August Bryan, Gideon Ireland Humphreys, James Ernest Litsinger and Frank Middleton Clift, for ordination. The President, assisted by S. B. Southerland, J. M. Holmes, D. L. Greenfield and W. S. Phillips, ordained the candidates to the Order of Elder in the Church of Christ, presenting each of them with a copy of the Scriptures. The service concluded with the singing of the doxology.

Afternoon

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed, the President of the Conference being assisted by J. S. Bowers, J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Benson and G. W. Haddaway. This service was followed by the calling of the Dead Roll by J. S. Bowers. J. J. Murray, W. S. Hammond, G. D. Edmonston, W. A. Crouse and David Wilson, all of whom had died during the year, were eulogized and feelingly remembered by members of the Conference. The sermon at night was preached by Thomas Wheeler.

SIXTH DAY—Monday

At 9 o'clock R. L. Shipley conducted the opening devotional service, and at 9.30 the President called the Conference to order for business. The minutes of Saturday and the proceedings of Sunday were read, corrected and so approved. The roll of committees was called for reports.

The Committee on President's Report concurred in the recommendations of the President for the insertion of advertisements in the minutes, changing the place in the minutes of the Dead Roll, inserting a "Conference Widow's Directory," the dropping of Patapsco from the list of appointments and the striking from the roll the name of W. C. Stone. The report was adopted. (See Report A).

A. W. Mather offered a resolution which was adopted that the Secretary, out the Conference funds, pay to T. H. Lewis, Commissioner to the Dayton Council, his expenses to that meeting. (Resolution 7).

A consideration of the re-arrangement of the calling of the Dead Roll and Memorial Service from Sunday afternoon was moved by S. B. Tredway, but did not obtain.

A letter from W. M. Poisal, requesting to be placed on the unstationed list of the Conference, was read and the request was granted. J. D. Kinzer was called to the chair.

The report of the Special Committee on Our Church Home, commending the institution and recommending that the second Thursday of November be known as "Donation Day" for the Home, and that a Standing Committee be appointed on Our Church Home, was adopted. (See Report D).

The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society was read by J. S. Bowers. The report indicates help given many of the churches of the city, the holding of a bazaar during the year netting about \$700, and was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

J. L. Mills reported for the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, recommending that License to Administer the Ordinances be granted to W. W. Johnson, and stating the passing through the course of P. W. Crosby. The partial report was adopted and the report of the Faculty as a whole was adopted. (Report F).

Revs. Gilliam, Biggs and Hyatt, of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

A letter from J. L. Straughn, who is ill, regretting his inability to attend the Conference, was read. F. C. Klein moved that a committee of two be appointed to visit Brother Straughn and express to him the greetings and sympathy of the Conference, which carried.

J. L. Mills presented a resolution that an additional duty be required of pastors in Manual, rule 9, that all pastors who are members

of the Conference be required to become members of the Mutual Relief Association. While the discussion was on, the previous question was called and sustained. On a standing vote the resolution failed to carry.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution naming J. W. Hering, W. B. Usilton and Daniel Baker a committee to wait upon the editors of the *Baltimore Sun* concerning an article in that paper. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 8).

The Secretary read a resolution signed by J. W. Hering and others that the Secretary be authorized to have Official Ballots printed for the use of the Conference hereafter in the election of the President, Standing District Committee and Committee on Appeals, and that all other ballots be thrown out of the election. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 9).

A resolution calling attention to the law of the church requiring pastors to hand to their successors a plan of their charge was adopted. (Resolution 10).

The devotional service at 11 o'clock was observed.

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension, that \$4000 assessment be laid on the District for Church Extension purposes, was adopted. (See Report G).

The order of the day for the report of the Committee on Church Extension on new work in Mt. Pleasant, Washington, was read. It recommended the co-operation of the Conference Church Extension Society with the Washington Society and that an appropriation of \$300 be made as interest on the purchase of a lot. With the matter still open permission was granted the Church Extension Steward to present a resolution that he be authorized to borrow, including interest, \$388.26, with which to meet the deficiency, which was adopted. (Resolution 16). Following this the Church Extension report was adopted. (Report G).

The Conference took recess with benediction by J. B. Jones.

Afternoon

At 2 o'clock J. D. Kinzer called the Conference to order.

The Foreign Mission Steward stated a total of \$9833 raised for Foreign Missions, an increase of \$1165 over last year. The report was adopted. (See Report Q)

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools rejoicing in Sunday School work and recommending an increase in Mission study was read by W. R. Graham and adopted. (Report K).

J. E. Litsinger, Collector of Church Extension dues, reported \$122 collected; the report was adopted.

J. D. Kinzer requested for R. S. Rowe a superannuate relation. The request was granted and the case referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

On motion of the Secretary the time for the reception of members into the Conference was fixed for 2.30 o'clock.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted a partial report. Recommendation 1, that J. S. Bowers and F. T. Benson be loaned to the St. John's Board for pastorates of Clarke Memorial and St. John's churches respectively, was granted. Recommendation 2, granting the loan of A. N. Ward to the Board of Home Missions for work in Seattle, Washington, was adopted. Recommendation 3, acceding to the request of the First M. P. Church, Pittsburg, for the loan of F. H. Lewis, after discussion, was recommitted.

The order of the day for the reception of members into the Conference arrived and the following were presented to the President by the President of the Faculty: C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith, R. Stanley Litsinger and L. B. Smith, probationers; J. A. Kittell by transfer; W. S. Hanks and A. C. Boyd on their credentials. The President received them with an appropriate address.

The report of the Committee on Literature, commending the work of the Book Concern, was read and after several addresses adopted. (See Report J).

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by Daniel Baker. The report gives appreciation of our Mission Boards, and on a separate motion E. H. VanDyke was granted a continuance of his relation as loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions. The recommendation to the Home Mission Board that they sell the Seattle Property was discussed. J. M. Sheridan offered a substitute modifying the form of the recommendation. Conference adjourned during the discussion with announcements, and benediction by W. M. Strayer.

Evening

The evening service was in the interest of Ministerial Support, G. M. Clayton presiding. Addresses were made by Clayborne Phillips on the support of men in the active ranks, and by Louis Randall on the support of Superannuates. Conference adjourned at 9.45.

SEVENTH DAY—Tuesday

J. E. Litsinger conducted the devotional service at 9 00.

The President called the Conference to order for business at 9.30, when the minutes were read and approved. The President called J. D. Kinzer to the chair. The Secretary announced as the committee to visit J. L. Straughn, who is ill, J. L. Mills and M. Bates Stephens.

A letter from the Second Congregational Church of this city requesting a pastoral supply from this Conference was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

On motion the call of committees was deferred and the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Mutual Relief Association. The Conference resumed at 10 o'clock and the order of the day prevailed, the consideration of the re-committed item, number three, of the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee, with reference to the loan of F. H. Lewis to the First M. P. Church of Pittsburg. The Committee recommended the granting of the request and that Brother Lewis take a temporary transfer. T. H. Lewis substituted that this Conference regrets its inability to grant the request in deference to the action of the Pittsburg Conference, but that we commend him to the affection of that church through his transfer. The substitute was withdrawn and the Committee amended its report that the request be met by granting Brother Lewis a temporary transfer. The item passed in that form.

The list of committees was then called for reports. Following this the unfinished business of yesterday was taken from the table, the consideration of the item of the Mission report referring to the sale of the Seattle, Washington, property. A substitute was offered that this Conference is gratified at the splendid offer, and hopes that Board will sell at once, also extending our affection to Brother Ward. During the discussion the hour of the day, the devotional service, was observed. Upon resumption of business the previous question was called and sustained. The substitute was lost. J. W. Hering amended by substituting the word "advise" for "request." The previous question again called, sustained and the item adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole. (Report N).

There being a number of reports on the table, the Secretary moved that they be taken up in order of the roll.

On motion of the delegate from North Baltimore, W. J. Hopper, a venerable layman of the church, was introduced and given a seat within the bar.

T. H. Lewis presented a resolution that the President be requested to read his appointments at five o'clock, and that this Conference accept the invitation of North Baltimore Church to hear "The Crucifixion" sung this evening in that church. J. M. Holmes moved that the Secretary interview the President at the noon recess and learn from him his will in the matter, which motion carried.

The motion to reconvene at one o'clock was lost and Conference took recess with benediction by G. W. Haddaway.

Afternoon

At two o'clock J. D. Kinzer called the Conference to order. On motion of J. W. Hering, E. A. Warfield was loaned to Western Maryland College.

The resolution offered by T. H. Lewis concerning the reading of appointments was taken from the table. The Secretary announced that the President had informed him he would make his best endeavor to read the appointments at five o'clock if the Conference so willed. The mover of the resolution, with the consent of the Conference, withdrew the paper.

There was a further motion that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 o'clock, which carried.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by B. P. Truitt, Chairman. It was called for by items. The recommendation that the Fairview church be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society for disposition, and the adoption of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, was adopted. Item 1, dividing Conquest and forming a new charge as New Church, was adopted; item 2, that Thawley be attached to Denton and Greensboro to Caroline Circuit, was adopted; item 3, that the new churches in Cumberland form a charge to be known as Cumberland Circuit, was adopted; item 4, dividing Union Circuit and forming a new work was amended by C. P. Nowlin to include Bethel, but did not prevail. The original item obtained, but at the request of the Committee it was withdrawn for further consideration; item 5, making Lewes a station, was adopted; item 6, changing the name of Fox Hill to Wallace Memorial, was adopted; item 7, that Cherrydale be placed in the hands of the President for supply was adopted. A. W. Mather moved that the whole item of appropriations be adopted, which obtained. (Report G).

The Committee on Superannuates submitted its report through its chairman, A. W. Mather. The report recommends W. M. Strayer and R. S. Rowe for a superannuate relation and the transfer of G. L. Wolfe to the active list, also listing its appropriations. It was adopted. (Report H).

The report of the Superannuate Fund Steward states \$9246 90 had been raised from all sources and the payment of 100 per cent. to claimants. The report was adopted. (See Report H).

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken from the table. The report commends the Anti-Saloon League, states the writing of the letter to the Georgetown, Delaware, court concerning license for Delmar, and makes the following recommendations, which were adopted: first, that our people create a sentiment for the Home Rule bill; second, that our pastors preach at least one temperance sermon a year; third, that Sunday Schools pay much attention to the quarterly temperance lesson; fourth, the appointment of three ministers and two laymen to co operate with the Anti-Saloon League; fifth, that three ministers and two laymen be appointed to the National Anti-Saloon League convention; sixth, the appointment of three ministers and two laymen for systematic temperance work in the District; seventh, con-

curing in the resignation of Daniel Baker and E. B. Fenby from the Conference special committee on arranging a temperance address at Conference. Item 8, commended Rev. Alfred Smith for his address and placed the Tuesday evening temperance service in the hands of the President. After several addresses were made supplemental to the report, the previous question was called, sustained and the report as a whole adopted (Report L).

The Church Extension Committee brought in a supplemental report that item four be amended that "if the President cannot supply the new circuit to distribute the churches between Delmar and Sharptown," which was adopted. The recommendation that churches being assisted by the Conference should report semi-annually to the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society was also adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report G).

An additional report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations recommending a supply to the Second Congregational Church, giving appreciation to the church entertaining the Conference, the Conference officers and others, was read and adopted. The report of the Committee as a whole was then adopted. (Report N).

The report of the Committee on Official Character was read by W. H. Litsinger and was called for by items. Item 1, passing the character of all ministers of the Conference, was adopted; item 2, urging the appointment of lady visitors to Our Church Home, was adopted; item 3, considering the non-incorporation of trustees as inexcusable and giving some of the excuses from the official reports, was adopted; item 4, concerning evasive answers about giving disciplines to church members, was adopted; item 5, giving an honor roll of charges paying assessments in full, was amended to include Warwick, omitted because of a misunderstanding, and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report O).

A resolution signed by S. B. Tredway was adopted to the following effect: that hereafter no money be appropriated to Churches not incorporated. (Resolution 11).

An additional report of the Committee on Education commending our College, Seminary and the Board of Ministerial Education and recommending 1, the \$1800 assessment for the Seminary; 2, the assignment of H. L. Elderdice to the Seminary; 3, the opening of our pulpits to Seminary and College authorities; and 4, that pastors endeavor to secure young men for the ministry, was made and the entire report of that Committee adopted. (Report P).

The President pro tem. appointed the following ushers for the evening session: W. A. Melvin, H. F. Wright, E. P. Perry and M. A. Davis.

The Conference then adjourned with the benediction by S. J. Smith.

Evening

The evening service opened at 7.30 with J. D. Kinzer in the chair.

The Committee on Statistics submitted its report through H. L. Schlincke, as follows: 72 unstationed ministers and preachers; 1308 probationers; 25,398 full members, with data concerning church property and other interests. The report was adopted. (See Statistical Tables).

E. S. Fooks presented a resolution that when the Church Extension Society assists a church in the purchase of a lot that said church give a first mortgage to the Society for a period of ten years, without interest. The resolution was lost.

W. C. Perkins offered a resolution authorizing the appointment of a commission, J. M. Gill, chairman, who shall investigate the present schedule of assessments as to their equity and report next Conference. On motion of the Secretary the resolution was laid on the table until the Board of Finance should report.

J. W. Kirk for the Board of Finance reports, that the Conference Secretary's report is correct and that the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage has been examined, and also submitting the table of assessments. The report was adopted. (Report E).

The resolution relating to assessments was again taken up. J. S. Bowers amended that the commission submit its report to the Board of Finance during the year. J. E. Nicholson moved the reference to the Board of Finance, which obtained.

J. T. Lassell moved to rescind the rule and permit J. W. Kirk and G. W. Haddaway to continue on the Board during the year, which carried.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, calling attention to its sacredness and commending all agencies for the preservation of the purity of the Sabbath, was adopted. (Report R).

The report of the Committee on Christian Endeavor was read, stating an increase in all lines of work, in number of societies, conversions and contributions, having in all 7,747 members, also calling attention to the Stubenville Convention in May. The report was adopted. (Report T).

E. S. Fooks, Church Extension Steward, reported \$3,898.75 collected for church extension work from all sources. His report was adopted. (See Report G).

R. L. Shipley, collector for the Superannuate Fund, reported \$119.50 collected. Adopted.

Our Church Home Steward, L. A. Bennett, reported \$342.19 collected, a decrease compared with last year. Adopted. (See Report D).

The Conference Steward reported a total of \$265,686.00 collected for all purposes, an increase of \$20,092.00, and was adopted. (See Financial Tables).

J. L. Mills reports that he and M. B. Stevens visited Brother Straughn, that he is improved and sends his love to the Conference.

A resolution that all pastors be instructed to read the report of Sabbath Observance report from their pulpits, offered by J. W. Kirk, was read and adopted. (Resolution 12).

A resolution signed by J. M. Holmes and W. S. Phillips, disapproving first of the secret ballot for removal or return of pastors; second, condemning the complimentary vote of a church which yet seeks his removal at the Annual Conference, was read and adopted, being amended; third, that every pastor be required to have read these resolutions in the quarterly conference, adopted, followed by the adoption of the entire paper. (Resolution 13).

A resolution that charges pay the removal expenses of pastors was adopted. (Resolution 14).

The President took the chair and the Secretary announced the following committees, ordered by the Conference: Conference appointees on Executive Committee of Maryland Conference C. E. Union, On Systematic Temperance Work; To Co-operate with Anti-Saloon League, and Delegates to the National Anti Saloon League Convention. (See List of Special Committees)

J. L. Mills offered a resolution that another item be added to the Manual, Rule 9, that every member of the Conference is assumed to be a member of the Mutual Relief Association. The previous question was called, sustained and on a rising vote the resolution was lost.

The Collector for Church Sexton amounted to \$25 27. The report was adopted.

On motion of the Secretary, E. T. Read, Secretary to the President, was authorized to read the appointments in the Sunday School room simultaneously with the reading in the church. The minutes were then read, corrected and approved.

The President then read his plan of appointments.

On motion of the Secretary, Conference then adjourned with the doxology followed by the benediction by A. W. Mather.

W. S. PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

Approved:

F. T. LITTLE,

President.

Reports

REPORT A

The President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

In submitting my fourth annual report to this the seventy-eighth session of the Conference, I greet you as brethren beloved of the household of faith, and as co-workers together with Christ for the salvation of the world.

As we meet again after another year of ministerial labor and anxiety we are cheered by the assurance that we have not toiled in vain. On the fields we have left behind, many sheaves have been gathered, while the end of the harvest is not yet.

The mercies and blessings of the year have been many and great, while the trials and disappointments may well be lost in the joy of meeting and mingling again in the sweet fellowship of our annual assembly. The shadow falls at this point, however, as we mention what must be the first department of the report.

DEATHS

While death has not called away any from the active ranks of our pastors during the year, he has been busy with the group composed of our Superannuated and Supernumerary ministers. Some dear faces, long familiar in our annual gatherings, must be looked upon hereafter from memory's gallery, and some names for many years as common and as loved as household words among us must be transferred to the "Dead Roll."

Rev. John Jackson Murray, D. D., died April 10th, 1905, just the day before adjournment of our last session. For sixty-three years he was an honored and loved minister of the Conference, serving as its president from the spring of 1865 to the spring of 1868.

His impressive personality, his loyalty and devotion to the church of his choice, his splendid gifts of intellect and heart made him known and honored throughout our own denomination, and brought him flattering recognition from other and larger branches of the Church of Christ.

Rev. William Sim Hammond, D.D., died May 14th, 1905. For fifty-four years he was among us in Conference fellowship and toil; with a smiling face and loving heart he was every man's friend and helper. He, too, was our president, filling that office from the spring of 1886 to April 1889.

His charm of manner, his many winning traits of character, his popular pulpit abilities and excellent adaptations to the pastoral office, made him known far beyond the bounds of his own Conference district as one of our most acceptable and successful preachers and pastors.

Rev. George D. Edmonston died June 2d, 1905. Brother Edmonston was identified with the Conference (with an intermission of eight years) forty-one years. He was a true minister of Jesus Christ, and did all he could for the salvation of men and the upbuilding of the church he loved and served.

Rev. William Augustus Crouse died January 11th, 1906. For thirty-six years Brother Crouse was a member of the Conference. He was a gentle, loving, lovable man; a spiritual, edifying, evangelical preacher, and gifted with rare power in prayer.

Rev. David Wilson, M. D., Died February 28th, 1906, after sixty-one years of membership in the Conference. He was courtly in manner, gracious in address, a popular preacher, successful pastor, and was honored by his brethren in being elected as the president of the Conference, serving in that capacity from the spring of 1874 to the spring of 1877.

Mrs. William Augustus Crouse, wife of Rev. W. A. Crouse, died April 18th, 1905, thus preceding her husband to the better land by just nine months. Of all these we may joyfully say,

"The battles all fought, the victory won,"

"They have the reward—Good Servants, well done."

CHANGES

In the interest of the work, and by consent of all parties concerned, Rev. P. W. Crosby was released from Fairview Mission, April 25th, 1905, and assigned to Leeds Circuit; and Brother C. M. Elderdice of the seminary was placed in charge of Fairview.

April 28th, 1905, I received a communication from Rev. E. H. Nelson, submitting, to use his own words, his "resignation as a member of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," and stating: "As my elder's credentials have been destroyed, this letter is intended to be (and must be recognized as such) a surrender of all authority conferred upon me by ordination from the said Maryland Conference." As the acceptance of this resignation left the pastorate of Talbot Circuit vacant I appointed Brother S. W.

Taylor, a student from the seminary, pastoral supply during the vacation months at the school. At the expiration of this period, Brother R. Stanley Litsinger, son of our Rev. W. D. Litsinger, being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Evergreen Station, was assigned to the pastorate of the circuit, and has acceptably served the same until the present time.

Rev. A. N. Ward, having been elected pastor of the First Church, Seattle, Washington, by the Board of Home Missions, and insisting upon being released from the pastorate of North Carolina Avenue Church, to which he had been appointed by the last Conference, and the members of that church voting their consent to the release, I, at length, deeming the deep conviction Brother Ward seemed to have that God was calling him to that distant field a sufficient reason, released him on October 1st, 1905.

On the same date, by consent of Violetville charge and its pastor, I released Rev. R. L. Shipley from the pastorate of that church and assigned him to the pastorate of North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., where he has successfully served to the present.

Rev. H. F. Gould, of the New York Annual Conference, a student at the seminary, was appointed pastoral supply of Violetville, and has rendered most acceptable service to date.

October 1st, 1905, on account of the serious illness of his wife, and by consent of all parties interested, I released Rev. J. L. Nichols from the pastorate of Dover and Leipsic charges. Since his release Brother Nichols has temporarily withdrawn from the denomination and taken work in another church to meet the exigencies of his family life.

Rev. G. A. Ogg of the New York Annual Conference, was appointed pastor of Dover and Leipsic, October 1st, 1905, and has filled out the year on these fields.

May 10th, 1905, Brother W. L. Hoffman, of the seminary, was appointed associate pastor of Heathville Circuit for the summer months. This was done in conformity with the action of the Quarterly Conference of the circuit, communicated to the president by the delegate at the last Conference.

Rev. W. C. Stone, a probationary member of the Conference, pastor of Felton Circuit, notified me of his purpose to leave the charge October 1st, 1905. He accordingly left, taking work in another denomination. I recommend that his name be stricken from the roll of trial members of the Conference.

At the united request of the pastor and Quarterly Conference of Liberty Circuit, I appointed Bro. L. B. Douglas, a student at the seminary, associate pastor of that circuit, October 9th, 1905, for service in the village of Libertytown, which arrangement has continued until Conference.

Serious affliction overtook Rev. G. F. Norris, pastor of Lawsonia, and it became necessary to place him in an institution for treatment about the middle of January of this year, where he is at present, and will not be able to take work during the ensuing year.

Efforts seemed to have been made to bring about changes in other directions. As many as four of our young men were approached by letters from

churches in other Conferences bidding for their services. Three of the four were single men, and were told they had been recommended to the churches as suitable men to fill the vacancies. In some of the cases an actual call was extended. None of the brethren, however, were decoyed away from the Conference by the flattery of the offers, or the promise of more rapid promotion thus held out. The pressing need for men, especially for unmarried men, in our Conference would seem to be so plain that no Maryland Conference man could be found seeking to lessen the number we now have, but rather in trying to augment that number. However, we believe any Conference can well afford to let men go who seek publicity, preferment and pay for themselves, rather than peace, progress and prosperity for the Conference.

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES

There were nine places left unsupplied at the last Conference. All of these have been supplied for the entire year, except three. Of these three one has been supplied for a part of the year.

Waverly was supplied during the first part of the year by Rev. W. M. Jett, an unstationed preacher of the West Baltimore Quarterly Conference. Upon the conclusion of his services there was a practical abandonment of the entire organization by the few who had been running things at that point. I then appointed Rev. N. T. Meginnis in charge of the mission work at Waverly. With this appointment we began our work anew at that place. Brother Meginnis served faithfully and efficiently until early fall, when, because of business engagements, he was obliged to seek a release. Upon releasing him I immediately assigned Rev. W. S. Simms, an unstationed preacher of the Roadway Quarterly Conference, as missionary in charge of the work. Brother Simms has been remarkably successful in gathering a congregation, increasing the Sunday School attendance, and in revival work. With a new organization the future is more hopeful, and none of us desires the sale of the property at this time.

Campbell was efficiently supplied during the vacation period by Brother G. L. Curry of the seminary. I believe this field would respond to faithful work, and soon develop a larger measure of strength if it were possible to give it a permanent pastor. This seems out of the question, however, as long as our young brethren will marry without giving the Conference practically any service as single men.

Deer Park has been supplied since the middle of May by Rev. J. A. Kittell of the West Virginia Conference, who was employed under transfer from that Conference, duly signed by its president and the president of our Conference, which transfer will be presented here for action thereon by the Conference.

Fox Hill has been supplied all the year by Brother N. V. Cossaboon, who was duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Alexandria Station.

Harbeson has likewise been supplied all the year by Rev. W. A. Sites, an unstationed minister of West Baltimore Station.

Mount Nebo has also been served all the year most acceptably by Brother C. J. Edwards, and Williamsport by Brother G. W. Beck, both students at the Seminary in Westminster.

Patapsco has not been supplied during the year, because we really have nothing there. What little interest we had there was killed more than two years ago. The building, old and dilapidated, is situated on land belonging to the Oella Mills' Company, hence the property is not ours. I, therefore, recommend that Patapsco be stricken from the list of appointments.

Neither has Jones' Memorial Church been supplied during the year. It seems we do not have at this point membership, constituency, or field, but there is a building and lot deeded to the trustees of the Conference. I, therefore, deem it wise to retain this church on our list for the present at least.

Cherrydale, which was left in the hands of the president by the last Conference, has been supplied during the entire year by Rev. R. S. Laurenson, an unstationed preacher of the First Church, Washington, D. C., Quarterly Conference.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

Mrs. T. A. Reese, whose praise is in all the churches, has laid her usual generous, annual offerings on the altars of the Conference to help our pastors and our enterprises during the year.

The infirmities of age are upon this loyal lover of our cause, but she abates none of her liberal, helpful, holy interest in the work of the church of her life-long attachment and consecrated labors. She deserves, and I am persuaded has, the heartfelt admiration and gratitude of every member of the Conference.

The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have once more renewed their helpful donations to our preachers and our work, and we are again called upon to express our appreciation of and gratitude for their praiseworthy gifts and timely aid in these directions. The Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society are still earnestly engaged in pushing their work of visiting the destitute, praying with the needy and the sick, and distributing Bibles and religious tracts. They have about recovered from the financial embarrassment occasioned by the great Baltimore fire, and are doing their work with intelligence and zeal. I still believe the work and management of these societies deserve our hearty endorsement and co-operation.

BEQUESTS

The bequests during the year have not been numerous or large. But some gifts have fallen to us even from this source. Miss Sallie Longwell, of Westminster, Md., though not a member of our denomination, yet remembered our educational work with a gift of \$5000 to Western Maryland College.

Mrs. Jane Rupp, an aged member of East Baltimore Station, died during the year. Three wills, two of them with numerous codicils, were found to have been left by her. In the first and second of these wills various interests

of the Conference were provided with legacies, but in the last will these were all left out, except that East Baltimore Church (Mount Lebanon) was left \$800. Under this last will Rev. G. W. Haddaway was made residuary legatee. Caveats were filed to the probating of this last will by the boards representing the interests of the Conference, which were legatees under the former wills, and by Mr. W. H. Shutt, Mrs. Rupp's business manager. The idea of a lawsuit of this kind was exceedingly distasteful to all parties concerned for the peace and purity of the church. Realizing that the brethren of the Conference Boards had entered the contest from a sense of duty to the respective interests we had committed to their care, and that Brother Haddaway felt equally bound to defend what he believed to be the last will, expressive of the final purpose of the deceased lady, I, after repeated consultations with all parties concerned, have effected an agreement between Brother Haddaway and the benevolent boards, which in the final settlement of the estate will bring to the Superannuated Fund Society, The Theological Seminary, Our Church Home, The Maryland Branch Women's Foreign Missionary Society and East Baltimore Church a reasonable portion of the property of Mrs. Rupp. Quite as much I am sure, if not more, than would have been secured as the result of any suit, after the expenses had been deducted. I think it due all parties, so far as the church is in any way involved, to say—and I say it with great pleasure—that the settlement is reasonable, equitable and in the spirit of concession, fraternity and church loyalty. And all that is here said is meant to apply to Brother Haddaway as well as to the others concerned.

In addition to the gifts here referred to I may mention that the late Judge James M. Lowe, a prominent member of our church in St. Michaels, provided in his will bequests of \$1000 each to the church in St. Michaels and at Bay-side. The bequests to become available upon the death of the widow. Including these last named sums the gross amount of bequests for the year will reach \$9,500. Making the sum total in bequests for four years from twelve persons aggregate \$55,100.00.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The reports made to me indicate a slight increase in the number of both the Christian Endeavor and the Junior societies, with a gratifying increase in the membership of each.

The Conference Union held a spiritual, and every way beneficial, convention in the Clarke Memorial Church, Baltimore in February, and decided to raise during the present Convention year the sum of \$500 for foreign missions and \$500 for some special home mission work of the Conference. We shall, doubtless, hear from the new officers of the Union regarding this matter ere long. We bespeak for these efforts the hearty co-operation of every member of every society and of every pastor in the Conference.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Western Maryland College still keeps its advanced position in the forefront of the educational institutions of our state. In well nigh every part of the Conference district are to be found men and women, active, consecrated, loyal to every interest of the denomination, who have received their training within the halls of our own Western Maryland.

The Westminster Theological Seminary continues to improve both in the number and character of its students, as well as in its curriculum. Its halls have been filled during the year, while its professors are diligent, painstaking, orthodox and finely equipped for the most important work in which they are engaged.

It is imperative that our Quarterly Conferences, various committees of examination, and the officers and teachers of our seminary shall guard diligently against the entrance of unworthy men into our ministry. A theological education can not any more than any other kind of an education make a true minister of the Gospel out of a self-seeking, time-serving, place-hunting mass of hollow vanity parading around in male attire.

Our Church Home has continued its useful ministrations to the needy old people during the year, and still appeals to all our people as the most touching and beautiful charity of the Conference. We can not as pastors too frequently emphasize the objects and needs of this most worthy benevolence of our church. The appeals of its lady-managers for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas offerings of provisions, articles of household utility, and money, should be responded to more promptly, liberally and extensively than they are.

The Maryland, and the Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society are still active, aggressive and successful adjuncts to the great missionary enterprises of the denomination. They have been more recently joined by the Women's Home Missionary Society, and should have the full endorsement and practical help of all our pastors and people.

The material proofs of the healthful condition of the church in the district are seen again by the new buildings erected during the year (three of them in fields not heretofore occupied by us as a denomination) and by the extensive improvements made to many of our older structures.

The beautiful new churches at Fawn Grove, Pa., and at Harrington, Del., have been completed and dedicated. The former in the spring, the latter in the fall. A new church has been built for the Montgomery Chapel people on Kemptown Circuit, and was dedicated in the fall. Also a new building for the Wye congregation, in Queen Anne's County, Md., dedicated in the fall. A new church has been built and paid for in East Cumberland, and one purchased and paid for in South Cumberland, also one built at Williamsville, Sussex County, Del. At these three points we enter new territory with gratifying prospects of permanent success. A handsome new church has been finished

and dedicated for our Gethsemane people on Reliance Circuit, while the magnificent temple for our St. Luke's congregation, in Philadelphia, Pa., is under roof, and the interior work is being pushed to a finish with all proper speed.

The church building at Sassafras, on Warwick Circuit, has been put in fine condition, as have also Wesley Chapel on Chesapeake charge; Nassawango, on Snow Hill; Mountain View, on Kempton; Union, on Pipe Creek; Papsley, on Parksley charge, Bethel, on Greenwood Circuit, Harmony and Bethesda, on Rowlandville, also the church at Rowlandville, Bivale, on Waltersville; Mount Taber, in West Washington, D. C.; the church at Hampden, and Mount Olivet Church, on Cecil Circuit.

East Baltimore Church has not only been handsomely fitted up, but the ground-rent claim heretofore existing against that property has been purchased and the ground deeded to the trustees in fee, while the church in Milton, Del. is being remodeled and enlarged.

The North Baltimore property has been greatly improved by the addition of a Sunday-school building in the rear of the main structure. Mardela Church has also been improved by the addition of a Sunday-school room arranged to be used in connection with the audience room of the main edifice. Improvements more or less extensive have also been made to the churches in Brooklyn, Mount Olivet and St. Paul's on Fawn Grove Circuit, to the church at Delta and to the Sunday-school rooms at Broadway, Lynchburg, West Baltimore and South Baltimore.

Our people at Towson, Baltimore County, Md., have purchased additional land for their new church and parsonage purposes. There is not a more important move in connection with our denomination adjacent to the growing City of Baltimore, than this enterprise of our church at Towson. Our friends there deserve and must have the liberal financial aid of the Conference to make their plans and efforts succeed.

The Evergreen members have purchased the ground on which their church stands, and are in line of steady, reliable progress. The lot for the church at Lauraville has been paid for, and plans are maturing for the building of a modern, substantial edifice at that point. This also needs and must have our hearty endorsement and financial assistance. Our people in the town of Felton, Del., have paid for an eligibly located lot in that town large enough for both church and parsonage.

The Conference at its last session authorized the appointment of a committee of not less than six ministers with charges nearest the town of Lewes, Delaware, to look after the work in that town. The committee was duly appointed. The services of Brother J. D. Smith, a student at the seminary, were secured during the vacation period, and he has given such attention to the interests there since as his duties at the school would permit, with the result that we have an organization of fifteen members, with many sympathizers and active helpers: a Sunday-school of forty scholars, an eligibly located corner lot 50x130 feet, free of debt, an active Ladies Aid Society of thirty members, which has raised \$300 during the year, and the people are earnestly discussing plans for a permanent building to take the place of their temporary tabernacle.

A handsome new parsonage has been erected in the town of Pittsville, Md., for the circuit of that name, and an elegant new home is being built in the City of Lynchburg, Va., for the pastor of that station, while improvements have been made to the parsonages at Brooklyn, Md., Delta, Pa., Oak Grove, Va., and at many other points in the district, and North Baltimore comes forward once more with the ground on which her parsonage stands bought, paid for in full, and a fee simple title passed to her trustees.

The amounts expended for buildings and improvements during the year foot up the splendid sum of \$96,159.44. The church in the Maryland district is growing so fast that we can not stop in every instance to balance the tantalizing niceties of purely worldly wisdom, but with a faith born of God, inspired by the necessities of the case and the inviting opportunities opened before us, and glorified by a long line of past successes, we leap through the open way, launch out in the deep and build to the glory of God and the Methodist Protestant Church. And we ultimately pay for all we build, too.

Joyfully I also report that North Carolina Avenue Church has paid another \$1000 on her debt this year, that Broadway has also paid \$1000, and has well matured plans on foot to wipe out the remainder of her debt during next Conference year: that Bedford street, in Cumberland, Md., has liquidated the entire debt on its property of \$1100, leaving only the obligations on her parsonage to be discharged, which will be done after those faithful people have had a breathing spell, and that West Baltimore Church, as the result of her energetic pastor's careful soliciting, has paid another \$1000 on her ground.

These amounts, together with all other amounts reported to me, show that we have paid on our debts during the year the sum of \$20,212.63. Making a grand total expended in buildings and improvements, and in the payment of debts of \$116,372.07, being \$29,734.20 in excess of the sum reported by me last year for the same purposes. "Behold, brethren, "what God hath wrought." "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

But the material proofs of the excellent state of the church in the district are not all, I am thankful to say.

Again has it occurred that not all the ministers have returned the cards sent them, but many more than last year have done so, with the result that there have been reported to me 1884 souls converted under our ministry during the year, and 2545 persons received into church fellowship. And shall we not rejoice together, brethren, that we have been accounted worthy of such great good things from our heavenly Father and Saviour.

Revivals have been general throughout the district, with special manifestations of power at many points—some of them far reaching and marvelous in their effects upon the communities where they were held.

It is again my privilege to report some increase in pastor's salaries during the year, and for the ensuing year. Eighteen places increased the salaries of their pastors during this year, in addition to those reported at the last Conference, in sums aggregating \$1,665, while twenty-two charges have increased

salaries for next year in amounts aggregating \$1860 making a net increase in salaries for the two years of \$3,516, in excess of the amounts reported last Conference. Adding these to the ninety-four places reported at the last Conference, we have, as the result of four years' attention to the matter, an aggregate of 134 charges which have increased salaries in the four years. Some of the amounts added were small, 'tis true, but they were in the right direction, and bring us a little nearer the goal of "Full pastoral efficiency always met by adequate pastoral support."

I submit these proofs of progress and prosperity in the Conference with a grateful heart, and renew my statement of last year with increased emphasis, to wit, "The spiritual condition of the church in the district is most gratifying," and we have every reason to thank God and take courage as we recite together these evidences of our work during the Conference year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Conference not being able to compensate the secretary for his arduous and exacting labors in its behalf, not only during the sessions, but for weeks prior thereto, and for a full month after adjournment, I recommend that the secretary be permitted to insert in the printed minutes a limited number of select advertisements: provided, there shall be no additional cost to the Conference for printing the minutes, because of such advertisements, and, provided, the body of the book shall be in no wise interfered with by the advertisements, and, provided, further, that advertisements of Western Maryland College, Westminster Theological Seminary and our Book Concern and Periodical shall be admitted free. The proceeds of the advertisements to go to the secretary to compensate him in some measure for his multiplied labors in our behalf.

2. To further facilitate the plan of systematizing the minutes by grouping all related subject matter together, I recommend that the "Dead Roll" be placed immediately before "Obituaries" with the general heading or title, "In Memoriam."

3. I recommend that the secretary be authorized to prepare and publish in the minutes a "Conference Widow's Directory," giving the name and address of each widow of our deceased ministers, together with the name of her deceased husband.

On March 28th, 1906, Rev. D. M. Dibble applied for and received a testimonial of dismissal from the Conference and church.

In closing my report I must again express my profound gratitude to Almighty God for His grace, so abundantly given, and for His great providential care of me in all my travel, exposure and toil.

My work was interrupted for only a short while by temporary indisposition in the month of September. Dr. T. H. Lewis, Rev. T. R. Woodford and Rev. J. H. Straughn came promptly to my relief and kept up the plan of visitation until my strength returned. I here record my appreciation of their generous, fraternal, efficient services.

I have faithfully striven to administer the office you committed to me for the fourth time last spring with fidelity, promptness and such wisdom as I could command. Every place in the district has been visited, some charges several times.

For the many attentions I have received from the ministry and laity I express my thanks,

Very truly yours,

F. T. LITTLE, *President.*

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The condition of the work throughout the district as evidenced by the report of the president is cause for profound gratitude to our God, and for very great encouragement in the propagation of the blessed gospel of His Son under the banner of Methodist Protestantism. Our commission to go preach this gospel has been crowned with success by the addition to the membership of more than twenty-five hundred persons during the year. The growing disposition among many of the charges to increase the salaries of pastors, reveals a condition upon the part of the people especially hopeful, and gratifying, not only because it bespeaks the deliverance of the ministry from all unnecessary anxiety and care about pecuniary matters, but because it discovers a deepening interest in subjects denominational, a higher appreciation of efficient service, and a faith more precious in things spiritual, as well as the greater usefulness of the pastors themselves. The year has been, perhaps, unprecedented in material prosperity. In city and country, among the mountains and upon the plains, new churches have been erected, and old ones remodelled to the joy of the people and the glory of God.

The magnificent sum of \$116,372.07, having been expended for building, improving and liquidating debts, surely our people have not been penurious, nor the preachers idle. In the presence of such incontrovertable proofs of liberality, zeal and consecration, we ought to praise God, take courage and go forward. We want to make grateful acknowledgement of the generous contributions of that elect woman of our church, Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, also, of the tangible evidences of interest in our ministers and churches by the Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Benevolence.

We rejoice in the happy solution of what seemed to be a perplexing problem, by the adjustment of the will of Mrs. Rupp to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

We concur in these recommendations:

- 1st. As to inserting advertisements in the printed minutes according to all the conditions suggested.
- 2nd. Changing place of Dead Roll in minutes.
- 3rd. Putting in minutes a Conference Widow's Directory.
- 4th. That Patapsco be discontinued as an appointment.
- 5th. The name of Rev. W. C. Stone, a probationer of the Conference, be stricken from the list.

J. M. GILL, *Chairman.*

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
Accomac	A. W. Mather	2	Federalsburg	Clayborne Phillips	1
Alexandria	J. H. S. Ewell	6	Felton	C. J. Burdette	1
Alnutt Memorial	J. W. Kirk	6	Finksburg	S. F. Cassen	3
Amelia	To be supplied		First Church	B. P. Truitt	2
Baltimore	H. F. Wright	2	Franklin City	G. R. Donaldson	2
Bedford	A. H. Green	2	Frederick	B. F. Ruley	1
Belair	C. K. McCaslin	2	Georgetown, D. C.	T. O. Crouse	3
Bethany	J. E. Nicholson	1	Georgetown, Del.	H. O. Keen	2
Broadway	G. Q. Baccus	3	Geo'town Cir't W. W. Johnson (sup'y)		2
Brooklyn	J. B. Jones	3	Greenwood	C. E. Dryden	3
Cambridge	Dorsey Blake	2	Grove	F. P. Krauss	2
Campbell	To be supplied		Hampden	D. W. Anstine	3
Cannon	G. F. Farring	2	Harbeson	W. E. Sites (supply)	1
Caroline	H. S. Johnson	2	Harper's Ferry and Middle way	W. P. Roberts	2
Cecil	C. R. Strausburg	1	Harrington	F. H. Mullineaux	1
Centreville	E. D. Stone	2	Heathsville	J. F. Wooden	4
Chesapeake	J. W. Parris	3	Howard	H. L. Schlinke	4
Chestertown	D. L. Greenfield	3	Hurlock	Carroll Maddox	1
Chincoteague	E. H. Jones	6	Indian River	J. E. Maloy	4
Christ Church	C. M. Elderdice	1	Jefferson	E. C. Makosky	4
Clayton	A. C. Boyd	1	Jones Memorial	To be supplied	
Clinton Hill	J. M. Dickey	2	Keen Memorial	J. McL. Brown	2
Concord	F. L. Stevens	2	Kemptown	J. A. Wright	5
Conquest	To be supplied		Kennedyville	G. J. Hooker	1
Crisfield	Louis Randall	1	Kent Island	T. H. Wright	2
Crumpton	E. O. Ewing	4	Laurel	W. J. Neeper	3
Cumberland	W. A. Melvin	6	Laurel Circuit	J. M. Yingling	4
Cumberland Circuit	W. L. Hoffman	1	Lauraville	L. B. Smith	2
Deer Creek	G. R. Hodge	5	Lawsonia	F. D. Reynolds (supply)	1
Deer Park	J. A. Kittell	1	Leeds	P. W. Crosby	1
Delmar	G. J. Hill	1	Lewes	J. D. Smith	1
Delta	G. I. Humphreys	2	Lewistown	E. L. Bunce (supply)	2
Denton	Thomas Wheeler	1	Liberty	C. M. Cullum	2
Dorchester	E. S. Fooks	1	Lisbon	C. P. Nowlin	2
Dover and Leipsic	G. A. Ogg	1	Lynchburg	J. H. Straughn	3
East Baltimore	J. D. Kinzer	3	Mardela	E. P. Perry	4
Easton	W. R. Graham	5	Mariners	J. T. Lassell	2
Elizabeth	W. H. Litsinger	3	Marley	To be supplied	
Eutaw	S. W. Coe	3	Millville	F. M. Clift	1
Evergreen	J. L. Straughn	2	Milton	G. R. McCready	1
Fairfax	R. S. Litsinger	2	Montgomery	N. C. Clough	2
Fairview	To be supplied		Mount Nebo C. J. Edwards (supply)		1
Fawn Grove	S. B. Treadway	1			

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
Mount Tabor	J. E. Litsinger	3	West Baltimore	J. M. Holmes	3
Newark, N. J.	J. W. Balderston	2	Westminster	L. F. Warner	5
New Church	A. A. Harryman	1	West Wilmington	J. E. Massey	1
Newmarket	A. S. Beane	2	Williamsport	To be supplied	
Nichols Memorial	C. E. Redeker	3	Wilmington	B. A. Bryan	1
North Baltimore	F. C. Klein	2	Wye	J. W. Norris	1
North Carolina Ave. R. L. Shipley		1	LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AT THEIR OWN REQUEST		
Oak Grove and Prince George	J. T. Bailey	2	C. S. Arnett		4
Oxford	W. S. Hanks	1	G. L. Wolfe		1
Parksley	W. B. Judefind	7	J. W. Gray		1
Payson Street	C. M. Compher	2	G. F. Norris		1
Pipe Creek	C. E. McCullough	5	SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS		
Pittsville	G. A. Morris	6	President of Western Maryland Col- lege	T. H. Lewis	21
Pocomoke Circuit	W. B. Elliott	1	President of Westminster Theologi- cal Seminary	H. L. Elderdice	10
Pocomoke City	G. M. Clayton	4	Editor of <i>The Methodist Protest- ant</i>	F. T. Tagg	15
Potomac	C. M. Zepp	1	Agent of the Baltimore Book Con- cern	T. R. Woodford	3
Powellville	G. H. Stocksdales	5	Agent of Western Maryland College	Avery Donovan	1
Quantico N. V. Cossaboon (supply)		1	LOANED		
Queen Anne	J. L. Elderdice	2	Loaned to the Board of Foreign Mis- sions	E. H. Van Dyke	17
Reliance	J. F. Bryan	1	Loaned to the Board of Home Mis- sions	Rev. A. N. Ward	1
Rhode Island Avenue	J. M. Gill	6	Loaned to Western Maryland Col- lege	E. A. Warfield	1
Rowlandville	G. E. Brown	3	Loaned to Clarke Memorial Church, Baltimore	J. S. Bowers	16
Salem	F. A. Holland	4	Loaned to St. John's Church, Balti- more	F. T. Benson	5
Salisbury	W. S. Phillips	1	SUPERANNUATES		
Seaford	B. W. Kindley	2	S. B. Southerland		22
Sharptown	W. H. D. Johnson	1	J. A. Weigand		18
Snow Hill	L. A. Bennett	1	W. J. D. Lucas		15
South Baltimore	J. L. Mills	3	H. C. Cushing		12
Starr	G. W. Haddaway	5	J. G. Sullivan		7
Stewartstown	S. J. Smith	1	W. D. Litsinger		3
St. James'	J. M. Sheridan	4	S. A. Hoblitzell		2
St. John's (Canton) J. R. Gaar(sup)		3	W. M. Strayer		1
St. Luke's	J. W. Trout	3	R. S. Rowe		1
St. Michael's	George Hines	2			
Susquehanna	R. K. Lewis	2			
Talbot	W. N. Sherwood	1			
Trinity	N. O. Gibson	1			
Union	To be supplied				
Union Bridge	E. T. Read	5			
Violetville	H. F. Gould (supply)	1			
Wallace Memorial	F. J. Phillips	1			
Waltersville	J. L. Ward	4			
Warwick	F. S. Cain	3			
Waverly	W. S. Simms (supply)	1			

OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

1420 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

April 3d, 1906.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference,
Meeting in West Baltimore Station.*

Credit

1905.

April 4 By Balance in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank.....\$ 835.17

Dec. 30 By Interest..... 12.61

1906.

Mch. 23 By Cheque from President F. T. Little..... 678.00

Mch. 23 By Currency from President F. T. Little..... .57

Mch. 23 By Vouchers turned in by President Little..... 66.93 1593.28

Disbursements

Bills for repairs paid by President Little during the year.

1905.

Nov. 15 Benjamin F. Pierpoint, New Range etc..... 53.05

Dec. 7 Benjamin F. Pierpoint, Painting Roof 7.50

1906.

Mch. 1 Chas. W. Simpson & Co., Hinges etc..... 2.63

Mch. 1 Chas. W. Simpson & Co., Overstep and Lock..... 1.25

Mch. 8 Madison Electric Co..... 2.50 66.93

Mch. 24 Paid City Water Rent..... 8.64

Mch. 28 Paid T. A. Murray, Treasurer Superannuated Fund, Interest on Mortgage..... 295.45 304.09

April 4 Cash in Bank..... 1222.26

1593.28.

JARRETT N. GILBERT, *Agent*.

REPORT B

Of The Secretary

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

In submitting herewith my financial report some explanation, I think, is due the Conference and the Secretary.

It will be observed that the cost of publishing and distributing the 1905 Minutes is greater than it has been for four years. There are two reasons for this: First, the book is larger by ten pages. Second, in response to a request of the Conference, a change was made in the statistical tables, larger type being used. This change cost \$20.00 extra.

Again, the unusually large expense account is due to furnishing the Conference Room, the purchase of a new secretary's trunk and the printing and ruling of new pastors' and conference stewards' report blanks.

It is gratifying to note that, notwithstanding these extra expenses, which have been promptly met, even after paying the \$100-note, due just after this session shall adjourn, there will be a small cash balance.

At the time this note was given, upon the authority of resolution 10, of last session, there was not sufficient money in hand. Nearly one hundred dollars has come into the hands of the Secretary since that time.

Receipts

1905-6.

April 5 Balance in hand.....	\$ 77.88
April 8 From W. N. Sherwood, Conference Steward.....	353.50
June 14 10 months note, less discount.....	95.00
April 1 Sale of Minutes	4.75
April 1 Sale of Historical Records.....	5.40
April 1 Advanced assessments from various charges.....	87.00

623.53

Expenses

Publishing and distributing 1800 copies Minutes.....	278.74
Expressage and postage, sundry	15.48
Printing, report blanks, etc.....	30.90
Incidentals, Bibles, trunk, supplies.....	50.89
Furnishing Conference Room.....	111.20

487.21

Amount in hand..... 136.32

623.53

Due Marine Bank of Crisfield, 10 month note, June 14, 1905, \$100.00.

W. S. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

REPORT C

Of The Trustees Of The Maryland Annual Conference

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church herewith submit their Annual Report.

Officers elected in accordance with the Charter, Rev. J. L. Mills, President, Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, Rowland Watts, Secretary.

The resignation of Bro. Daniel Baker as a member of the Board of Trustees has been accepted with regret, and in accordance with the Charter Dr. J. W. Hering has been elected to fill the vacancy, subject to the action of the Annual Conference at its present session.

The members of the Board are as follows: J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Thomas A. Murray and Rowland Watts, whose terms expire in 1908; F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1907; and J. D. Kinzer, A. V. Mather, N. T. Meginniss and J. W. Hering, whose terms expire with the present session of the Conference, and whose successors should be elected by this Conference.

We submit herewith a paper which has been unanimously adopted by both the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and the Baltimore Book Directory relative to the control and management of the Conference Property No. 316 N. Charles Street.

We also submit the Report of the Treasurer, and also the Statement furnished to our Board by the Book Directory as to Rents, etc., from the Property No. 316 N. Charles Street.

Respectfully submitted,

ROWLAND WATTS, *Secretary.*

J. L. MILLS, *President.*

**ACTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BALTIMORE
BOOK DIRECTORY WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONFERENCE PROPERTY
No. 316 NORTH CHARLES STREET.**

WHEREAS, in conformity with the previous action of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the property No. 316 North Charles Street in the City of Baltimore was purchased in the name of the "Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," and said property has been so conveyed to said Body Corporate in which the title to said property is now solely and absolutely vested.

AND WHEREAS, under Section 7 of the Charter of said Corporation, all property acquired and held by said Corporation is so held "in behalf of and for the benefit of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," and the management thereof by said Corporation is "under the supervision of, and amenable to, the said Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church."

AND WHEREAS, the said Maryland Annual Conference has by its action

directed that the Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City should have the use of said property, in conformity with which action said Book Directory is now occupying a portion of said premises, and has also rented out such portion thereof not at present required for the use of said Book Directory and is collecting the rental therefrom, and has heretofore accounted to said Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference therefor, and has indicated its intention to further from time to time account to said Trustees therefor, with the distinct understanding that the net rentals therefrom shall be applied to the liquidation of the respective amounts due to said Book Directory and the Edward J. Drinkhouse Trust Estate for moneys loaned and advanced by them respectively towards purchase of said property.

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed proper that there should be some definite understanding between said "Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church" and said "Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City" as to the use, management and control of said property, by the concurrent action of said respective Corporations.

IT IS THEREFORE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED by and between said "TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH," and said "BOOK DIRECTORY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN BALTIMORE CITY."

1st. That it is the intention and desire of the Maryland Annual Conference (in which the ultimate control and management of said property resides), as expressed by its previous action, that said Book Directory shall have the fullest and freest use of so much of said Building as is now, or may hereafter be deemed necessary by it for the conduct and development of its business.

2nd. That said property shall be jointly managed by a Committee of three members from each of said Corporations to be appointed by them respectively; and that this Committee shall fix the rental of such portions of said Building as may not be required from time to time for the uses of said Book Directory, and determine upon any and all repair to said Building, which shall only be made upon the authority of said Joint Committee, or a majority thereof, after due notice.

3rd. That all rents from such parts of the Building as may so as above be rented shall be collected by the Agent of the Book Directory and shall be carried on the Books of the Directory as a separate fund to the credit of said Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and said Agent shall be authorized to pay therefrom the current expenses of said property for Taxes, Water-Rent and Insurance, and also such expenses for repairs as may be authorized by said Joint Committee; and until the entire debt incurred in the purchase of said property to the said Book Directory and to the Edward J. Drinkhouse Trust Estate respectively shall have been paid, the surplus from said rentals, after the payment of the expenses as above, shall be applied to the liquidation of the amounts from time to time due thereon and the interest thereon agreed to be paid.

4th. That whenever, because of and during the occupancy of said Book Directory of the entire building other than the Drinkhouse Memorial Room and the room now used and occupied by the Conference Officers, the rents are, or shall become insufficient in amount to cover the current expenses on said property, and the interest due the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, the Book Directory shall pay the same without any claim upon said property in any way for the repayment thereof, but the amount that may be due said Directory on account of the amount originally advanced towards the purchase of said property shall remain a charge upon said property, subject to the prior claim of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate for the amount so advanced on account of said purchase.

5th. While the Law of the Methodist Protestant Church provides that the General Conference shall decide what disposition shall be made of any surplus accruing from the business of the Book Directory, said property being held as aforesaid by said Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference under the terms of its Charter as above recited, any surplus arising from the rental thereof forms no part of the business of said Book Concern, but is subject to the original agreement made at the time of the purchase of said property for the repayment of said loans and advances so as aforesaid made by said Book Directory and said Drinkhouse Trust Estate respectively.

6th. This Agreement is made by the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and the Baltimore Book Directory in accordance with their understanding of the authority conferred by the previous action of the Maryland Annual Conference, and is submitted by them respectively to said Conference for its approval.

J. L. MILLS, *President of Board of Trustees.*

S. J. SMITH, *Secretary pro tem.*

W. B. USILTON, *President of Directory.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary of Directory.*

OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for year April 1905-April 1906.
Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of
Maryland Annual Conference.

General Fund

Received from Daniel Baker, Esq., retiring Treasurer.....	\$ 50.51	
Interest received thereon	1.05	
		51.56
<i>Cr.</i>		
Paid traveling expenses of members attending meetings.....	10.00	
Balance in Bank.....	41.56	
		51.56

DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

<i>Dr.</i>	Principal	Income
Received from Daniel Baker, Esq., retiring Treasurer.....	83.28	
Interest received thereon.....	2.79	
Amount of income collected on investments.....		1221.70
	86.07	1221.70
<i>Cr.</i>		
By amount income paid Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, per vouchers.		
July 27-05 Check No. 1.....		\$316.75
Sept. 4-05 Check No. 2.....		125.25
Oct. 7-05 Check No. 3.....		49.85
Oct. 18-05 Check No. 4.....		160.00
Jan. 15-06 Check No. 5.....		312.75
Mch. 20-06 Check No. 6.....		196.00
Mch. 26-06 Check No. 7.....		61.10
By balance in Bank to credit of Principal.....	86.07	
	86.07	1221.70

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We certify that we have examined the Account and Vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and find them correct as per above statement. We have also examined the Securities and find them fully accounted for and deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Corporation.

JOHN D. KINZER,
N. T. MEGINNISS,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF AGENT OF BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY
As to Conference Property. No. 316 N. Charles St.

<i>Receipts</i>		
Rent from S. Janowitz & Sons to February 1st, 1906	\$2200.00	
Rent from Maryland S. S. Union to February 1st, 1906.....	150.00	
Rent from Primary to February 1st, 1906.....	14 00	
		2364.00
<i>Expenses</i>		
General Expenses and Repairs.....	457.98	
Coal and Janitor (for Tenants).....	32.00	
Taxes and Water-Rent for 1906	402.18	
Interest on Loan from Drinkhouse Estate	100.00	
Paid Baltimore Book Directory on account of money advanced towards purchase of property.....	890.22	1882.38
Balance to credit of Rent Account.....		481.62

N. B. The above account only includes Rents to February 1st, 1906.

REPORT D

Our Church Home

The Managers of the Church Home submit the following report of the operations of the institution for the past year:

1st. The report of the Treasurer, showing that there is in his hands the sum of \$562.04, with the Home and all its furnishings and equipment paid for. We would call attention to the fact that the amount of \$547 is due from the Lady Managers, who depend entirely upon the contributions from the churches to meet this liability. It is absolutely necessary for them to borrow from the permanent fund in order to meet current expenses, in anticipation of the collections from the churches. We also call attention to the fact that the collections last year did not meet the current expenses of the Home, leaving the Lady Managers in debt to the permanent fund, \$76.62.

We have now eight persons in the Home, the largest number we have had at one time since our organization, and there will be necessarily some increase in the current expenses

We cannot too strongly urge upon our churches the necessity of supporting this good work. Many of the churches have done nobly from the beginning, and we commend their example to others who have done nothing.

We also submit the report of the Lady Managers, and ask for it the careful examination of the Conference. We do not believe any institution could be managed more judiciously than "Our Church Home."

J. W. HERING, *Chairman.*

OF THE TREASURER

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, April 1905.....	\$ 605.24	
Amount received for Entrance Fees.....	685.00	
Amount received from Lady Managers on Loan.....	408.36	
Amount of Bequest of John G. Clarke.....	487.50	
		2186.10

Dr.

Paid Sundry Expenses	101.20	
Paid Westminster Savings Bank, Loan	950.00	
Paid Westminster Savings Bank, Interest.....	25.86	
Amount loaned to Lady Managers.....	547.00	
Amount in hands of Treasurer.....	562.04	
		2186.10

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, *Treasurer.*

OF THE LADY MANAGERS

<i>Cr.</i>	
Amount in hands of Treasurer, April 1905	\$ 62.82
Amount received at last Conference	408.36
Amount received during the year	303.89
Amount borrowed from permanent fund.....	547.00
Amount of private donation from Mrs. Starr.....	5.00
	1327.07
<i>Dr.</i>	
Amount of expenses in conducting the institution for the year....	772.63
Paid Coal Bill for 1904.....	97.37
Paid Permanent Fund	408.36
Amount in hands of Treasurer	48.71
	1327.07

We report an increase on receipts of money over last year, receiving this year, prior to Conference, \$303.89; last year reporting \$244.65.

Thirty-one Churches, to April 1st, 1906, have responded and sent us their assessments.

Last Christmas we had some donations but not as general as the previous year. Congress St., through Mr. Cathel, a well filled box. R. I. Ave., a barrel filled to the brim. Our friend Baley Bates, several cases of canned goods, then our own Church here in Westminster remembered us quite generously and often during the year. Mrs. Schureman of Newark, N. J., who so nicely furnished the library, sent us four pairs of Lace Curtains, and Brother Cathel supplied our Bookcase with quite a number of valuable books. Miss Northrup, not of our Church but a good Presbyterian, and Mrs. Crout also contributed to the collection. A kind friend way up in New York seeing my appeal in our Church paper for Hymnals, sent me money to supply the need. I would like to tell you her name but she enjoins secrecy.

Mrs. G. W. Garduer, mother of Mrs. L. F. Warner, has donated several very handsome paintings for the Library, the work of Mrs. Warner. For all of these things we are very thankful, and hope that next year will be as successful and we will have even greater things to report of this good work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

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

OF THE COMMITTEE ON OUR CHURCH HOME

It is gratifying to learn of the excellent condition of the Home, that no indebtedness exists on the property or equipment, and that eight persons are now comfortably cared for.

Much credit is due the devoted Lady Managers who have been unremitting in their efforts throughout the year, and we commend most heartily their wise, economical and successful administration of the institution.

We call upon all our Churches for more prompt and liberal support of this important work which is made necessary by the fact that contributions were not sufficient to meet the increased expenses.

It would lessen greatly the care and labors of the Lady Managers if pastors would exert themselves to have the Five Dollars expected from each church forwarded to the Treasurer of the Home before Oct. 1st, and we urge that this be done.

This generous action of the donors who gave supplies and furnishings of various kinds, as set forth in the report submitted to us, ought to stimulate others to remember the needs of "Our Church Home," especially during the gift-bestowing season of the year.

We emphasize the plan of our churches giving to "Our Church Home" the collections taken at Communion services which may not be needed for local benevolence.

1. We recommend that the 2nd Thursday of November in each year be known as Donation Day for "Our Church Home," and that all our pastors be instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and endeavor to have donations of provisions, groceries and things needed to conduct the Home sent to Mrs. E. O. Grimes, Westminster, Md., and that the Editor be requested to publish due notice thereof in the "Methodist Protestant."

2. We recommend that a committee on "Our Church Home," consisting of three members, be added to the Conference's list of Standing Committees.

S. B. TREDWAY, *Chairman.*

REPORT E

Of The Board Of Finance

The Board of Finance submits the following report:

The report of the Secretary of the Conference with vouchers has been examined, audited, and found correct.

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage has been examined, but not having the vouchers, we could not audit it.

We are gratified that a balance of \$1222.26 is in the hand of the Agent, and we recommend that he pay to T. A. Murray, the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund Society, the sum of \$1000 as part payment on the mortgage on the President's Parsonage.

We have laid the assessments upon the charges as ordered by the Conference, and herewith submit the List. (See table of assessments.)

J. W. KIRK, *Chairman.*

REPORT F

Of The Committee On Itinerancy And Orders

We report of the third year's class, that F. P. Krauss, G. J. Hooker, Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley received 100 each in Greek—that F. P. Krauss, G. J. Hooker and Clayborne Phillips received 100 each in Hebrew—that Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley received 100 each on thesis, and thus having complied with the promise given at the time of their ordination, are passed through the course.

Of the second year's class, P. W. Crosby received 100 in Greek, F. M. Clift 100 in theology, G. I. Humobreys 100 in thesis, 100 in Hebrew and 100 in Greek, J. E. Litsinger received 100 in Greek and, with G. E. Brown and W. B. Elliott, were passed into the third year's class.

Of the first year's class, N. C. Clough and W. P. Roberts were given 100 each in Greek and with J. T. Bailey and Carroll Maddox, were passed into the second year's class.

Of the preparatory class, we recommend that N. V. Cossaboon, James E. Massey, F. D. Reynolds and W. E. Sites be placed in the hands of the President, that C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, R. S. Litsinger, J. D. Smith and L. B. Smith be received on trial, and we report that they are, with the exception of F. D. Reynolds and W. E. Sites, who are ministers, passed into the first year's class.

We recommend that the transfer of Rev. John A. Kittle from the W. Va. Conference be approved.

B. A. Bryan, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger and F. M. Clift, having preached 3 years under the stationing authority of an Annual Conference, we recommend that they be ordained, each being required to pledge in open Conference, that they will pursue the course of study until it is completed.

We recommend that the renewal of the license to administer the ordinances be granted to J. T. Bailey, Eben Baldwin, N. C. Clough, W. B. Elliott, W. M. Jett, Carroll Maddox and W. P. Roberts;

And that license be granted to C. M. Elderdice, W. L. Hoffman, J. D. Smith, L. B. Smith and N. V. Cossaboon.

We recommend for admission into the Conference Rev. W. S. Hanks, who was an honored member of the Pittsburgh Conference for years, and who because of his wife's health was compelled to seek another climate, and hence for several years past was pastor of a Congregational Church in Middletown, New York, and Rev. A. C. Boyd of the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We recommend James Dudley for aid, to the Board of Ministerial Education.

We recommend that license to administer the ordinances be granted to Willard W. Johnson.

We report that P. W. Crosby having complied with the pledge given at the time of his ordination as to the completion of the required studies, is passed through the course.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

REPORT G**Church Extension**

✓ The Church Extension Committee to whom was referred to the request of the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia would recommend that the Church Extension Society of this Conference through its Board of Managers co-operate with the Church Extension Society of the District of Columbia in securing a suitable lot for a church in that section of the city known as Mt. Pleasant; and, we appropriate to pay the interest on same for the ensuing year.

□ □ We have considered carefully the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society referred to us and will recommend in case of the Fairview Church that it be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Conference to be disposed of according to their best judgment. And, with this, we recommend the adoption of the report as a whole.

We recommend that the item of the report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society requesting the Conference to direct Pastors and Churches receiving aid from the Church Extension Society to report to the Board of Managers of said Society on the first of October and the first of March of each year the conditions and needs of their respective charges on blank forms to be provided by the Board of Managers be adopted, and that the report of the Board of Managers of said Society referred to us, be adopted as a whole.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend:

1st. That Conquest charge be divided and that New Church, Atlantic and Wattsville constitute a charge to be known as New Church, and that Conquest and Hallwood appointments constitute a charge to be known as Conquest.

2nd. That Thawley be detached from Caroline charge and attached to Denton, and that Greensboro be added to Caroline charge.

3rd. That the Churches in East and South Cumberland constitute a new charge to be known as Cumberland circuit.

4th. That Union charge be divided as follows: Sharptown and Mt. Hermon be set off as a charge to be known as Sharptown, and that Charity be detached from Delmar and with Providence and Portsville, formerly of Union, constitute Union charge, and in case the President cannot supply both charges with pastors, Providence and Portsville be placed under the care of the Pastor of Sharptown, and Charity be placed under the care of Delmar until such time as the President may be able to secure a supply for Union charge.

5th. That Lewes, Delaware, be recognized as a new appointment and be placed upon our Conference roll as Lewes Station.

6th. That the name of Foxhill charge be changed to Wallis Memorial.

7th. That Cherrydale Church be placed in the hand of the President for Pastoral supply.

APPROPRIATIONS

Broadway, provided they raise \$1900 on debt we will pay the remainder of the debt of \$2400, \$250 this year, \$250 next year.

Baltimore Circuit provided they proceed to build new church at Towson.....	\$300
Bethany.....	100
Cannons.....	50
Christ Church, provided they raise \$500 on debt.....	100
Clinton Hill, on interest	450
Crumpton, on salary.....	50
Deer Creek, on Salary	50
Evergreen, on Salary.....	50
Eutaw, on salary.....	200
Federalsburg, on salary.....	100
Felton, on salary	50
First Church, Washington, on interest.....	50
Greenwood, provided they raise balance of debt.....	150
Harrington, on debt.....	100
Keen Memorial, provided they raise \$300 on debt	100
Lauraville, provided they proceed to build	300
Lewes, on salary.. ..	100
Milton, on debt	100
Montgomery, on salary	50
North Carolina Avenue, on interest	150
Payson Street, on ground rent.....	50
Quantico, on salary.....	50
Reliance, on debt.....	75
St. John's Canton, provided they pay for lot.....	100
St. Luke's, on \$1000 as guaranteed last year.....	350
St. Michaels, on salary	50
Snow Hill, provided they raise \$750 on debt.....	150
Talbot, provided they pay remainder of debt.....	25
West Wilmington, provided they raise \$200 on debt	75

B. P. TRUITT, *Chairman*.

E. C. MAKOSKY, *Secretary*.

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society respectfully make the following report:

The interest of the Society committed to our hand have been faithfully cared for. The assessments of the Society have been forwarded to the Treasurer

earlier in the year than formerly and we have been able to meet all legitimate claims upon the Treasurer without touching the investment funds. Broadway, Keen Memorial, Evergreen and Felton have complied to the condition imposed by the Conference and received the amounts appropriated. Keen Memorial and Evergreen have made splendid progress and have growing influence for good in their respected communities. Lauraville is doing well, they have paid for the ground on which the Chapel stands and have increased attendance in the Sunday-school and Congregation, are now encouraged to proceed to build a permanent House of Worship. Help given this young Church and others in and around Baltimore will, we believe, give large and blessed returns in a few years.

The Treasurer's report will give details of the financial affairs of the Board. The Board adopted a resolution requesting the Conference to direct Pastors and Churches receiving aid from the Church Extension Society to report to the Board of Managers on the first of October and on the first of March of each year the conditions and needs of their respective charges upon blank forms to be sent to them by the Board. We believe information thus gained will be of great value to the Board, and subsequently to the Conference.

The Committee, which was appointed at the last session of the Conference to take into consideration the matter of the Waverly Church, has kept in close touch with this Society and each, in perfect harmony with the other, has striven to do the best for this church. Immediately after Conference Rev. W. M. Jett was duly assigned to the pastorate of this church. After a few months of earnest work, because of pressing business and other reasons, he was released and was succeeded by Rev. N. T. Meginuiss. This brother, much beloved among us because of his readiness always to render service wherever needed, remained for a short while but was faithful and industrious. We hereby record our high appreciation of the valuable services rendered us in this work. During the early Summer some radical steps were taken by our Society which forced an issue, which, to our judgment, has brought a condition of things which opens a new chapter in the history of Waverly.

Rev. W. S. Simms was duly appointed pastor. He began operations almost without a membership. With his accustomed energy and industry he entered upon his duties. A most remarkable transformation has taken place. A gracious revival of religion in which more than 100 souls have professed saving faith still continues. A large and growing Sunday-school as well as Congregation can now be found who constantly manifest their interest by large contributions to the pastor and various interests of the church. An arrangement has been made by which the ground rent will be provided for by Brother Simms and this congregation.

During the year, without delegating to ourselves any powers extraordinary, we have given some attention to the younger churches in and around Baltimore. We are pleased to report gratifying success at Keen Memorial, Christ Church, Bethany and Canton, and to note hopeful signs in the direction of material improvements at Payson St. and Towson. We call special attention of the Con-

ference to the condition of Fairview and trust the Committee on Church Extension will give this church careful attention. During the early summer a bazaar was projected to enable us by proceeds therefrom, to keep the promise from this society that \$500 be appropriated to Broadway to assist in the payment of her debt. This bazaar was held and we are gratified to state that the net receipts amount to more than \$700. Of this amount \$525 will be paid to Broadway; and almost \$200 will be given to Canton, which church is now busily engaged in purchasing a lot. We have undertaken to further assist this church as our special work for the ensuing year, and have promised to raise \$500 for them. We are grateful to the faithful women whose generous labors were so efficient and abundant in our recent financial undertaking.

We also record our thanks to Mrs. T. A. Reese for her continued timely assistance. We respectfully request that you appoint a pastor to Waverly under the direction of this Society.

J. S. BOWERS, *President.*

OF THE STEWARD

Summary

From assessment from on the district.....	\$3672.00	
Received as annual dues	120.00	
Unreported annual dues for 1905.....	6.75	
1905 Georgetown Circuit appropriation returned.....	100.00	
Total.....	—	3898.75

Paid

Last years loan returned	410.67	
Balance in hand for distribution on this years appropriations.....		3488.08
Appropriated to charges 1905 and 1906.....	3925.00	
Funds for distribution in hand.....	3488.08	
Appropriated funds more than received.....	486.92	
Cents over after per cent. struck	.36	
Deficiency on list of appropriations	437.28	
Spent by treasurer for printing acc. to account	4.01	
	441.29	
West Wilmington appropriation not met (returned).....	75.00	
Deficiency after deducting Wilmington appropriation.....	366.29	
Interest on the loan.....	21.97	
Total deficiency with interest.....	388.26	

Percentum 88—86—100.

E. S. FOOKS, *Steward.*

REPORT H

Superannuates

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits the following report:

- 1st. We recommend that \$4500.00 be assessed on the District for the ensuing year.
- 2nd. That Rev. G. L. Wolfe be transferred to the active list.
- 3rd. We recommend that the request of Revs. W. M. Strayer and R. S. Rowe to be transferred to the list of Superannuates be granted.
- 4th. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

APPROPRIATIONS

Rev. H. C. Cushing.....	\$300	Mrs. J. L. Kilgore.....	\$200
" S. A. Hoblitzell.....	400	" C. H. Littleton.....	200
" W. D. Litsinger.....	400	" W. F. Livingston.....	75
" W. J. D. Lucas.....	300	" R. L. Lewis.....	275
" S. B. Southerland.....	550	" J. A. McFadden.....	150
" W. M. Strayer.....	450	" E. R. McGregor.....	75
" J. G. Sullivan.....	250	" A. D. Melvin.....	400
" J. A. Weigand.....	300	" C. B. Middleton.....	150
" R. S. Rowe.....	400	" H. E. Miskimmon.....	100
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	75	" J. K. Nichols.....	125
" D. Bowers.....		" J. E. Read.....	100
" B. F. Benson.....	250	" John Roberts.....	225
" J. W. Charlton.....	200	" D. A. Shermer.....	75
" C. T. Cochel.....	75	" G. J. Smith.....	175
" H. J. Day.....	150	" C. M. Thompson.....	200
" A. D. Dick.....	200	" S. G. Valiant.....	125
" W. T. Dumm.....	250	" A. J. Walter.....	300
" J. M. Elderdice.....	200	" R. S. Williamson.....	250
" J. H. Ellegood.....	125	" P. L. Wilson.....	125
" W. J. Floyd.....	175	Orphan children of Rev. T. E. Coul-	
" S. T. Ferguson.....	200	bourn (to be paid to their legal	
" D. N. Gilbert.....	150	representative).....	300

- 5th. The fund paid last year 100 cents on each dollar appropriated.

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman.*

STATEMENT OF THE STEWARD

1905

Receipts

June 20	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	\$ 75.00
Oct. 9	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	2189.68
Oct. 30	Check from C. P. Nowlin.....	39.00

Dec. 16 Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	75.00
1906	
Jan. 6 Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	50.00
Jan. 30 Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	100.00
Mar. 19 Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	50.00
April 5 Cash.....	6443.72
April 6 Cash.....	105.00
April 9 Cash from Annual Dues.....	119.50
	9246.90

Disbursements

Oct. 12 Checks to Claimants.....	2189.07
1906	
April 6 Expenses Corresponding Secretary.....	1.75
April 6 Expenses Steward.....	4.00
April 9 Checks to Claimants.....	6385.93
April 10 Amount to Treasurer for Investment.....	666.15
	9246.90

Paid to claimants 100% on appropriation.

C. P. NOWLIN, *Steward.*

REPORT J

Literature

OF THE COMMITTEE

It is gratifying to learn from the report of The Book Concern, that notwithstanding increased expenditures both in the Editorial and Publishing departments, that there has been for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1906, a net gain of over nine hundred dollars. The continued faithfulness and efficiency of Editor and Agent commands the confidence, and should secure the hearty co-operation of all our people in their efforts to make the Baltimore Book Directory one of the most useful and powerful of our agencies for the advancement of all our denominational interests.

A careful reading of the comparative statement showing the results of the Book Directory for the three years from March 1st, 1903, to Feb. 28th, 1906, will show the present healthy and hopeful condition of our publishing interests.

The statement that there has been a decrease, even though but "slight," in the number of subscribers to "The Methodist Protestant," in spite of

unusual and strenuous efforts upon the part of both Agent and Editor, personal visitation of the churches, and employment of a special agent, is one that should not be lightly passed over. A paper containing so many charming departments, with its Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor helps, a periodical that is invaluable as the Pastor's assistant, and so helpful in the department of Christian life, surely ought to be found in the home of every Methodist Protestant.

If our denominational organ is to receive the patronage and increased circulation that it deserves, it is evident that there must be not only continued, but increased diligence upon the part of pastors and delegates in presenting and urging the claims of this weekly messenger. We hope that the earnest appeal of the Book Directory to put The "Methodist Protestant" in every home, will call for enthusiastic effort from every member of the Maryland Conference. We urge pastors to open the way to the Editor and Publisher to present the claims of these important interests.

We note with pleasure that our Sabbath-school literature is "gradually being more extensively used and more highly appreciated." In this connection we would call attention to "The New Guide," which occupies a field peculiarly its own. It is the paper that appeals to our Sabbath-school scholars between the ages of twelve and twenty. It is a literary, as well as a religious paper, of the highest order and numbers among its contributors some of the best known writers. We learn from the Editor of our Sunday-school periodicals, that while the circulation of this paper is now over seventeen thousand, and is rapidly increasing, that only about fifteen hundred copies circulate in our own district. This is a proportion of about one-twelfth compared with that of one-third of the Sunday-school papers circulated in the same territory. We urge our Sunday-school superintendents to do all in their power to supplement the lesson papers by the addition of this attractive and instructive young people's weekly.

Methodist Protestants should patronize our own Book Concern, our efficient Agent being able to supply any book published on terms as satisfactory as can be secured elsewhere. The Good Life, the recent volume of sermons by Dr. T. H. Lewis, The Handbook of the History, Polity and Doctrine of the Methodist Protestant Church by the same author, and The Pastor's Convenient Record and Ritual still continue to meet a long felt want among our ministers.

J. L. ELDERDICE, *Chairman*.

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We herewith submit in connection with and as a part of our report, a statement of the business of the Book Concern at the close of the day, Feb. 28, 1906, and a comparative statement covering the last three years.

From this you will perceive that we show a net gain of nine hundred dollars and sixty-two cents (\$900.62) for the year, and this notwithstanding we increased the salary of the editor of the "Methodist Protestant" twenty-five (\$25.00) per month, beginning the first of July, which makes his salary the same as was paid him before the reduction several years ago, and we were compelled to pay also several hundred dollars more than was paid last year, for printing the "Methodist Protestant" and for additional office help required in the development of the business, all of which is shown in our itemized statement of the year's work.

There has been a slight decrease in the number of subscribers to the "Methodist Protestant" notwithstanding the strenuous efforts put forth by the editor and agent by advertising and visiting the churches, and on the part of the directory in the employment of an agent to canvass the Baltimore City Churches and vicinity, and also the making of a contract with the Board of Managers of the paper published in the West Virginia Conference, by which we agreed to furnish the "Protestant" to their subscribers after they had discontinued publication, and which amounted to probably one hundred. While this was an expense to us we hope it may be a good investment, in securing a number of permanent subscribers from that large and growing Conference.

We believe the "Methodist Protestant" in its long history was never more attractive in appearance, more ably edited or more worthy the patronage of the entire church, and while we appreciate the efforts put forth by many of our ministers and laymen to increase its circulation, we are persuaded if we all felt that interest which would cause us to put forth enthusiastic effort, the number of subscribers in the Maryland Conference alone could be increased 50 per cent.

We beseech you to do what you can to put the "Methodist Protestant" into every Methodist Protestant home.

One of the most perplexing problems is the collection of subscriptions due, of a year's standing. We are very anxious not to give offense but how we are to collect the money without requesting them to pay the bill and urging them to do it at once, is more than we know. Brethren, if in arrears for more than a year's subscription, please do not get offended and stop the paper because we request the payment of the debt, for we need the money, as the actual cost to us of publishing the paper is more than the subscription price we ask of you.

Our Sabbath-school literature is gradually being more extensively used and we believe was never more highly appreciated. May we not hope that ere long not a Methodist Protestant School in the denomination will be found taking any other Sunday-school literature, except as supplemental to our own.

The book sales show an increase of over 50 per cent. and we believe will steadily grow as our people of this and other patronizing Conferences learn that books can be purchased on as satisfactory terms of our efficient agent as of any other concern, and that they will be helping to build up a church interest which for so many years was neglected. Brother Methodist Protestants we will certainly patronize our own Book Concern.

WM. B. USILTON, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

General Income and Expense Statement for the year ending February 28, 1906.

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
<i>Methodist Protestant</i>	<i>Methodist Protestant</i>
Sales .....\$4834.03	Advertising.....\$ 575.81
Advertising..... 1680.18	Commissions..... 38.74
Commission and Dis- count..... 30.84	Paper 978.34
Suspense Accounts.. 54.86	Postage 252.69
6599.91	Expense. 157.84
<i>Sunday School Periodicals</i>	Engravings 14.50
Sales 8637.47	Printings 3027.72
Suspense Accounts.. 3.62	Salary..... 2031.89
8641.09	Traveling..... 65.62
<i>Merchandise</i>	General Expenses... 172.15
Discount..... 69.27	7315.30
Sales 7273.41	<i>Sunday School Periodicals</i>
7342.68	Purchases..... 5825.04
<i>General</i>	Postage, Exp., Frt.. 340.84
Interests 236.13	Expense 181.61
236.13	Salary..... 978.21
22819.81	Traveling..... 65.62
	General Expense 172.16
	7563.48
	<i>Merchandise</i>
	Salary..... 978.22
	Purchases..... 5460.92
	Traveling..... 65.63
	Expense 342.37
	General Expenses... 172.16
	7019.30
	<i>General</i>
	Sundry items 21.11
	21.11
	Net Income..... 900.62
	900.62
	22819.81

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
<i>Cash</i>		<i>Capital</i>	\$13883.04
On hand & in bank...	\$ 535.41	<i>Advance Subscriptions</i>	
<i>Loans</i>		Methodist Protestant	\$ 645.12
Treasurer of Baltimore Book Directory in account with Trustees of Maryland Annual Conference.....	4371.64	S. S. Periodicals.....	627.97
Drinkhouse Memorial Room Furnishing.....	135.28		1273.09
Historical Society Maryland Annual Conference.....	37.50	<i>Accrued Interest</i>	
	4544.42	On Mrs. T. A. Reese's Donation. Mrs. T. A. Reese.....	108.73
<i>Baltimore Post Office</i>		Maryland Annual Conference.....	555.91
Special Deposit.....	50.00		664.64
<i>Suspense Account</i>		<i>Book Concern Building</i>	
Methodist Protestant	150.00	The Rent Fund	481.62
<i>Accrued Advertising</i>		<i>Accounts Payable,</i>	2114.94
Methodist Protestant	333.60		
<i>Advance Order</i>			
% S. S. Periodical...	1420.83		
<i>Furniture and Fixtures</i>	895.52		
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	1629.98		
Credits	43.23		
	1586.75		
<i>Stock Inventory</i>			
<i>Methodist Protestant Paper</i>	27.40		
<i>Merchandise</i>			
Lot of Old Electros	\$ 100.00		
Drinkhouse History Plts	1000.00		
Hymnal Plts	600.00		
Copies of Drinkhouse History	2082.50		
	3782.50		
<i>Merchantable Stock</i>	5090.89		
	8873.39		
	8900.79		
	18417.33		
			18417.33

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Showing the business results of the Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore for three years; from March 1, 1903, to February 28, 1906.

<i>Resources</i>	<i>1903-1904</i>	<i>1904-1905</i>	<i>1905-1906</i>
Cash Balance.....	\$ 1055.62	\$ 1018.92	\$ 535.41
Loans Accounts.....	4817.22	4905.73	4371.64
Furniture and Fixtures.....	325.00	755.65	895.53
Merchandise, Stock etc., per inventory . . .	4992.93	6913.77	8900.79
Accounts Receivable.....	1369.29	1987.01	2293.13
Advance orders for S. S. Supplies.....	1000.00	1250.00	1420.83
Total Resources.....	13560.06	16831.28	18417.33
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Capital.....	10636.85	12028.86	12982.42
Due Subscribers.....	781.95	1319.95	1273.09
Trust Accounts.....	598.64	636.64	664.64
Accounts Payable.....	250.61	1892.27	2596.56
Total Liabilities.....	12268.05	15877.72	17516.71
Total Net Gains.....	1292.01	953.56	900.62
Total Net Capital.....	11928.86	12982.42	13883.04
<i>Classified Gains and Losses</i>			
<i>Gains</i>			
S. S. Periodicals.....	2053.21	1330.99	1077.61
Methodist Protestant.....	930.84		
Merchandise.....			323.28
Interest.....			236.13
Total Gains.....	2984.05	1330.99	1637.12
<i>Losses</i>			
S. S. Periodicals.....			21.11
Methodist Protestant.....		309.14	715.39
Merchandise.....	1692.04	68.29	
Total Losses.....	1692.04	377.43	736.50
Total Net Gains.....	1292.01	953.56	900.62

NOTE:—In the above Classified Statement the Methodist Protestant shows a gain of \$930.84 and Merchandise a loss of \$1692.04 in 1903-1904. This is due to the fact that at the time the merchandise account was charged with the entire expenses of the business. If each department had borne its own expenses of the business the conditions would have been reversed and the Protestant made to show a loss. The system of accounting was changed in 1904 with the result that each account now bears its own expenses.

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

REPORT K

Of The Committee On Sunday Schools

The Sunday-school is a mighty agency in the world for missionary and temperance work and the winning of young life into the Church.

We note with exceeding gratitude that "The International Sunday-school Association" has developed into one of the great missionary forces of the times, and would, therefore, urge that missionary instruction be adequately provided in all our schools.

There is no department of Church life in which so great progress has been made during the last twenty-five years as through the Sunday-school. It seems to be the consensus of opinion and the conclusion of great Sunday-school organizations and conventions:

1. That the clergy are primarily responsible for the effectiveness of the Sunday-school.
2. That parents must be awakened to a sense of their duty.
3. That the Church at large must have greater interest in the Sunday-school.
4. That teachers must be trained.

Horace Mann, the great educator, has said, "The only way to get good teachers is to make them." He referred to public school teachers, but it is equally true of Sunday-school teachers.

From the best statistics we are able to gather, we discover that from two-thirds to three-fourths of the additions to all our churches by conversion come through the Sunday-school. Some great church statisticians set the per centum as high as five-sixths.

The Sunday-school today is receiving more attention from men of thought and learning than ever before.

"Childhood is the battle ground of the Kingdom." It is in the Sunday-school that we have the unconverted in larger numbers than in any other service of the Church. It is here also that we find them at the most favorable time to be won to Christ.

We are in hearty accord with "Decision-day." That there is great need of securing a decision for Christ at an early age in the life of the child there can be no doubt.

We would call attention, also, to Children's Day and Easter services, through and by which money may be raised for our missionary work. The Sunday-school is the largest training organization in the world. A multitude of 25,614,916 was reported in the late International Convention in the city of Toronto. Of this number 29,913 are connected with our churches of the Maryland District, composed of 275 schools.

W. R. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT L

Of The Committee On Temperance

Your Committee on Temperance begs leave to submit the following report:

No labored argument is required to prove that the traffic in beverage intoxicants is a gigantic evil. It blights youth, destroys homes, obstructs business, corrupts politics and produces a host of other evils. The saloon is un-American, and is the antagonist of the Christian church, seeking to do what the church opposes and to oppose what the church does. It has no inherent right to exist a day. As the saloon is the creature of law and may be abolished by law, in the name of an outraged populace, we appeal to all lovers of morality and good order to join us in demanding the impartial enforcement of the laws we already have and the securing of additional legislation looking to its ultimate extirpation.

We note with pleasure the growing Temperance sentiment throughout the length and breadth of our fair land, particularly within the borders of our own Conference District.

We heartily commend the Maryland Anti-Saloon League in its efforts in having secured prohibitory laws in certain localities during the recent Maryland Legislature, but we regret that the passage of the Home Rule Temperance Bill for the state was not secured.

We also very much deplore that the Local Option Bill for Worcester County suffered a like defeat.

In accordance with the instructions of the Conference the following communication was sent to Chief Justice Lore, of Delaware:

To the Honorable Charles D. Lore,

Chief Justice of the Circuit Court, Georgetown, Delaware.

Dear Sir:—Upon this, the first day of the Seventy-eighth Session of the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, assembled in Baltimore, Maryland, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference most respectfully request the Court in session in Georgetown, Delaware, not to grant the application for license to sell liquor in Delmar, Delaware.

Signed for the Committee on Temperance,

Baltimore, Maryland,
April 4, 1906.

G. M. Clayton, Chairman.
A. E. Woodward, Secretary.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference pledge its support to the Home Rule Temperance Bill of the Anti-Saloon League and that pastors and people use their best endeavor in creating public sentiment in support of same.
2. That our pastors be requested to preach at least one Temperance sermon during the year.

3. That special attention be given in our Sunday-schools to the observance of the Quarterly Temperance lesson.

4. That three ministers and two laymen be appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and also delegates to the State Convention to meet in Baltimore, Md., May 17, 18, 1906.

5. That three ministers and two laymen be appointed delegates to the National Convention of the American Anti-Saloon League to be held in St. Louis next fall.

6. That three ministers and two laymen be appointed a Committee to formulate and present plans at the next session of Conference for systematic Temperance work in all charges of the Conference.

7. A communication was received from Mr. Daniel Baker and Dr. Edwin B. Fenby declining to serve longer on Committee appointed by the President to arrange a public Temperance meeting at the Annual Conference. We recommend that they be excused from further service, and that they be and are hereby tendered the thanks of this Conference for most efficient services rendered.

8. The eloquent address of the Rev. Alfred Smith D.D., delivered before this Conference on Tuesday night was well received and is a worthy contribution to the forces that make for Temperance and good citizenship.

We recommend that our annual Temperance meeting be held on Tuesday evening prior to the opening of our next session and that all arrangements for this meeting be placed in the hands of the President.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CLAYTON, *Chairman.*

A. E. WOODWARD, *Secretary.*

REPORT M

Of The Committee On Benevolent Agencies

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies submits the following:

The total amount contributed to the Maryland and Delaware Bible Societies during the year is \$381.00.

The Annual offering to the Maryland Tract Society amounts to \$354.00. We renew the commendation of these worthy agencies to the generosity of our Churches for the coming year.

We recommend as Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society Rev. Geo. W. Hines, Rev. N. T. Meginniss, Rev. Geo. M. Clayton and that the name of Rev. Frank S. Cain be transferred from the roll of Life Member to that of a Life Director.

We recommend as Life Directors of the Maryland Tract Society Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Rev. R. L. Shipley, Rev. C. E. Dryden.

J. W. TROUT, *Chairman.*

J. W. NORRIS, *Secretary.*

OF THE BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

	1906	1905	<i>Increase</i>
Bible	\$381.97	\$352.65	\$29.32
Tract	352.00	345.25	6.75
Total	733.97	697.90	36.07

GEO. EDWIN BROWN, *Steward*.

Steward of the fund for our Church Home begs leave to make the following report:

The amount received in cash.....\$342.19

Receipts..... 311.39

Total..... 653.58

Decrease \$43.42. 24 charges no report.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BENNETT, *Steward*.

REPORT N

Of The Committee On Fraternal Relations

1. The Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully recommends that the request of the Official Board of Clark Memorial and St. John's Madison Avenue Churches for the loan of Revs. J. S. Bowers and F. T. Benson as Pastors of these respective churches for the ensuing year be granted with the understanding that the law governing such supplies be respected.

2. We recommend that the request of the Board of Home Missions for the loan of Rev. A. N. Ward as Pastor of First Church, Seattle, and Superintendent of our work in that vicinity, in which request Brother Ward personally joins, be granted.

3. We recommend that the request of First Church, Pittsburg, for the loan of Rev. F. H. Lewis as Pastor be met by granting Brother Lewis a temporary transfer to the Pittsburg Conference

This Conference having received a communication through the President from the Second Congregational Church of this city, for pastoral supply, we recommend that said supply be granted if it is within the power of the President to do so.

We extend to West Baltimore Church our grateful appreciation of the use of their building, and to the membership and friends of the city for their kind and generous hospitality, also to Rev. J. M. Holmes, with the committee of arrangements—W. C. Perkins, W. T. Coulbourne, A. W. Beam, R. B. Cromer, A. W. Totten—for their thoughtful effort to do everything within their power for the convenience and comfort of the Conference.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lewis for placing the room of their home at the disposal of the Conference for use of the President.

We thank the ladies for the labor they have performed in providing lunch, thereby saving many of our members and visiting friends long trips to their homes for meals.

We extend our thanks to the railroads which have given reduced fares to the members of the Conference, and to Rev. G. W. Haddaway, the committee on transportation for the labor performed on said committee.

We thank the Secretaries, Stewards, Collectors and Postmaster for the faithful performance of the arduous duties in their respective positions.

We record the appreciation of the press of the city for their extended and generally correct reports of the proceedings of the Conference.

It is with pleasure we make mention of the fraternal relations of Mr. Geo. T. Morris, the associate Editor of "The Congregationalist" of Boston and Rev. Oliver Huckle, D.D., the Pastor of the Associate Congregational Church of this city, who brought us the kindest expressions of fellowship.

We rejoice that we are living in the day when sectarianism and bigotry have no place in the minds of God's people, when the great evangelical churches everywhere are recognizing that they have one common mission in the world.

We extend to our sister churches whose ministers have visited us, our fraternal greetings and assure them of our hearty sympathy and co-operation in all efforts in the salvation of the world for Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT O

Of The Committee On Official Character

Your committee has carefully examined the reports of all pastors and we are glad to recommend the passage of the official character of every minister of the Conference.

Some things, however, are brought to our attention which, we think, the Conference ought to know and, if possible, correct:

1. Many pastors have not appointed or had elected a lady visitor to "Our Church Home;" and the probability is that they have done little to promote that important interest.
2. Some pastors report trustees not incorporated, and record objections on the part of trustees to doing so. This condition we look upon as inexcusable.
3. Rather uncertain or evasive answers are given by many in reference to giving disciplines to new members received.

All of these interests are important, and your committee thinks the rules of the Conference should be honored by every pastor, and the facts in each case be frankly reported to the Conference.

We are glad to report an improvement in collecting assessment.

The following charges are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll, they having paid all their assessments in full:

Accomac	Elizabeth	Lisbon	Salem
Alexandria	Eutaw	Lynchburg	Seaford
Allnut Memorial	Evergreen	Montgomery	Snow Hill
Amelia	Fairfax	Mt. Tabor	Starr
Baltimore	Federalsburg	Newark	Stewartstown
Bedford	Finksburg	New Market	St. James
Broadway	First Church	North Baltimore	St. John's (Canton)
Brooklyn	Fox Hill	North Carolina Ave.	St. Luke's
Cecil	Frederick	Oak Grove	St. Michaels
Centreville	Georgetown, D. C.	Oxford	Susquehanna
Cannon	Georgetown, Del.	Parksley	Trinity
Chestertown	Greenwood	Payson Street	Union
Christ Church	Hampden	Pipe Creek	Union Bridge
Clinton Hill	Heathsville	Pocomoke City	Violetville
Concord	Howard	Powellville	Waltersville
Cumberland	Hurlock	Queen Anne	Warwick
Delta	Indian River	Reliance	West Baltimore
Denton	Jefferson	Rhode Island Ave.	Westminster
Dover	Keen Memorial	Rowlandville	West Wilmington
East Baltimore	Kemptown	Salisbury	Wye
Easton	Kennedyville		

It is worthy of note that some pastors who report assessments paid in full suffered a deficiency in their own salaries, and also that some other pastors received full paid salaries and report assessments deficient.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT P

Education

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Education, in view of the importance of the matter, begs leave to report separately upon the proposal to raise an endowment fund for Western Maryland College.

Nearly thirty years ago the Conference was called to the rescue of this institution, then struggling with a debt that threatened its very existence.

Now we rejoice in an institution substantially free from debt and which has now a money value five times greater than its value then.

But we cannot forget that this great expansion not only means greater enlargement of opportunity for usefulness, but also increased expense for educational appliances and methods in keeping with the times which have made this material enlargement possible, and, above all, increased responsibility of providing against loss or damage to this great interest through negligence of the ordinary precautions.

It seems to your Committee therefore, that the duty of the Conference is simple and plain. To raise \$20,000 is fully within the reasonable ability of this Conference. It would be less than one dollar per member. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to an earnest co-operation in the effort to complete an endowment fund of \$50,000 for Western Maryland College in raising \$20,000 in our district. We cordially open our pulpits and fields of labor for the public and private presentation of this interest, and we commend it to the liberality of our people as an object whose attainment will be of the highest importance to us as a denomination.

We note with much satisfaction that the number of boarding students exceeds that of any former year which makes for development and larger service, and that the excellent financial showing indicates diligent supervision, economy and safeguarding.

We commend most earnestly the enthusiasm, loyalty and generous action of the Alumni Association in undertaking to raise \$15,000 for the College Endowment fund.

We recognize as judicious and business-like the action of the Board of Trustees in granting President Lewis a year's leave of absence from the incessant and wearing demands of his responsible position, and bespeak for him the good wishes of the entire Conference for the realization of his largest expectation, and for the further development of the resources and work of the College.

In this connection we believe that twenty years of efficient administration of Western Maryland College, during which time its material interests have been vastly increased, exceeding \$200,000, its tone and standard have been steadily raised, its influence has broadened and its work has the approval of the church and the state, is a fitting time for this Conference to voice profound gratitude to God for his gracious deliverances and bestowments, and to express its unstinted appreciation of the initiative and executive abilities, the devotion and faithfulness, and the indefatigable labors and profound success of the College's honored President, Rev T. H. Lewis.

The Conference has just cause to rejoice over the report of the Westminster Theological Seminary which is in a most healthy condition, having an increase in the number of students, eleven states being represented, and four of our Conferences, including our own, are to be enriched with its trained graduates this year.

That Colleges other than our own are sending their graduates to the Semi-

nary emphasizes the appreciation of, and the growing demand for broad culture as the basis of the most successful ministry destined to labor in constantly advancing educational conditions of our land, and lays upon us the obligation to enlarge, equip and man this most needed institution for the largest possible service to our church and the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

This is constantly recognized as is shown by the strengthening of the Faculty by the addition of Rev. C. E. Forlines, of the North Carolina Conference, who recently rendered valuable services in the Faculty of Adrian College, and is eminently fitted for the chair he now occupies.

We commend the plan of President Elderdice for Conference visitations, seeking out promising young men for the ministry, and increasing the material resources and equipment of the Seminary.

We record our appreciation of the high character of the Lectures delivered to the students, the offer of three more prizes for special departments, and of four more scholarships, and of valuable additions to the Library, and we direct the special attention of our people to these channels for their benefactions.

The property improvements have added much to the convenience and attractiveness of the grounds, and it is hoped the proposed addition to the Seminary building may soon be secured, and to this end we earnestly appeal to all our people to aid in rapidly increasing the Fund which has been started for this object.

We append an extract of a letter from Rev. J. C. Berrien, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

"The Board is aiding thirty-four men this year, a larger number than for several years. Seventeen of them are new men. Twenty were recommended, but sickness at home, and ability to get help elsewhere reduced the number.

"The beneficiaries are paying back their loans more promptly than formerly. Nearly \$1,500 have been received this year." We recommend the following:

1. That the usual assessments of \$1,800 be laid upon the district.
2. We recommend the assignment of Rev. H. L. Elderdice as President of the Seminary.
3. That all the pulpits of this Conference be freely opened to the Seminary authorities for the presentation of the claims of the Seminary, and that all our pastors heartily co-operate with them in the prosecution of their work.
4. That all our pastors endeavor to secure suitable young men to enter the ministry.

F. C. KLINE, *Chairman.*

OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

At the end of twenty years' continuous service in that capacity I have the honor of submitting my annual report as President of Western Maryland College. Such an occasion is to me profoundly interesting and I am strongly tempted to indulge in reminiscences. But there is so much in the future of this institution that it would hardly be appropriate to spend any time in reviewing the past.

There is nothing specially important to report of the work of the present year. We have had about the usual attendance, but the largest number of boarding students in the history of the College. No extensive building improvements were undertaken, although several important purchases were made of books and apparatus for our laboratories. The debt has been reduced \$3000 by our sinking fund arrangement, and the financial outcome of the year compares favorably with that of other years.

The one subject that seems to call for immediate and vigorous attention from the Conference is that of endowment for the College. I therefore put all other matters aside for the purpose of emphasizing this.

It is a singular felicity I enjoy of being able to report that the conclusion of my twenty years of service in this position witnesses not only marvelous changes in the material possessions of the institution, such as buildings and educational apparatus, but the accumulation of an invested fund for endowment of twenty thousand dollars. Would that the years were halved and the endowment doubled! But considering what we have had to do and what resources we have had to work with we have no reason for dissatisfaction with our present condition. We have had a great debt to pay, a great many buildings to put up, and a constantly increasing expenditure for current operations to keep up. And in view of these things it seems to me a very gratifying fact to have twenty thousand dollars in cash to provide the nucleus for a serious effort at endowment. The first deposit to the credit of this fund was made in December 1888 and it has been growing slowly ever since. We have received sundry small gifts amounting to \$2,080.17; legacies, \$6,498.45; Conference collections, \$4,563.09; contribution from the current income of the College, \$4,576.00, and interest on the fund, \$1,697.06. The Conference collections received to April 1st of this year amounts to \$275. If the amounts received at Conference equal that of last year our total fund will be \$20,600.77. The only large amount represented in this total is the legacy from Miss Sallie Longwell, of \$5,000. Miss Longwell was the daughter of one of our trustees, and her legacy will be paid over to us in a few months.

Of course endowment at the rate of one thousand dollars a year will be very inadequate. We either do not need endowment at all or we need it in different fashion from this. The fact is we have put off this matter in the face of more imperative needs, until it seems necessary to face the situation now in a way that will indicate unmistakably that our intentions are serious and urgent. I rejoice to note that our Alumni have taken the lead in this urgency. At the annual meeting of the Board last June a Committee from the Alumni Association presented to the Board a proposition to raise fifteen thousand dollars among themselves for endowment and asked the approval of the Board. The Board not only approved but met the proposition with another, that the Board would attempt to duplicate this effort by raising an equal sum among the friends of the College outside of the Alumni. The Alumni Committee have had marked success and I believe there is now a pledged fund of something like six thousand dollars in their hand. The Board has done little with its effort because it seemed necessary to get the approval and co-operation of the Maryland Conference before any systematic effort could be made.

Accordingly we are now before the Conference with our earnest request that the matter may be taken up here and carried to a successful conclusion. The plan is very simple and the effort is not extraordinarily great. We propose to ourselves as the object to raise an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars as the first halting place in this work. We have now as I have reported, about twenty thousand of this sum. We may confidently rely upon the Alumni for ten thousand more. That leaves twenty thousand dollars to be raised in the Maryland District by this special effort. Our plan is to put an agent in the field to make a vigorous canvas and endeavor to bring the result to pass within this Conference year. It has been nearly thirty years since any effort like this in amount has been made in the district for the College and it would seem reasonable to expect that it can succeed. I trust the matter will appeal to you and that it will be given your enthusiastic endorsement and support.

One personal word before I close this report. I have been given by the Board a year's leave of absence from my duties and I shall probably spend this time in seeking recreation abroad. Arrangements have been made to protect and promote efficiently all the interests of the College during my absence. But I recognize the fact that such a step is attended with more or less loss to the institution. If there was any way by which this might be avoided I would cheerfully acquiesce in it. I do not hold my tenure of the position as imposing any restrictions on the Board, but I feel that it is absolutely necessary for me to separate myself for a while from the duties that have continuously engaged me for so long a period. The proposal for this method of meeting the necessity came from the Board and I accept it in a spirit of gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The twenty-fourth annual report of the Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary presents the following facts and figures:

1. Twenty-six students have enrolled—one more than last year. The Western Maryland College, Washington College and Kansas City University have sent us their Ministerial graduates for Theological training. This indicates that more and more our Candidates for the Ministry are realizing the need of a College course prior to their Seminary course. This year eleven states are represented in the student body: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. The class to be graduated next Commencement numbers ten—the largest yet—and will enter the following Conferences: New Jersey one Muskingum two, West Virginia two and Maryland five.

2. The Faculty has been reinforced by the addition of Rev. C. E. Forlines, A. B., B. D., of the North Carolina Conference, a graduate of both Western Maryland College and The Westminster Theological Seminary, who, for the last three years, has been Professor of Philosophy and Theology in Adrian College, Michigan. With this increase in the teaching force the President can spend more time in travel, which is necessary for Conference visitation, searching after men for the Ministry and soliciting funds for the various claims of the Institution. The new Professor fills with force and fitness the Chair of Theism and Historical Theology, Dr. Cushing's qualification for the Chair of Systematic Theology is of the highest order, Professor Douglas commands the admiration of the students in Biblical Theology and New Testament Greek, Dr. Lewis is too well known as an educator for comment on his Course of Lectures of Christian Evidences, and the President keeps the students busy in the departments of Hebrew and Practical Theology. We make the modest claim that our Faculty is equipped to meet the worthiest ambition of our future ministers.

3. The Annual Course of Special Lectures has been as follows: Dr. F. T. Little—"Helpful Hints to Preachers and Pastors;" Rev. J. W. Kirk, A. M., B. D.,—"How to Conduct a Revival;" Rev. N. O. Gibson, A. B.,—"How to Build a Church;" Rev. Robert W. Doty, A. B.,—"Martin Luther;" Dr. F. T. Tagg,—"Follow Me;" Dr. Lyman E. Davis,—"Paul to the Preachers" and "The Kingdom of Common Sense;" Rev. F. H. Mullineaux,—"A Journey to the Holy Land;" Rev. Edgar T. Read,—"Religion in Art;" Rev. James L. Elderdice, M. D.,—"Temperament in Religious Experience;" Dr. R. D. Sheppard,—"University Work in Kansas City;" and Rev. G. Emil Richter,—"The Pastor's Sunday School Opportunities."

4. There has been an increase of three in the number of prizes offered,—Prof. Forlines providing one in Theism, Rev. C. L. Queen establishing one for Hymn and Scripture Reading and Mr. E. Bayley Bates founding one in Histor-

ical Theology as a Memorial to Dr. L. W. Bates. Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse continues her Prize for Impromptu Debate, Dr. J. W. Hering renews his Prize for Hebrew, Mr. E. O. Grimes and Mr. J. Norman Wills offer again their Prizes respectfully for New Testament Greek and Thesis. There has also been an increase of four in the number of Scholarships. The record this year is: Income from the Trinity \$2,000 Scholarship, Income from the Henrietta Gibson \$1,000 Scholarship, North Carolina Conference Scholarship \$160, Cash \$119, and \$100 each from the following: Mr. Joseph D. Baker, Alumni Association, Rev. William Dale, Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, Mr. Caleb Freeland, Rhode Island Avenue Church, Chestertown Church, a Caroline Countian, Mrs. Mary E. Baile, and a lady of Trinity Church.

5. The Library has been enriched by donations from Revs. F. C. Klein, J. E. Nicholson and C. E. Forlines; Mrs. Derr, Miss Sallie Spence and Mr. W. S. Heywood. Rev. T. G. Ogburn has presented a modern Missionary Library.

6. The improvements have continued. The aid of the College has made possible the grading and paving of the avenue which has become a popular drive for the town people and visitors. Shade and fruit trees have been added to the lawns. A Fund has been started for an addition to the Seminary Building and contributions of over \$50 each for a Room have been given by Finksburg, Baltimore Circuit, Union Circuit, Mt. Tabor, Bridgeton and Millville—the last two being churches in the New Jersey Conference. Salem, Trinity, Lafayette Avenue and Alnutt have given liberally to refurnish the Rooms which already bear their names.

7. We recommend the usual assessment of \$1800, the assignment of Hugh L. Elderdice as President for the ensuing year and that our pulpits be opened to the Seminary authorities for the presentation of the various claims of that Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society, as required in the Charter, herewith submits its report to the Annual Conference:

The regular meetings have been held, and the officers re-elected. There has been no change in our investments. The interest has been collected and paid to the Seminary. The relations of the Society to the Western Maryland College remains unchanged.

J. D. KINZER, *President*.

OF THE EDUCATION STEWARD

SEMINARY

Assessment	\$1910.00
Paid	1935.00
Increase	208.00

COLLEGE

Assessment	1411.00
Paid	1274.00
Increase	106.00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Assessment	622.00
Paid	561.00
Increase	2.00

J. M. DICKEY, *Steward.*

REPORT Q

Missions

OF THE COMMITTEE

A glance at the history and results of our Foreign Missionary work is full of encouragement and inspiration, and must excite devout thankfulness in all who rejoice in the establishment and growth of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Since the inception, twenty-six years ago, of our denominational work in "The Land of the Rising Sun" our Board has sent out twenty-six missionaries, including married ladies, and has employed several times as many native preachers and teachers; has erected eight church buildings, three parsonages, a college and a night school building, the aggregate value of which is \$40,000. Not less than 2000 persons have been baptized by our workers in these years, a larger number of young men and boys have attended our mission schools and college, and several thousand children have been enrolled in our Sunday-schools. We have now in Japan an Annual Conference of twenty ministers and preachers; a church membership of one thousand. Thirty-two Sunday-schools with fifteen hundred scholars enrolled and five hundred students in our College and High School. The work was never so inviting, so promising and successful as now.

But we have to record the fact that the generosity of the Church at home has not kept pace with the expansion of the work abroad. It is to be deplored that, in order to maintain the growing work in Japan and to embrace even a few of the opportunities thrust upon our missionaries, the Board has been compelled to appropriate an amount in excess of the contributions received, and a debt has been incurred. To use the homely but effective illustration of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, the child of our faith and love has outgrown, under the divine blessing, the garments we have provided for its developing body. The receipts from the churches have not been less, but the needs of the growing work have been greater, and the living expenses of our missionaries and their helpers have been materially increased by the late awful war. In the present financial stringency the Board has thought it best to use the funds available in the support of native workers and in supplying church, chapel and school facilities necessary to efficient work rather than in the employment of the larger force of missionaries a fuller treasury would justify.

The Church cannot, or should not, retreat or retrench in this work of Foreign Missions, or turn away from all the inviting fields so ready for Gospel sowing; to do this would be to refuse the gracious answers that have been given to her own prayers for open doors and larger opportunities. The logic of events and conditions is emphasizing the need for still larger offering for his work of world-wide evangelization. The Church has done well and the Lord of the harvest has blessed her endeavors and honors her by calling to larger labor and sacrifice. There is urgent and immediate need for more money. We therefore urge upon all of our pastors and churches such diligence, liberality and consecration as shall result in larger offerings than ever before. It is not pleasant to compare the published statistics that show our Church far below the general average in contribution per member to Foreign Missions. Shall we not do all we can to correct this condition and save ourselves from this humiliation?

We call attention to the law of the Disciple which makes it the duty of pastor and superintendents to organize the Sabbath-schools into Juvenile Missionary Societies, with the provisions for a quarterly collection in the interest of Missions.

We again call attention to the Children's Day Service and urge its observance in all of our churches.

Rev. E. H. Vandyke, a member of this Conference, loaned to the Board of Missions, is at present not in the employ of the Board, but is ready to respond to its call when the way is opened for his return to Japan. He is now occupying a government position as Japanese interpreter at Vancouver, B. C., and temporarily supplying the pulpit of a Methodist Episcopal Church. He asks to have his present relation as "loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions" continued, and we recommend that his request be granted.

The reports of the Maryland and The Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society herewith submitted show a commendable zeal and increasing fruitfulness. We endorse the work of our Sisters

and recommend that the representative of the Woman's work, Miss M. M. Kuhns, be accorded all the courtesies and opportunities in our Churches consistent with the law of the General Conference. We further call attention to the provision of the law that makes it the duty of all pastors to encourage and to assist in the organization of Auxiliary Societies in their charges.

The work of the Board of Home Missions has been ably and amply represented before the Conference and your Committee, by Rev. J. H. Lucas, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. We have been greatly interested in the reports of the good work being accomplished under the direction and patronage of this Board, and we are especially pleased to know that our own beloved A. N. Ward, pastor of First Church, Seattle, Washington, has proved himself so well adapted for this important work. We have learned with great interest of the value of the property in Seattle, and respectfully recommend that this Conference advise the Board of Home Missions to sell this property promptly at the reported offer of \$80,000.00.

We commend to the attention of all our pastors and churches, the excellent Easter Service program prepared by the Board of Home Missions. The use of this program and the observance of this service is not general in the Maryland District, due in large measure to the fact that Easter is so near to our Annual Conference Session; but the observance of this special day in the interest of Home Missions is showing an encouraging increase.

We note with great satisfaction, the beginning of the good work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Maryland District. Mrs. George Speidel, President, reports the organization of five auxiliaries, and receipts aggregating \$345.11.

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

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

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

Maryland Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, send greetings and prayers that this session will be a blessing to all assembled.

The efforts of the year have met with success. Our aim has been to have an Auxiliary on every charge, while we have not succeeded, we are not discouraged and will continue to work to that end.

Thanks to our Father above—through the efficient service of Miss M. M. Kuhns—we have added twenty-nine new Auxiliaries.

We request "that the ministers—if possible—grant Miss Kuhns the privilege of entering their respective churches in behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

Receipts to date, \$2500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

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

The Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, Lafayette Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md.

Cash receipts for year ending April 1st, 1906, \$393.48.

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

OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS STEWARD

Total for Assessments.....	\$2851.00	Increase over 1905.....	\$ 121.00
“ Children's Day	3220.00	Increase “ “	213.00
“ W. F. M. S.....	3135.00	Increase “ “	1784.00
“ Sunday School.....	398.00	Increase “ “	273.00
“ Special	229.00	Decrease “ “	859.00
Total for Foreign Missions, \$9833.00. Total Increase over 1905, \$1165.00.			

W. A. MELVIN, *Steward.*

OF THE GENERAL STEWARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Assessed on District.....	\$2548.00
Amount Paid.....	2345.00
Deficit	203.00
Increase over last year.....	\$209.00

Respectfully,

C. R. STRAUSBURG, *Steward.*

REPORT R

Of The Committee On Sabbath Observance

The question of Sabbath Observance is one of tremendous importance. The problems connected therewith should compel the careful consideration of the patriot, the philanthropist, and the Christian. Aside from the fact that the day is of Divine appointment, the Sabbath is necessary as an educational institution for the people, necessary for national morality, necessary for Divine blessing on the Commonwealth. The Sabbath alone makes possible the highest type of man, of citizen, of home and of nation. But our Sabbath is in peril. Greed, pleasure, licentiousness and drunkenness are stealing the sacred

hours of the week, and open defiance to Sabbath laws is educating the people into general lawlessness. It is evident that unless there is increased vigilance and activity in vindicating and enforcing this holy day, we will soon have, instead of the quiet, orderly Sabbath of our fathers, a day of amusement, debauchery and crime.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolutions:

1st. That we shall keep before the minds of our people the sanctity of the day, and seek by example and precept to obtain its observance on the part of others.

2nd. That we call upon all managers of Camp-meetings to use their utmost endeavor to lessen the opportunity to desecration associated with their Sabbath session of camp.

3rd. It is our manifest duty to encourage with our patronage such as confine their business to the secular days of the week; and we warn the toiling masses that ordinary business on the Sabbath day means finally six days' wages for seven days' work.

4th. That we pronounce unequivocally against the secularization of the day by the issuance of Sunday elitions of the press.

5th. That we unhesitatingly condemn the so-called "Sacred Concerts," Sunday Excursions, and other Sunday attractions, the tendency of which is to destroy the respect of the people for the day, and to make of it a holiday rather than a holy day.

6th. That we most heartily commend the workings of the Maryland Sabbath Association, and the Law and Order Leagues within the bounds of our Conference, and pledge ourselves to co-operate with those and all other agencies which seek the preservation of the Sabbath.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman.*

REPORTS

Of The Committee On Credentials

To the Officers and Members of the Maryland Annual Conference:

GREETING:—

We, your Committee on Credentials, respectfully submit the following report:

We have carefully examined all credentials that have been submitted to us and find only one case of sufficient importance to bring to your attention. The facts of this case briefly stated are as follows:

From the charge of Laurel we find two credentials, one in the hands of the Secretary and one presented by Brother Edward L. Wolfe. This happened in

this way, on February 28, 1906, the members of Laurel charge elected Brother E. N. Smith as delegate and Brother James H. Driscoll as alternate. The pastor then sent in their credentials. Subsequently both the delegate and alternate sent their resignations to the Church as they found that they could not be present at this session of the Conference. At their members' meeting was called and held on April 1st, 1906, the resignations of the delegate and alternate were accepted, and Brother Edward L. Wolfe was elected as delegate in their place and stead. Brother Wolfe is present with proper credentials.

Your committee therefore recommends that the credential of Brother Edward L. Wolfe be substituted in the place of the credential of Edward N. Smith, resigned, and that he be given all the rights and privileges as delegate from Laurel charge.

We further report that the credentials have been received from all charges except Patapsco.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. JONES, *Chairman.*

REPORT

Of The Committee On Christian Endeavor

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

We are very happy to report an increase along all lines of work. The spirit of Christian Endeavor seems to be making its way into many parts of our district, yet the increase is not as rapid as we should like to see it, nor the interest as intense amongst our people as we should desire. We offer the following data for your consideration:

We report 191 conversions for the year, which is an increase of 75 over last year, we rejoice at this increase, and yet our hearts yearn for that time when the great object of our meetings may be first and last the reaching of precious souls for the master!

The standard set for missions for this year was \$1000. We are more than pleased to report \$922 of that amount raised, a gain of \$78 over last year, let us hope for the full \$1000 for the coming year.

SOCIETIES

Junior Societies 69, a gain of 6; Y. P. S. C. E., 141, a gain of 16; Intermediate Societies 1, a gain of 1; number of charges having no Y. P. S. C. E. 36; number of charges having no Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 65.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Junior Societies 2901, a gain of 156; in the Y. P. S. C. E. 4846, a decrease of 54. Total 7747, an increase of 102.

CONVENTIONS

The International Christian Endeavor Convention, (which was held in Baltimore,) was a great uplift to the work in the state. We may best express it in the words of Gov. Warfield "An Avalanche of Christianity is upon us."

The Maryland Conference Union held its Convention at Clark Memorial in Feb. which proved a success in many ways, although we were somewhat disappointed in the attendance from the district outside of Baltimore; we sincerely trust that the charges will give a more earnest support to this feature of our Christian Endeavor work.

We believe it is impossible to work up the interest for a successful convention of our Maryland Conference Union from Baltimore or from any other one point. Printed matter is cold and often finds its way to the waste basket. We need a personality, some one who will come in close contact with the different sections of our Conference district. To this end, The Maryland Conference Union at its last session divided the district into 6 sections or districts, and appointed a president over each district, with instructions to hold conventions and rallies. We hope that the Conference will give its hearty endorsement to this plan. Not only by a vote here but by personal and persistent effort in the different parts of the district.

If it is worth while to hold a convention, it is worth while to give it our hearty support, that the great amount of labor expended and the valuable time of the speakers, not only may prove a blessing to those who attend, but that the Church throughout the district may receive an uplift.

We call special attention to the Stubenville Convention, which meets in May, in Stubenville, Ohio. An elaborate program has been arranged, able speakers have been secured, let Maryland send a hundred delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

E. D. STONE, *Secretary.*

REPORT U

Of The Committee On Transportation

Your Committee on Transportation begs leave to report that the usual excursion rates to the Conference were secured over the various railway systems operating within the bounds of the Maryland District, and pleasure was taken in the distribution of card orders to all persons applying for the same.

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Chairman.*

REPORT V**Of The Committee On Church Enterprises**

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Your committee on Church Enterprises has considered the paper from St. Lukes, referred to us, and as we, as a committee and Conference, have already endorsed the building enterprise, and the request is simply for an additional appropriation, we recommend the reference of the paper to the Church Extension Committee.

D. W. ANSTINE, *Chairman.*

J. E. NICHOLSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT W**Of Special Committee On Disposition Of Waverly Church**

We respectfully submit the following report:

The Church property is in fair condition and the Sunday-schools and Congregations have grown, the pulpit has been supplied by the President of the Conference, by Revs. W. M. Jett, N. T. Meginniss, W. S. Simms in the order named, and recently they have had an extensive revival of religion and a large number of accessions to the Church. We believe that the Church is now prepared to be more aggressive and useful than it has been for many years.

REPORT X**Of The Committee On Establishing Mission Work At Lewes, Del.**

Your Committee on Establishing Work in Lewes, Delaware, submits the following:

The committee met in Lewes on the 14th day of June, 1905, in a room of a dwelling rented as a place of worship by our little band of Methodist Protestants.

We learned that there were three churches of different denominations in the town, viz.: Methodist Episcopal, Protestant Episcopal and Prebsyterian; these three churches have a combined membership of not more than six hundred. The combined seating capacity of these three churches will not exceed twelve hundred persons.

Lewes is a town with a population from twenty-five hundred to three

thousand; hence there are from twelve to eighteen hundred persons who could not be accommodated by these churches if they wished to go

Therefore we believe that there is room for another church in Lewes. DO THE PEOPLE WANT ANOTHER CHURCH IN LEWES? We would say yes. Some of the most prominent citizens have thus expressed themselves: furthermore, we have not had a place of worship large enough to accommodate all who come to our services.

WHAT WE HAVE ALL READY. We own free of debt a corner lot on two of the widest streets in town, 50x130 ft. This lot cost \$300, and is said to be worth \$500. On this lot stands a frame tabernacle 24x36 all equipped for services. We have a board of trustees which are incorporated. We have an organized church of 15 members and quite a goodly number are waiting to join, a Sunday-school of 40 scholars, a Ladies' Aid Society of 30 members, this society was organized one year ago last Sept. and they have to date raised more than \$500.

This work has been in charge of Bro. Jas. D. Smith, a seminary student during the last summer and a part of the winter. The work of this young man speaks for itself. It would seem that everybody knows Bro. Smith and his work, and it is the general opinion of the entire town that a Methodist Protestant Church will be built during the year. We therefore recommend:

1st. That Lewes be given a trial and that she be made an appointment of the Conference.

2nd. We recommend an appropriation on pastoral support of \$100 this year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DRYDEN, *Chairman.*

REPORT Y

Of Commissioners To Church Council

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

I had the distinguished honor at the last session of the Maryland Annual Conference to be elected a Commissioner to represent this body in a General Council composed of representatives from the Congregational, the Methodist Protestant and the United Brethren churches to meet in Dayton, Ohio, for the purpose of considering and if possible accomplishing the union of these three churches.

The Council met February 7th, 1906, and, although a more or less complete account of what was done has appeared in the Press, it seems proper that

should submit to you in a more formal way a report of the proceedings, and especially of my own part therein, that you may have the opportunity of expressing your own judgment on this most important matter, and of approving or disapproving of the action of your Commissioner.

It is proper that I should say that the developments of the few months immediately preceding the meeting of the Council convinced me that organic union of the three churches was out of the question. Utterances quoted from official organs of the other churches showed no disposition or expectation towards union or anything beyond federation. I was not in sympathy with this idea, because the great meeting in New York in November, 1905, had made any other federation superfluous if not insignificant. And I believed that federation with its accompanying prolongation of negotiations would work great harm to us as the smallest of the three denominations. I believed that our General Conference had been influenced largely by this consideration to alter materially the proposition submitted to it in the paper known as the Syllabus, and to propose as a counter suggestion the immediate and sole consideration by the Council of organic union. Guided by these considerations and convictions I went to Dayton resolved not to participate in a General Council organized on the lines of the Syllabus, but to be ready to act with the representatives of the other churches however they might organize, whenever they were ready to discuss organic union. I was in full sympathy with the view that our Church was not sending representatives to organize a General Council to consider organic union in addition to other subjects, and to provide another permanent representative church body. But yet I did not see that I was precluded from meeting such a Council even if it succeeded in organizing itself, not as a member of such Council, but as a Commissioner of the Methodist Protestant Church to discuss with it the sole question of union.

However my precautionary resolution proved unnecessary. For I not only found the other churches fully represented by men chosen in regular and authoritative way, but before we ever reached the question of what kind of a body we should organize the question of organic union forged to the front and kept itself there until adjournment. It is true that a presiding officer and secretaries were elected, also a Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for the Council, but the Committee reported at the last hour of the session that it found it inexpedient to attempt to draw up a Constitution, and the report was adopted and the Committee discharged. So that from first to last there was nothing before the Council but organic union.

Directly upon the conclusion of the address of the temporary chairman, the following paper was offered. After being read it was laid on the table until the vote for permanent officers could be taken. It was then taken up and adopted unanimously and amid great applause:—

"We, the representatives of the Congregational, the United Brethren and the Methodist Protestant churches, having assembled in obedience to the commission of our respective churches, do hereby begin our deliberations with the declaration that our first and chief business is to provide for the organic union of these three bodies; and, believing that such a result is practicable and will meet the expectations of those we represent, therefore,

Resolved, That for the accomplishment of this purpose a Committee be at once appointed, consisting of fifteen members from each of the three churches, to consider questions of Doctrine, of Polity and of Vested Interests, who shall meet at once and report to this body with a view of showing what progress is possible and to indicate what time may be necessary to complete the work."

Let me pause here to indicate the significance of this action by showing you who voted for it. First there were twenty-four Commissioners from as many Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, representing a total membership of over 150,000 and leaving less than twenty thousand members unrepresented, counting the full members as reported to the last General Conference. Then there were fifty-eight representatives of the United Brethren Church, including all their bishops, and taken from all sections of their Church in the proportion of one for every five thousand members. There were one hundred and thirty-two representatives of the Congregational Churches chosen in a similar manner. This was the most surprising of all. A large number of these were from the New England States but they came from all over the United States. The Moderator of their National Council was one of them, the editor of their chief official organ was another, the Secretaries of their chief boards and prominent men in all their varied interests were present as delegates. I mention this particularly because an impression has prevailed that prominent Congregationalists were not interested in this movement. Yet in the sub-committee on which I had the honor to serve were the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, the president of the International Y. M. C. A., a prominent lawyer of Cleveland, another from Chicago, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Secretary of the Publishing House. These were the Congregationalists I became best acquainted with through committee duties, and every one of them was enthusiastically in favor of organic union. The same thing could be said of the United Brethren. It would perhaps be hazardous to say that these churches had no stronger men anywhere than were in that Council, but they are extremely fortunate if such men as we met there are plentiful among them.

This then was the body that unanimously adopted and heartily applauded organic union as the first and key note of the meeting.

The Committee provided for in the paper referred to, afterwards increased to twenty-one from each church, met at once and divided into sub-committees of twenty-one, seven from each church, each delegation making its own assignment of its members, to take up the three subjects proposed for consideration. And so we had three committees of twenty-one members each, one to consider Doctrine, one to consider Polity and one to consider Vested Interests. The plan of work was as follows: each sub-committee organized with chairman and secretary and spent its whole time on the subject committed to it. When it was ready it reported to the Committee of sixty-three. This Committee of sixty-three considered, amended, finally adopted the report and then referred it to the full delegation of each church, who considered it in a meeting of the delegation and then reported the vote of the delegation to the Council. So

that on each important question there were always but three votes the Congregational vote, the Methodist Protestant vote, and the United Brethren vote, and nothing could be carried unless it received three votes. In this way it made no difference that the Methodist Protestant delegation was the smallest, except what it lost in the multitude of counsellors, because each delegation counted one, and it took three to make a majority.

The first sub-committee to report was that on Doctrine. The work of this Committee was the easiest, as it proved, owing to the willingness of the Congregationalists, contrary to the popular idea, to unite in a Declaration of Faith. One of their number was understood to be the author of the report, and it won deserved applause for beauty of expression as well as comprehensiveness of statement. As a paper drawn up hurriedly I do not know how its value can be overestimated. It deserves the most careful study, and as it has never been printed exactly correct I give it here entire.

THE DECLARATION OF FAITH

We, the representatives of the Congregational churches, the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Methodist Protestant Church rejoice at this time to enter into union with one another, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the love of God and for fellowship in the Holy Spirit. In this solemn act of faith and obedience toward the great Head of the Church, we do most humbly and confidently make confession of our faith and heartily renew the consecration of our lives to him and to the service of mankind.

1. Our bond of union consists in that inward and personal faith in Jesus Christ as our divine Saviour and Lord on which all our churches are founded; also in our acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired source of our faith and the supreme standard of Christian truth; and further, in our consent to the teaching of the ancient symbols of the undivided Church, and to that substance of Christian doctrine which is common to the creeds and confessions which we have inherited from the past. But we humbly depend, as did our fathers, on the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all the truth.

2. We believe that God, the Father and Lord of all, did send his son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin and death by the perfect obedience of his holy will in life, by the sacrifice of himself on the cross and by his glorious resurrection from the dead.

3. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God and of Christ, moves in the hearts of men, calling them through the gospel to repentance and faith, awakening in them spiritual sorrow for past sin and confidence in the mercy of God, together with new desires and a new power to obey his will.

4. We believe that those of the sons of men, who, hearing God's call of divine love, do heartily put their trust in the Saviour whom his love provided, are assured by his word of his most fatherly forgiveness, of his free and perfect favor, of the presence of his spirit in their hearts and of a blessed immortality.

5. We believe that all who are through faith the children of God constitute the Church of Christ, the spiritual body of which he is the head; that he has appointed them to proclaim his gospel to all mankind, to manifest in their character and conduct the fruit of his spirit, that he has granted them freedom to create such offices and institutions as may in each generation serve unto those ends, and that for the comfort of our faith he has given to his Church the sacred ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that according to Christ's law men of the Christian faith exist for the service of man, not only in holding forth the word of life, but in the support of works and institutions of pity and charity, in the maintenance of human freedom, in the deliverance of all those that are oppressed, in the enforcement of civic justice, in the rebuke of all unrighteousness.

And possessed of these convictions, both as truths which we do most firmly hold, and acts of faith which spring from our hearts, we do, therefore, in the happy consummation of this union and in the name of all the churches which we represent, commit ourselves, body, soul and spirit to the faith, love and service of him who made us and saved us, the everlasting God, our Father, Redeemer and Lord. To him be ascribed all praise and dominion and glory, world without end. Amen.

The next sub-committee to report was that on Vested Interests. This committee spent much time in collecting information and in considering the probable difficulties in the way of uniting the corporations of the different organizations. Their report simply expressed the general conviction of the committee as to the practicability of union and left the details to be worked out later. But the difficulties were faced squarely and considered with the aid of trained legal minds, as I have indicated. Their opinion simply amounts to this, that *if the churches want to unite* there is no legal impossibility in doing it. It will take months of patient, studious thought to bring it about, but both courts and legislatures may be relied on to facilitate union if the churches want it.

The last sub-committee to report was that on Polity. What they submitted was crude and rather vague, not satisfactory as a finality to any of the delegations, but accepted by all as a basis of working out the union.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLITY

1. PRINCIPLES

(a) The unit of our fellowship is the local church, and the character of our fellowship is that of a representative democracy.

(b) Our co-ordinate principles are freedom and fellowship, a freedom which leaves each local church free in its separate affairs, a fellowship which unites all the churches for mutual care and co-operant action.

In accordance with these principles we recommend the following plan of organization:

2. THE VARIOUS CONFERENCES

(a) The local churches shall be left free to conduct their worship and business as their present customs provide.

(b) It is suggested that so far as may be the churches in separate districts be united in district conferences, which shall provide for fellowship and care of the churches connected with them.

(c) There shall be constituted annual conferences of the ministers and representatives elected from churches and pastoral charges; and their territory limits shall be fixed by a commission of the representatives of the three bodies in the state.

(d) It is recommended that the national conference shall be constituted after the following manner:

Each district conference shall present to the annual conference the names of two persons, one lay and one clerical, from which as a whole the annual conference shall elect delegates to the national conference on the basis of one to every ten thousand and one for every major fraction thereof. In case an annual conference is not fully organized into district conferences, the annual conference shall elect such delegates according to its own methods.

The annual conference shall also be empowered to elect, on the same basis of representation, delegates to the national conference, provided, however, that each annual conference shall have at least one delegate.

We further recommend that the appointments be distributed as equally as possible between the clerical and lay delegates.

It shall be in the power of the national conference to change the ratio of representation according as necessity may require.

3 OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

(a) In the national conference there shall be elected a president who shall preside over this body and hold office until the next national meeting; he also shall give his whole time to the work of the united churches, and annually in connection with one representative from each department of church work, he shall hold meetings to plan for the work of the church.

(b) In each annual conference there shall be elected a committee to aid in keeping the churches supplied with pastors; and each annual conference shall determine for itself the mode of supplying the churches with pastors.

(c) In each annual conference there shall be elected one or more superintendents who may preside at the sessions of the annual conferences and over the meetings of the committee of ministerial supply, and shall give their whole time to the general work of the church within the bounds of their respective annual conferences. Provided, however, that the conference may associate a chairman with the superintendent in directing the work of the conference sessions.

4. MINISTERIAL STANDING

(a) All ministers in good standing in any of the denominations represented in this union shall be ministers of this new body. All licentiates shall retain their standing for the period of their licensure.

All ministers under suspension shall look for relief from their disabilities from the body that imposed the restrictions. This shall hold until new rules are formulated for licensure, ordination and ministerial standing.

(b) Ministerial standing shall be in the district conferences or in the annual conferences as may be determined by each annual conference.

The following supplemental paper from the United Brethren delegates was presented:

It is understood that the provisions here included do not set aside the principle of the so-called itinerant plan where now in operation. Furthermore, it is fully understood that the best plans and efforts shall be adopted to secure to rural and scattered congregations everywhere the most effective ministerial service and to promote wide and genuine evangelization in every accessible field. As one provision to facilitate the accomplishment of these ends the churches shall adopt as far as possible, and as deemed wise, a common church year.

While not the most important phase of the question, this of Polity is perhaps that which will be most discussed. And it is well to make a preliminary study of what has been submitted because although this may be changed before it is finally adopted, yet it shows in outline what the new organization will most likely be.

Some reporter's remark has been published crediting Methodist Protestants with a generosity to which I fear they are not entitled, or, at any rate, which they were not called upon to exercise; to the effect that the Methodist Protestants had given up everything in order to enter the union. On the contrary it will take but little study to convince one that this new organization outlined in the committee's report is more like the Methodist Protestant Church than it is like any other now existing. And this is not strange when it is considered that the Congregationalists and the United Brethren represented in their church polity almost opposite ideas and the Methodist Protestant Church was nearer to each of them than one was to the other. It is no discredit to our representatives on the sub-committee on Polity to say that we had less to do with shaping that report than any other. Our men felt that when the Congregationalists and the United Brethren agreed they would be found somewhere in our locality.

Glancing at this paper with a view of summarizing we get the following result:

The unit of the organization is the local church and the character of the organization is that of a representative democracy. *The Methodist Protestant Church was built on these Pillars.*

The assemblies of the organization are, (1) The District Conference, (2) The Annual Conference, and (3) The National Conference. *We now have them all except the first, and we used to have that.* The ratio of representation is.

two to ten thousand members, and it is proposed to elect them by a rather complicated plan. The plan aims to mediate between the Congregational plan of electing their delegates directly by local churches, and the plan of electing by the Annual Conferences in use among the United Brethren and us. In the suggested plan one-half of the delegates are to be elected by the Annual Conferences from nominations made by the District Conferences, and the other half by the Annual Conferences directly. *But even here it makes one smile to think that we have something of a survival of our wonderful Electoral College.*

The officers of the new organization are, (1) those elected to preside over the Annual Conferences and to devote themselves to the work of the Conference at large, who are to be called Superintendents. Each Conference may elect one or more of these. And (2) the National Conference elects a President who gives his whole time to the work of the Church at large and holds somewhat the position of a general superintendent but is to be called President. *Thus we have given up the name President for that of Superintendent, as the head of our Annual Conferences, and we have accepted a traveling General Conference President.*

The laws of the new organization are not touched upon in the scheme presented. Just what provision for legislation will be made in the final plan is therefore a matter of conjecture. But from the action taken on an amendment proposed to the third article of the present scheme, leaving each Annual Conference to determine for itself the method of appointing pastors to churches, it seems probable that District Conferences, Annual Conferences and National Conferences will each have their respective fields of operation marked out and will be given legislative authority in that field. *In such a case the Maryland Conference, for instance, could enact its present book of discipline as its law, and no change whatever would be made in its methods or customs.*

I do not wish to make any argument for my Conference to fall into line with this movement. And I trust that argument may be delayed until every one has had an opportunity to canvas the situation thoroughly for himself. What we need above all is patience with one another. Those who feel enthusiastic in favor of union should moderate their transports and remember that there are two sides to this question. Nothing but harm can come of pressing this question unduly on the minds and consciences of other brethren. And those who do not favor union should be patient and wait for light and warmth. It is not yet certain whatever may be our fears, that union is certainly wrong or inadvisable. But it is certainly before us and we must give it fair and faithful examination.

Another thing should be kept in mind. We have not taken the irrevocable step in union. The committees must work out the details. These details must be reported to another meeting of the Council and adopted by the whole body of delegates. Then the completed plan of union must be submitted to the General bodies of the three churches and be by them referred either to the Annual Conferences or Associations, or to the local churches for ratification. This means a period of at least three or five years. So we are still Methodist

Protestants and may remain so, certainly will remain so for a number of years. This means that no part of our present work is to be dropped or slackened. We must get all we can and keep all we have in any event.

And I think it especially important, in view of our immediate surroundings, that we should not submit to the suggestion that may be made by others that we are going to give up Methodism. As I have shown in the sketch of the organization proposed we will have scarcely any recognizable change in our working plans as a church. Still less will we have any change in the spirit of the organization. Methodism as a spirit has gone far beyond its original boundaries. And even if we should not have the name retained in our new style it would be strange indeed if we should be found willing to renounce our precious heritage of experimental religion when the churches we propose a union with are as much attached to this phase of religious life as we are. I make the prophecy that if this union takes place the Maryland Conference will still be the Maryland Conference, will still fill its pulpits as it now does, will still call men to repentance and bring them into the church as it now does, will still preach the same doctrines and enjoy the same experiences which have made it such a power for good in its history. For my part, union or no union, I expect always to be a member of the Maryland Conference and I expect never to be anything else but a Methodist, although I will not insist on the name when I can have the thing by any other name.

Finally, this report would be incomplete if I did not say something of the spirit in which these matters were discussed and acted upon, although this is a difficult task, and to represent it properly is quite impossible. If this Conference had been bodily present in the Council I feel sure my report would seem tame and inadequate to you. You would feel that delay was vexatious and discussion useless. For this was a wonderful gathering from every point of view. The sanity and freedom from extravagant notions in its discussions were wonderful. The sweetness of spirit and unselfishness were wonderful. Most wonderful of all was the unanimity with which every action was adopted. It is almost past belief that so many men gathered together for the first time from so many different localities, of different training and traditions, should harmonize so fully on questions which concerned their dearest interests, and as if they were all of one religious family. What wonder if those present accepted these as signs that we were about our Father's business in our Master's way, and that the swiftness and smoothness of the movement of events to unexpected conclusions was the work of the living Spirit which was in the wheels! And as those great moments came again and again during the deliberations, when discussion and planning and argument were swept out of sight and the place was shaken where we were assembled together, and men grasped hands in silent pledge, and no utterance seemed possible but to break forth in "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," what wonder if "we were all amazed," and glorified God, saying, "We never saw it on this fashion;" "this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolutions

Resolution 1

Constitution for Sunday School Associations.

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed to draft a Constitution and By-laws for Sunday-school Associations to be used in all the Sunday-schools in our Conference not now acting under a constitution in harmony with the Discipline.

W. M. STRAYER.

Resolution 2

Time of Holding Next Session.

Resolved, That the session of the Maryland Conference for the year 1907, be held on the first Wednesday in April of that year.

G. Q. BACCHUS.

Resolution 3

Amendment of Rule XXX.

Resolved, That Rule XXX of Conference Manual under "Order of Business" be amended by adding "at 10 o'clock Thursday morning."

B. P. TRUITT.

Resolution 4

Bible Readings at next Session.

Resolved, That the President is hereby requested to arrange with the Rev. Dr. Munhall of Philadelphia, or some other equally well known Bible teacher, to give Bible readings at the next session of the Conference each day from 3 to 4 o'clock p. m.

DANIEL BAKER.

Resolution 5

Concerning Election of Delegates.

Resolved, That the Conference calls attention to the law of the Church respecting the election of delegates to this body, that a "qualified member" is a person 21 years of age.

W. R. GRAHAM.

Resolution 6

Publication of the Conference Sermon.

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully request that Rev. T. O. Crouse furnish the manuscript of this sermon, preached at the opening of the Conference to the secretary and that the editor be requested to publish the same in the "Methodist Protestant."

F. C. KLEIN.

Resolution 7

To Pay Expenses of Commissioners.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Conference be instructed to pay from the Conference collection to Rev. T. H. Lewis his expenses as our commissioner to the Council at Dayton, Ohio.

A. W. MATHER.

Resolution 8

Protest to the Editor of the Baltimore Sun.

Resolved, That Hon. J. W. Hering, Mr. W. B. Usilton and Mr. Daniel Baker be requested to wait upon the editor of the Baltimore Sun and present our respectful protest against the liberty taken in an article of the issue of the ninth instant concerning the president of this Conference.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 9

Authorizing Official Ballots.

Resolved, That, for the convenience of the Conference as well as the dignity of electing our Conference officers, the Secretary be and hereby is authorized to prepare Official Ballots for the election of the President, with "For President" printed at the top; for the Standing District Committee, and the Committee on Appeals, with these respective designations at the top; and

Resolved, That these official ballots be distributed and collected by the tellers, and no others be counted.

J. W. HERING.

Resolution 10

Emphasizing a Point of Law.

Resolved, That this Conference calls attention to the law of the church requiring pastors when changing appointments to hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 11

Appropriation.

Resolved, That hereafter no money will be appropriated to any charge where the Board of Trustees refuse to be incorporated.

S. B. TREDWAY.

Resolution 12

Reading a Committee's Report from Pulpit.

Resolved, That all the pastors of the Conference be instructed to read from their pulpits the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 13

Secret Ballots and Complimentary Votes in Election of Delegates.

Resolved 1, That we strongly disapprove of the secret ballot for the removal or the return of the pastor.

Resolved, 2, That we condemn the complimentary vote that ask for the Pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the annual conference.

Resolved, 3, That every Pastor be required to have read these resolutions in his quarterly conference.

J. M. HOLMES.

Resolution 14

To Pay Pastor's Moving Expenses.

WHEREAS, The Discipline of our Church, page 28, grants to the Annual Conference the right to "make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the itinerant ministers and preachers," therefore, be it

Resolved, That 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.

LOUIS RANDALL.

Resolution 15

Book of Sermons.

WHEREAS, There has come from the press this Conference year a book of sermons entitled "The Good Life" by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D.D., and

WHEREAS It is a valuable contribution to the religious world, and especially to Methodist Protestant Literature, well worthy the widest circulation; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That we congratulate Dr. Lewis on his splendid book, and

Resolved, 2nd, That we commend it to every Methodist Protestant, indeed every Christian as a valuable book to have in his library, and sincerely hope that one and all will provide themselves with a copy.

JOHN H. S. EWELL.

Resolution 16

Church Extension Steward.

Resolved, That the steward for Church Extension be authorized to borrow the amount of the deficiency amounting with interest to \$388.26, so that all claims may be met by the society and paid by the steward.

E. S. FOOKS.

Resolution 17

Report of our Commissioner.

Resolved, That we have heard with great pleasure the interesting report of our Commissioner, Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., who so faithfully represented this Conference in the General Council held at Dayton of the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant Churches. We are delighted to be informed concerning the broad and blessed spirit of fellowship and fraternity which was largely manifested throughout the sessions of this large gathering of representative men. The harmony of action, the readiness of agreement and the manifest desire to gather together the membership of these respective denominations into one great ecclesiastical organization under the gracious direction of the Spirit of God, have most profoundly impressed us.

While we do not at this time feel called upon to vote upon the question of organic union, because of the incompleteness of the basis of union still in the hands of duly appointed committees, yet, we do hereby express our profound conviction that the Spirit of God moved mightily upon the minds and hearts of this great gathering of ministers of His truth and free from the blindness of prejudice or the unwisdom of enthusiasm not born of knowledge, we submit ourselves to the unerring influence of the Spirit of truth, earnestly desiring, in this most important matter, to do what He may want us to do.

J. S. BOWERS.

Conference Societies

Superannuate Fund Society

Baltimore, Md., April 7, 1906.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference met on the above date at 2:15 P. M., in the West Baltimore M. P. Church, with Rev. H. S. Johnson, First Vice-president, in the chair.

On motion of Rev. A. W. Mather, J. Bibb Mills was elected Secretary pro tem.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. On motion of Rev. A. W. Mather, seconded by Rev. J. D. Kinzer, it was unanimously adopted that we extend to the Treasurer a vote of thanks and appreciation for his valuable services during the past year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: First Vice-president, H. S. Johnson; Second Vice-president, D. W. Anstine; Third Vice-president, L. F. Warner; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, J. Bibb Mills.

Board of Managers: Rev. J. W. Kirk, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Dr. J. W. Hering, Dr. E. B. Fenby, Vaughn Webster, Esq., Thomas A. Murray, Esq.

There being no further business, upon motion we adjourned.

J. BIBB MILLS, *Recording Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 1905-APRIL 1906

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

Investment Account

Dr.

To Balance as per last Report.....		\$1100.34
To amount received from Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Steward.....	\$ 114.25	
To cash received account Legacy from John G. Clarke (in addition to 42 Shares of Stock of National Bank of Commerce, valued at \$966).....	9.00	
To amount received in partial re-payment of Mortgages.....	200.00	
To amount received in redemption of Ground Rents.....	5908.33	
		6231.58
		7831.92

CR.

By this amount invested in purchase of Ground Rents.....	4875.35	
By this amount invested in purchase of Bonds.....	1857.50	
		6782.85
Balance to credit of Investment Account.....		599.07
		<u>7381.92</u>

Distribution Account

DR.

To amount Income received from Investments.....	\$5060.89	
To amount Interest received on Deposits	69.69	
		\$5197.23
To amount Conference Assessments received..		583.00
		<u>5780.23</u>

CR.

By Rent Safe Deposit Box.	5.00	
By expenses J. M. Sheridan attending meeting.....	2.00	
By 1906 Taxes on Securities.....	69.83	
By expenses in collecting Ground Rents etc.....	75.00	
		151.83

By amounts remitted to Steward:

June 17, 1905, Check No. 103.....	75.00	
Oct. 6, 1905, Check No. 105.....	2189.68	
Dec. 4, 1905, Check No. 108.....	75.00	
Jan. 8, 1906, Check No. 109.....	50.00	
Jan. 29, 1906, Check No. 112.....	100.00	
Mch. 16, 1906, Check No. 118.....	50.00	
Check herewith for.	3088.72	
		5628.40

5780.23

Total amount of Income for this year.....	5197.23
Total amount of income for last year.....	5124.29

Excess for this year..... 72.94

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 Securities and Property of the Society fully accounted for. We have also examined the Securities of the Society and find them all deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

J. W. KIRK,
G. W. HADDAWAY } *Auditing Committee.*

Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society met Friday at 10 A. M., Rev J. M. Gill presiding. The report of the Board of Managers was read by Rev. J. D. Kinzer and adopted. Moved and seconded that the Resolution from the Board of Managers requesting the Conference to direct pastors and Churches receiving aid from the Church Extension Society to report to the Board of Managers on the 1st of Oct. and 1st of March of each year and be referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary and was adopted.

Rev. T. R. Woodford and Dr. A. B. Stine were appointed to audit the Treasurer's report.

A paper was read from the Church Extension Society of our Church of the District of Columbia, presented by Dr. A. B. Stine.

The officers were elected as follows: 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, J. D. Kinzer, J. S. Bowers, F. T. Tagg, F. C. Kline, ministers; N. T. Meginniss, T. Harry Bartlett, J. M. Gilbert, J. W. Chapman, laymen. Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1905

Receipts

July 3, from Rev. H. L. Schlinke.....	\$ 35.00
July 29, from Rev. C. E. Dryden.....	22.00
July 29, from Rev. J. A. Wright.....	26.00
Aug. 3, from Rev. B. W. Kindley.....	35.00
Aug. 3, from Rev. J. T. Lassell.....	5.00
Aug. 3, from Rev. Avery Donovan.....	35.00
Aug. 5, from Rev. H. O. Keen.....	23.00
Aug. 23, from Rev. J. L. Nichols.....	23.00
Aug. 31, from Rev. W. M. Strayer.....	40.00
Sept. 3, from Rev. A. N. Ward.....	32.00
Sept. 6, from Rev. L. F. Warner.....	79.00
Oct. 1, from Rev. G. F. Farring.....	10.00
Oct. 6, from Rev. Louis Randall.....	35.00
Oct. 19, from Edgar T. Read.....	26.00
Nov. 13, from Rev. A. W. Mather.....	26.00
Nov. 25, from Rev. H. F. Wright.....	26.00
Nov. 25, from Rev. W. B. Elliott.....	14.00
1906	
Jan. 26, from Rev. F. S. Cain.....	26.00
Feb. 3, from Rev. B. F. Ruley.....	14.00
Feb. 21, from Rev. J. F. Bryan.....	26.00
Feb. 27, from Rev. J. D. Kinzer.....	20.00
Feb. 27, from Rev. D. W. Anstine.....	55.00
Mch. 3, from Rev. C. M. Compher.....	18.00
Mch. 5, from Rev. J. L. Mills.....	25.00
Mch. 9, from Rev. A. H. Green.....	44.00

Mch. 9, from Rev. W. B. Judefind	32.00	
Mch. 10, from Rev. J. W. Balderston.....	79.00	
Mch. 10, from Rev. S. J. Smith.....	35.00	
Mch. 13, from Rev. J. W. Kirk.....	91.00	
Mch. 13, from Rev. T. H. Wright.....	15.00	
Mch. 13, from Rev. C. M. Cullum.....	26.00	
Mch. 16, from Rev. B. K. Lewis	44.00	
Mch. 17, from Rev. J. D. Kinzer.....	41.00	
Mch. 28, from Rev. J. McLain Brown.....	18.00	
Total from charges.....		1101.00
1905		
July 11, from Rev. E. S. Fooks, due the Society (advanced).	134.00	
1906		
Apr. 1, from Maryland Savings Bank, interest on deposits	20.96	
		154.96
Total.....		1255.96

Disbursements

1905		
Aug. 18, to Rev. F. T. Little, for Felton Church.	\$ 50.00	
Aug. 18, to Sapp Bros., for printing circulars and postage	4.01	
Oct. 31, to Rev. J. L. Straughn, for purchase of lot.	100.00	
Oct. 31, to Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, interest on Broadway church debt	125.00	
1906		
Feb. 5, to Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, interest on Broadway church debt..	125.00	
Feb. 27, to Rev. J. McLain Brown, appropriation to Remington		
church	200.00	
		604.01
Total.....		
1905		
July 12, Deposited in Maryland Savings Bank.....	134.00	
1906		
April 1, Interest on deposits.....	20.96	
		154.96
April 4, Due E. S. Fooks, Steward.....		496.99
		1255.96
Total.....		

Bank Account (Maryland Savings Bank.)

1905		
April 3, to balance		501.84
July 12, Deposited in Maryland Savings Bank.....	134.00	
1906		
April 1, Interest on deposits.....	20.96	
		154.96
Total		656.80

Respectfully submitted,

T. HARRY BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

The Mutual Relief Association

The Mutual Relief Association met in annual session at Baltimore, Md., April 10, 1906, Rev. J. E. Nicholson, First Vice-president, in the chair. The secretary called the roll. The secreatry-treasurer read his report. S. B. Tredway and W. J. Neepier were appointed to audit the report, and reported that they had found same correct.

The report was adopted.

The following officers were elected:—1st Vice-president, J. E. Nicholson; 2nd Vice-president, W. M. Strayer; 3rd Vice-president, S. W. Coe; Secretary-treasurer, J. A. Wiegand.

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

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

April 4, 1906.

Amount in hand from 14th advance payment.....	\$126.00
Amount in hand from 15th advance payment.....	133.00
Amount in hand from 16th advance payment.....	131.00
	390.00
Expense of collecting 15th advance case.....	\$ 4.50
Expense of collecting 16th advance case.....	4.50
(Paid out of Invested Fund).....	9.00
Paid Mrs. J. J. Murray.....	126.00
Paid Mrs. W. S. Hammond.....	133.00
Paid Mrs. David Wilson.....	131.00
	390.00
Amount of Invested Fund deposited in Westminster Savings Bank.....	49.18

3 members deceased, 6 lapsed, and 2 resigned during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

✓ We have audited this report and find it correct.

S. B. TREDWAY }
W. J. NEEPIER } *Auditing Committee.*

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.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays.....	.....	1830	1831
William Bamber .....	.....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs.....	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson.....	.....	1829	1834
William Kesley .....	.....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger.....	.....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh.....	.....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.....	.....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux.....	.....	1838	1844
William W. Ball.....	.....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley.....	.....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood.....	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster.....	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese.....	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier.....	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson.....	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins.....	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.....	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright.....	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway.....	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright.....	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby.....	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell.....	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden.....	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton.....	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd.....	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin.....	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside.....	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle.....	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.....	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess.....	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson.....	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox.....	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole.....	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers.....	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan.....	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe.....	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice.....	1814	1838	1874
John Roberts.....	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards.....	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.....	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.....	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Vallant.....	1852	1870	1877

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
William C. Ames, D. D. S.....	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read.....	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan.....	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb.....	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore.....	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert.....	1851	1873	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins.....	1809	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson.....	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick.....	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell.....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice.....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray.....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon.....	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden.....	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker.....	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton.....	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm.....	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.....	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston.....	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson.....	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith.....	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.....	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson.....	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson.....	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman.....	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood.....	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Vallant.....	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.....	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.....	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.....	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.....	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton.....	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn.....	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson.....	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols.....	1815	1838	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.....	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris.....	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.....	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist.....	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis.....	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter.....	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.....	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith.....	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day.....	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes.....	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.....	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd.....	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve.....	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.....	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.....	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.....	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.....	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.....	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick.....	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton.....	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.....	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond.....	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston.....	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse.....	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.....	1826	1845	1906

OBITUARIES

Rev. John Jackson Murray

John Jackson Murray was born in Hagerstown, Md., May 8, 1824. While attending the Allegheny Academy, at Cumberland, Md., he was converted to God, under the ministry of Rev. J. K. Nichols, and joined the Methodist Protestant Church in 1839, at the age of fifteen years. . On Christmas Day, 1841, he was licensed to preach and received into the Maryland Conference at Georgetown, D. C., April, 1842. He had chosen and begun his lifework and was a member of the Conference when he was eighteen years old. This promptness in decision and tenacity of purpose characterized him in the sixty-three years of service that followed, and he said to his pastor, Dr. Shaffer, on his death-bed: "Preach the Gospel. After I had made up my mind to enter the ministry I never thought of anything else." It is a beautiful fact that Dr. Murray's religious life began with his intellectual life, and while attending school away from home, seeking the best earthly knowledge he could attain to, he gained a knowledge of God and divine things, and under the sweet influence of James K. Nichols and the Gospel he preached, was made acquainted with the Son of God, to whose service he devoted his long and useful life. He never separated these two pursuits during his life. Learning and religion joined hands in his heart when he was a boy, and when he reached his eighty-first year he was still a Christian and a student. Study and prayer were his two chosen companions who helped him in all his work on earth, and in death prayer simply changed her name to praise, and they are both with him yet. As a Christian, he was intensely conscientious, and would do what he thought was right regardless of the opinions of others. And if he carried his conscience into small things—yea, everything—it was because there was nothing small in his estimation that went to make up a Christian character or that in any way affected his work and influence as a Christian minister. When he gave himself to God all his intentions and purposes were converted, so that his one great object in life was to do right—only right—and always right; and though many differed from him in opinion and opposed him in his ideas and plans in Conference work, few, if any, ever doubted his deep sincerity or the fact that he fully believed his course was right.

As a student, he was careful, painstaking and really laborious. He possessed the talent for hard work and improved his talent, and was able to study

long and patiently without weariness or discouragement till he had mastered his subject. With this ability, which is so essential to good scholarship, he passed from one subject to another, and studied the languages, medicine, general literature and divinity, so that he was recognized wherever he was known as an "able minister of the New Testament," a scholar and a gentleman.

His abilities and his attainments soon placed him in the front rank of the men of his Conference. He was honored with all the offices to which any one could be elected, so he served as president of his own Conference, president of the General Conference, chairman of the most important committees to shape the polity of the whole Church, and on the general boards, whose work and duties required intelligence, faithfulness and knowledge—in fact, wherever ability was needed Dr. Murray was there. In social life he was a gentleman, kind, polite and careful of the feelings and rights of others, and the one who has the best right to speak on this subject says: "Dr. Murray lived daily what he professed and preached, and it was a privilege and a blessing to have lived with him." He deeply impressed his friends with the excellences of his character and the kindness of his heart, who loved him because "he was a good teacher, a fine debater, a splendid preacher, and, above all, a lovely Christian gentleman in all things, true to his convictions and to the Methodist Protestant Church, and true in his love for his brethren. A finer Christian character would be hard to find."

Dr. Murray's abilities as a preacher and administrator caused him to be sent to the most prominent churches in his Conference. In the pulpit he was graceful, forceful and at times eloquent, and at all times earnest and devout, desiring only to preach the pure Gospel of the Son of God. He believed in and did much personal work and made many earnest appeals to individuals to give themselves to Christ and His service. He manifested a deep interest in every good work, and his sympathies were broad enough to lead him to participate in every enterprise that worked for the advancement of the kingdom of God. When the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was organized, he was with them as counsellor and adviser in planning their constitution and laying out their work. "He was present at the meeting when the first missionary of the Church took her leave, and when we held our twenty-fifth anniversary he stood with the charter members in front of the altar and joined in the series of hand-shaking while the hymn, 'Blest be the tie that binds,' was sung. But today, with a more perfect knowledge and joy he sings in the land of life, everlasting life, and in the society of the just made perfect. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society respect and honor his memory and wait to join him with others in the bye-aud-bye."

In his last sickness, shortly before his departure, he said to his pastor: "Happy if with my latest breath I may but gasp His name. Preach him to all and cry in death, 'Behold, Behold the Lamb.' " And so he passed into the presence of the Master that he had loved and served for sixty-six years. His funeral services were held at his home, in Bellevue, Pa., by Rev. Dr. Shaffer,

and then the remains were brought to Baltimore and funeral services were conducted by the chairman of this committee at West Baltimore Station. Dr. Tagg, president of the General Conference, offered prayer. Dr. William S. Hammond, who since then has passed over the river and is now with Dr. Murray in the upper sanctuary, read the Scriptures. The chairman of this committee delivered an address, and was followed by Dr. T. H. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College, and Dr. F. T. Little, president of the Maryland Conference. Many of his friends and ministerial brethren followed him to his last resting place, where his body is awaiting the resurrection of the just.

To his widow and children we can only offer our congratulation that they have been blessed by such a husband and father, and that they have such a sure hope of a happy reunion in the home that death never enters.

"Forever with the Lord.
Amen. So let it be."

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,

J. M. HOLMES,

J. W. HERING,

P. B. MYERS,

WM. S. HAMMOND, (now in heaven.)

H. C. CUSHING,

T. H. LEWIS,

N. T. MEGINNIS,

WM. G. BAKER, SR.

E. B. FENBY.

Rev. William Sim Hammond

This name has long been familiar to all who knew much about the Methodist Protestant Church. It represents one of the bright, wide-awake, interesting personalities of the Maryland Annual Conference. He was in the forefront of the activities of the church for many years, but he was so youthful in spirit and full of activity that he was seldom thought of as one of our older men. Only since bodily affliction compelled his retirement from active work in 1901 have we realized that age and infirmities were upon him. He had been a great sufferer for many months, and his release came May 14th, 1905.

Dr. Hammond was the oldest son of Nathan and Mary Hammond, and was born near New Market, Frederick county, Md., August 5, 1832. He was converted at an early age, and soon after coming into the church he began to exercise himself in public religious services. He made his first attempt to preach when only sixteen years old. When less than nineteen he applied to the Maryland Conference, then in session at Harper's Ferry, and was received into the itinerancy. His first appointment was to Queen Anne Circuit, as assistant to Dr. S. B. Southerland. He is remembered and described as then "a young man of medium height and slender form, courteous, entertaining and

attractive in social intercourse, winning the respect of all by his deportment. In the pulpit he had rare command of himself for a beginner, and his manner was above criticism. His voice was fine and strong, and he had natural elocutionary powers, which gave promise of his mature and successful ministry. Zeal for Christ, and tireless activity in the pastorate, marked his life then, as in all his subsequent career." He had been a student in the home of Rev. Dr. John S. Reese, and he manifestly profited greatly by the example and teaching of this eminent man.

His subsequent appointments were as follows, in the order named: Kent, Talbot; First Church, Washington; Anne Arundel, Harpers Ferry, Lynchburg, Broadway, Lexington Street, Jefferson, Lexington Street, Newark, Westminster College Agent; Ninth Street, Washington; Star, Chestertown, East Baltimore, President, Newark, Union Bridge, Allnutt Memorial, Georgetown, Broadway. Retired in 1901.

In the third year of his ministry he married Miss Addie Groome Kennard, of Green Point, Kent county, Md. She was an interesting and refined Christian woman, but after a few years of happy wedded life she died. He remained a widower about ten years, when, on March 6th, 1866, he married Miss Elizabeth A. Thomas, of Baltimore. She, with their only daughter, Florence, well and favorably known for her active Christian work throughout the state, now mourn their irreparable loss in his departure.

Dr. Hammond early in his career won recognition as an attractive and successful man. For many years he filled a large place in the Maryland Conference. He was attentive to business in the sessions, earnest and eloquent in appeals in behalf of general interests, and always kind and brotherly in his intercourse with the ministers and laymen. He was a popular man in the Conference and throughout the district. His attractive talents and winning personality made him a host of friends. And he had few, if any, enemies. The church trusted and honored him by giving him places of great responsibility in the pastorate, and electing him to the presidency of his conference, and many times to the General Conference. And of this latter body he was president four years. The church did well to trust him. He was capable and faithful. He loved the church of Christ and was loyal to the principles of the Methodist Protestant Church, to which he had given the wholehearted service of his life.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Washington College, Tennessee, of the Presbyterian Church indicating the esteem and appreciation of his character and worth beyond the bounds of his own church. As a preacher he was earnest, evangelistic and eminently successful. He had rare gifts of expression. In feature, gesture and voice he was attractive and he was sure of an attentive and sympathetic hearing of the Gospel message. As a pastor he was laborious and sympathetic. In the sick room and in all the perplexing problems that troubled his people he was the wise counsellor and friend. He bore their burdens and so fulfilled the law of Christ. His gentle and loving spirit and devotion to the welfare of the church made him eminently successful in

healing breaches and harmonizing differences in the local church. He was distinctively a peace-maker among men and he is loved and honored in many places today for his labors in that direction.

It is a great loss to the church and the world when such men die. His loving spirit and cheerful greeting scattered sunshine along the pathway of life, and made life happier and the burdens lighter, for many discouraged and weary ones. His home life was simple and kind, as his church life was useful and honorable. He was a clean, high-toned Christian man in private life, as in his public career. He has joined the company of the great and good men who have gone from our conference into the church triumphant.

We will for the remainder of life's journey miss the cordial greeting and delightful fellowship which we have long enjoyed, but it is well with him. The pain and conflict of life are over. In the faith and hope that he preached to others, through more than fifty years, he died. We shall see him again beyond the shadows and dwell with him in the Father's house forever.

The funeral services were in charge of Dr. F. T. Little, the President of the Conference. We were led in prayer by Dr. T. H. Lewis before leaving the home, and the public services were at West Baltimore Church, Dr. F. T. Tagg, J. M. Holmes and J. D. Kinzer participating with the president. The interment was in Loudon Park Cemetery.

J. D. KINZER,	J. M. HOLMES,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND,	J. L. MILLS,
J. W. HERING,	DANIEL BAKER,
P. B. MYERS,	T. A. MURRAY.

Rev. George Durbin Edmonston

Rev. George Durbin Edmonston died June 2, 1905 at the residence of his son near Pittsburg, Pa. So, after a protracted illness, passed a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Brother Edmonston was born in Washington, D. C., March 7, 1844, his parents being members of the old Ninth Street Methodist Protestant Church. While yet a boy he became interested in the Sunday-school and choir of the church, and later actively engaged in mission work throughout the city. He enlisted in the Washington Guards and served several months in defense of the city. Feeling impressed that he should preach the Gospel, he applied to the Maryland Annual Conference for admission in the year 1864; was received on trial; ordained in regular course and served successfully West Baltimore, New Market, Queen Anne's, Belair, Frederick, Severn, Bedford, Howard and Finksburg charges.

He withdrew from the Conference at Lynchburg, Va., in March, 1876, and engaged in farming, but re-entered the active ministry in 1885 and was appointed to Powellville. He next served in order: Surry, Sussex, Potomac, Grove, Bedford, Conquest and Crumpton, retiring in the spring of 1899, because

of physical disability. It was his intention to rest for one year and take up work the following spring, but in October a severe attack of illness left his hearing so impaired that he decided not to attempt active work again until this trouble was relieved. After two years of disappointed hopes in this matter he concluded not to undertake active work again.

Brother Edmonston was a loving husband and father, popular as a pastor and a faithful minister of the Gospel. That he might the more acceptably preach its truth he mastered the Hebrew of the Old Testament Scriptures. "His sermons were strong and logical, always carefully prepared and delivered in such a forceful manner as to hold the closest attention from beginning to end." "He was loyal to Jesus Christ as a minister and to the Methodist Protestant Church as a member." The late years of his life were spent in the home of his son, first at Savage, W. Va., not far from Cumberland, and then at Longview, near Pittsburg. During this time he frequently assisted his brethren, preaching in their absence and serving in such other ways as opportunity afforded.

His wife was Miss Eleanore Francis Smith, of New Market, Frederick Co., Md., whom he married April 14, 1869, one son and only child, Mr. George H. J. Edmonston, two brothers, Messrs. Brook W. and Samuel H. Edmonston, and one sister, Mrs. M. V. Marsh remain to deeply lament the loss of their loved one. May the Good Spirit whose words in Romans twelve he made his life rule be their comfort forever.

W. D. LITSINGER, *Chairman of the Committee.*

Rev. William Augustus Crouse

Rev. William Augustus Crouse was born in Westminster, March 24, 1824, and died Jan. 11, 1906, having almost completed his 82nd year. He was the third son, and last survivor of his father's family. His parents were William and Margaret Crouse.

Brother Crouse was twice married. His first wife, and the mother of all his children, was Miss Matilda Lee Shepherd. His second wife was Miss Boring. She was an estimable Christian woman and preceded him to the better land less than a year. His first wife and two sons died of scarlet fever all in about one week when he was 28 years old. "This was his first great sorrow and it had a deep and lasting influence on all his subsequent life." Bro. Crouse leaves behind him two sons, Rev. Thomas O., Pastor of Congress Street M. P. Church, Georgetown, and Prof. W. S. Crouse, Principal of Annapolis High School, and one daughter, Mrs. Theodore Derr, and several grandchildren, one of whom, the daughter of Mrs. Derr, is the wife of Rev. Louis Randall of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Bro. Crouse was converted when he was about eighteen years old. He was afterwards licensed to preach, but did not enter the Conference until he had

passed his 40th year. His first appointment was Williamsport circuit. Dr. Southerland says: "I gave, as President, W. A. Crouse his first appointment and during that year my intimacy with, and my friendship for him were formed. I became very warmly attached to him. He was social, very spiritual and an excellent man every way. A useful and beloved preacher by all whom he served."

His subsequent appointments were as follows: Concord, 1868-71; Choptank, '72-'74; Leipsic, '75-'76; Sussex, '77-'79; Middleway, '80; Accomac, '81-'82; Preston, '83-'84; Crumpton, '85-'87; Deer Park, '88-'90; Concord, '91-'92. He was superannuated in 1893.

When Bro. Crouse was going into manhood, there was no High School in Westminster and no College on "The Hill," yet, like many others of his day, he managed to acquire a fair English education, and by a careful study of the Bible with such help as came in his way, he qualified himself for his high calling as a minister of the Gospel. The following testimonials to his work as Pastor and Preacher from former parishioners, I think are worthy of record. Bro. Jas. J. Brandenburg writes as follows: "To me dear old Bro. Crouse has been an inspiration, and it gives me pleasure to testify to his worth as a minister of the gospel. As a preacher, he had power with God, because his faith was strong. His trust was as a little child in a loving parent. How often have I heard him exclaim: 'I know that my redeemer liveth!' As a pastor he was loving and lovable, as a guest he was genial; he never forgot to admonish the unconverted and I believe that much of his success as a preacher can be attributed to his pastoral work."

Bro. Hobbs says: "Bro. Crouse's ministry in Caroline County, where he was twice pastor, was one of great usefulness and his memory will live long in the hearts of many here. Myself among them was led to Christ under his faithful work. His life spoke of his Christian character as well as his pulpit utterances. I believe he has heard the Master's 'well done.' We in Westminster, (referring to the other members of the committee) who knew him well, loved him well. My personal intercourse with Bro. Crouse was altogether pleasant. He had a wonderful gift in prayer, and could render the meaning and pathos of a beautiful poem better than any one I ever heard. On his last visit to my house, Dec. 31, he repeated a poem on the magnificence of Heaven, so impressively that on leaving I was moved to say, Bro. Crouse, we are not so far apart in years, and I shall not be surprised if we are not far apart in entering the better land little thinking that in a few days he would say indeed—in the closing lines of the poem referred to:

"Anoint, Oh Lord, Anoint my sight
And robe me for that land of light."

"I was with him about an hour and a half before he took his flight; and all was well."

H. C. CUSHING,	S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
L. F. WARNER,	J. W. HERING,
J. J. BRANDENBURG	C. W. HOBBS.

Rev. David Wilson

Few men in the Maryland Conference were more widely known and highly respected than Dr. David Wilson. He entered the Conference in 1845, his first charge being assistant on Anne Arundel Circuit. During his ministry, he served many of the most important charges in the Maryland District.

He was born in Martinsburg, Pa., March 30, 1825. His early education was in the public schools of his neighborhood, and afterwards at Salem College, Logansport, Md. In 1894 he was left without an appointment at his own request, and in 1896, took a supernumerary relation in connection with North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., which relation he sustained up to the time of his death.

He was elected president of the Conference in 1874, and served in that office for three years. In 1880, he was appointed by President Hayes, Post Chaplain in the United States Army, and was stationed at Fort Meade, Dakota. Under the army regulations he was retired from the active service in 1890. He removed to Denver, Colorado, in 1898, and made that place his home up to the time of his death, which occurred on February 28, 1906. His remains were brought to Uniontown, Md., and interred in the Methodist Protestant Cemetery at that place, on March 8. His funeral was largely attended, and among those in attendance was a large number of his ministerial brethren. The funeral service was in charge of Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., assisted by Rev. H. C. Cushing, D. D., Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D., Rev. L. F. Warner and Rev. Edgar T. Read.

At the session of the Conference of 1851, Dr. Wilson was loaned to the board of Missions to be sent as a missionary to China but arrangements for his work were not completed. Whilst he was willing to go as Dr. Tagg remarked at his funeral, "perhaps the church at that time was not ready to send him nor was China then, probably ready to receive him." At any rate the plan fell through. But this young man, then in the flush of his manhood, just twenty-six years old, full of zeal for the cause of his Master, was ready to respond to the call.

During his active ministry he was seldom absent from the sessions of the Annual Conference and always took a deep interest in the deliberations of that body. He was a man of sound judgment, was a ready debater, very courteous in his manner toward his brethren and soon took a prominent position in the Conference.

He was on a number of occasions elected as representative to the General Conference, and was a member of the General Convention of 1877, when the northern and southern sections of the church were reunited. While serving churches in Philadelphia and Baltimore, he studied medicine, but never entered into the active practice.

During his pastorate on Pipe Creek Circuit, Western Maryland College was incorporated and began its work under the new regime. He was one of the charter members, and living at Uniontown, so near the seat of the college, was often in that formative period of the institution, in consultation with the

college officials. His interest in the new enterprise was strong and abiding, and his counsels were highly valuable. Indeed, he was one of the most steadfast friends of the college in that day.

The beautiful and commodious church at Westminster was built while he was pastor, the cornerstone being laid in 1868, and the church completed in time for the meeting of the Annual Conference, which held its session there in 1870. He was the last pastor of the Westminster Church while it was a part of Pipe Creek Circuit the late Dr. Hammond succeeding him in 1871 as the first pastor of the new station.

His pastorate on Pipe Creek Circuit was eminently successful as it was indeed in many fields of labor which he served.

He was a man of charming personality free and easy in his manner and made a host of friends wherever he went. His mental endowments were far above the average, and having broad culture, he was a most delightful and instructive conversationalist.

As a preacher he was clear and logical and his sermons while simple and plain, always evinced careful thought and preparation. There was not the suspicion of the sensational about him, and his sermons were just forceful Gospel messages, and the people delighted to hear him.

His nature was warm and sympathetic, and as a pastor he was popular and helpful, affording to those who needed his ministrations the rich consolations of the Gospel.

He has finished his course and gone to his reward, and has doubtless, ere this, met many there who were brought to Jesus Christ through his instrumentality.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yet, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their work do follow them."

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
J. D. KINZER,
J. W. HERING,
MILTON ZOLLICKOFFER,

H. C. CUSHING,
S. A. HOBLITZELL,
N. T. MEGINNISS,
W. B. MARCHE.

Mrs. W. A. Crouse

Mrs. Mary C. Crouse, beloved wife of Rev. W. A. Crouse, entered into the heavenly life April 18, 1905. We cannot look beyond the portals through which she has passed, but, walking with God amid the shadows of earth, we are sure she continues to walk with Him in the sunlit realms of glory. Sister Crouse was born November 28, 1829. Carroll county, Md., was the place of her nativity. Her maiden name was Boring. Her mother was one of the original Methodist Protestants, and continued as such until Dahoff's appointment on the old Baltimore Circuit was abandoned under the pastorate of Rev. Isaac Webster. Thus it can be said Sister Crouse was truly a child of the church in the days of its most splendid and heroic history. Sister Crouse was converted in early life at a camp-meeting near Frizzellberg, Carroll county.

In her conversion she had a vision of Christ. She often talked about the joy of that hour and every subsequent hour. Conversion to her was no transient experience, no momentary flash out of the heavens. "The Vision Splendid" lingered during all the years, and it was this consciousness of the divine presence which gave impulse and direction to her life. And truly her life was hid with Christ in God. So gentle, kind, patient, devoted, self-sacrificing. Not only did she possess a personal goodness, but the Christ spirit within was constantly seeking opportunities in which to express itself. Sister Crouse showed a rare proficiency in the home circle and in the work of the church. She was married to Brother Crouse April 3, 1856, and those 49 years of wedded life were enriched with love's sweetest inspirations. Like all noble women, she made the atmosphere of the house. Dr. Southerland, a member of this committee, writes: "Recollections of her of the most pleasant character throng my mind and will there abide. Especially do I recall with delight the parsonage at Roxbury over which she presided and where I was, more than once, an official visitor and a highly honored guest." Our sister was the second wife of Brother Crouse. She took up responsibilities which had fallen from the hands of another, and all that any mother could be to her own children this woman was to the little ones in the family circle where, in the providence of God, she had been called to minister. Sister Crouse entered into church work with the same hearty spirit. She was a helpmeet in the fullest sense of the word, sharing with her husband the toils and trials of itinerant life. Together they visited among the people. Together they labored in protracted meetings and together they will share in the triumphs of work faithfully and lovingly done. In 1893 Brother and Sister Crouse retired from the active ministry and located in Westminster. For Sister Crouse these closing years were full of extreme physical weakness and suffering. Deprived of regular attendance at the public sanctuary, she found a sanctuary in her home. Here she held constant communion with God. Feeling that her life-work was finished, she longed for the time of departure. Patiently she waited for the summons. The end came suddenly. She did not see death. In that last moment, perhaps, she saw a vision far more glorious than that which was given, when her heart for the first time turned in loving submission to the Saviour. The funeral was held in the Westminster M. P. Church, of which she was a member. The service was conducted by her pastor, with the assistance of Revs. H. C. Cushing, D. D., and H. L. Elderdice, D. D. The body sleeps in the town cemetery, waiting for the dawning of the eternal day. May the blessing of heaven abide with our beloved Brother Crouse, who, though weighted with many years, still travels on with strong faith and bright hope.

L. F. WARNER, S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
LOUIS RANDALL, J. W. HERING
CHAS. BILLINGSLEA, J. J. BRANDENBERG.

Tables

Financial and Statistical

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Total.	
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
Accomac.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Alexandria.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Alnutt Mem'l.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	21	80	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	458	517
Amelia.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	109	109
Baltimore.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	12	12	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	139	139
Bedford.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	22	22	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	230	230
Belair.....	30	30	5	3	6	6	20	16	13	10	47	40	44	35	26	20	30	21	221	181
Bethany.....	10	10	3	2	2	2	6	5	9	7	16	12	14	12	9	9	10	10	79	69
Broadway.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Cambridge.....	30	30	5	3	6	3	20	10	16	10	47	27	44	23	26	15	30	18	224	139
Campbell.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	5	3	3	19	6	18	5	11	4	12	8	88	48
Cannon.....	3	5	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	2	5	5	7	10	4	4	5	5	38	38
Caroline.....	25	25	4	4	5	3	16	16	13	8	39	12	35	27	21	14	24	5	182	114
Cecil.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	29	26	26	16	16	18	18	137	138
Centreville.....	18	20	3	3	4	4	10	10	6	6	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	121	123
Cherrydale.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
Chesapeake.....	25	25	4	2	5	2	16	12	10	4	39	36	35	28	21	14	24	20	179	143
Chestertown.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	17	17	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	454	454
Chincoteague.....	20	20	3	1	4	2	12	4	9	1	28	5	26	4	16	5	18	5	136	47
Christ Church.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	52	52
Clayton.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	10	180	166
Clark Mem'l.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	86	86
Clinton Hill.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	12	12	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	114	114
Concord.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	35	35	39	21	21	24	24	183	183
Conquest.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	21	12	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	190	181
Crisfield.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	20	20	66	66	61	50	38	20	42	20	315	264
Crumpton.....	15	15	2	1	2	2	10	10	7	3	24	10	21	10	14	3	14	10	109	64
Cumberland.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	8	8	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	160	160
Deer Creek.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	8	7	5	24	10	21	1	14	8	14	8	109	59
Deer Park.....	20	20	3	2	4	2	12	8	21	10	28	13	26	9	16	12	18	12	148	88
Delmar.....	25	25	4	2	5	2	16	8	20	8	39	8	35	10	21	5	24	20	189	88
Delta.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	5	5	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	132	132
Denton.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	109	109
Dorchester.....	25	25	4	4	5	4	16	16	16	13	39	31	35	28	21	15	24	12	185	148
Dover.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	6	6	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	76	76
East Baltimore.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	15	15	66	66	61	61	38	44	42	42	310	316
Easton.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	10	10	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	305	305
Elizabeth.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	25	25	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	320	320
Eutaw.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	9	9	5	5	24	24	22	22	14	14	15	15	115	115
Evergreen.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	75	75
Fairfax.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	12	12	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	97	97
Fairview.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	3	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	47	47
Fawn Grove.....	25	25	4	3	5	4	16	15	12	8	39	35	35	20	21	15	24	20	181	145
Federalsburg.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	43	43
Felton.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	133	20
Finksburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	18	18	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	187	187

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Special for Missions.	Bible.	Tract.	Church Home.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun. School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Total Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Charge
					Ass'd	Paid.									
41	2	1	5	184	650	650	75	183	115	35	1065	18	2123	2325	Accomac
69	1	1	5	211	700	700	200	193	258	278	74	41	1703	1953	Alexandria
249	6	6	16	794	1200	1200	300	827	306	2550	.....	510	5183	6487	Alnutt Mem'l
30	.....	.....	.....	109	310	310	50	9	16	19	61	34	464	607	Amelia
30	.....	.....	5	174	500	510	180	80	202	1400	.....	86	2272	2532	Baltimore
25	1	1	10	267	600	602	50	60	70	75	.....	4	857	1128	Bedford
54	1	1	15	252	700	700	150	242	83	195	291	120	1731	2103	Belair
.....	.....	.....	2	71	60	513	.....	175	147	150	25	12	1010	1093	Bethany
12	1	1	.....	196	600	600	300	300	120	600	1000	17	2920	3133	Broadway
.....	.....	.....	.....	135	500	598	150	145	45	412	.....	55	1350	1540	Brooklyn
11	.....	.....	.....	150	700	704	150	180	98	67	245	5	1444	1599	Cambridge
.....	.....	.....	.....	48	132	132	.....	21	21	122	600	.....	896	944	Campbell
44	1	1	3	87	350	350	.....	80	50	100	.....	48	580	715	Cannon
42	1	.....	5	162	550	575	75	100	84	168	65	9	1067	1238	Caroline
36	2	1	12	189	600	600	200	292	93	417	.....	123	1602	1914	Cecil
50	1	1	5	180	700	700	200	290	140	130	.....	214	1460	1797	Centreville
.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	35	Cherrydale
14	.....	.....	5	162	500	500	100	34	16	850	.....	.....	1500	1662	Chesapeake
57	3	2	8	524	1000	1000	275	592	147	100	.....	100	2114	2738	Chestertown
.....	1	1	1	50	600	600	100	95	30	75	.....	.....	900	950	Chincoteague
15	.....	.....	.....	67	500	500	.....	348	92	7	326	20	1273	1360	Christ Church
22	2	1	5	196	600	552	120	130	103	.....	380	5	1285	1486	Clayton
330	50	51	21	538	.....	.....	.....	557	195	.....	1840	442	3492	4079	Clark Mem'l
24	1	1	5	145	900	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	538	538	Clinton Hill
45	1	1	8	238	450	430	30	60	60	80	.....	4	660	902	Concord
84	.....	.....	4	269	650	650	125	130	120	250	200	20	1475	1764	Conquest
120	.....	.....	5	389	1000	1000	150	272	236	350	.....	391	2008	2788	Crisfield
.....	.....	.....	64	.....	300	300	60	75	25	69	.....	.....	529	593	Crumpton
10	.....	.....	5	175	900	900	180	225	125	1900	1100	65	3430	3670	Cumberland
6	1	1	3	70	310	310	72	45	40	65	.....	25	532	627	Deer Creek
.....	.....	.....	3	91	400	558	100	100	75	168	.....	30	1001	1122	Deer Park
.....	.....	.....	2	90	700	700	175	220	160	75	.....	140	1330	1560	Delmar
13	.....	.....	2	147	520	520	150	124	44	200	91	39	1129	1315	Delta
20	.....	.....	5	134	525	525	200	100	75	150	.....	.....	1050	1184	Denton
104	1	1	5	259	600	600	150	174	55	150	.....	.....	1129	1388	Dorchester
7	.....	.....	83	.....	450	450	.....	153	51	.....	350	83	1004	1170	Dover
39	2	2	8	367	1000	1000	240	534	178	1200	.....	31	3152	3550	East Baltimore
34	220	210	7	776	1000	1000	200	575	130	300	.....	1050	2205	4031	Easton
33	1	1	5	360	1200	1200	.....	733	196	.....	.....	280	2129	2769	Elizabeth
29	1	1	6	152	500	500	200	90	85	20	.....	132	895	1179	Eutaw
5	1	1	2	84	500	500	.....	63	170	100	431	13	1264	1361	Evergreen
27	3	2	5	134	275	400	.....	40	60	120	.....	.....	620	754	Fairfax
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	170	.....	15	10	.....	50	.....	245	245	Fairview
55	1	.....	5	206	700	700	75	255	180	6500	.....	30	7710	7946	Fawn Grove
30	1	1	5	80	400	400	125	128	47	1500	340	6	1190	1276	Federalburg
26			46		269	269	75	51	28		265		688	734	Felton
104	1	1	15	308	650	650	100	162	213	152	183	64	1460	1832	Finksburg

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First Church	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182	
Fox Hill	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	50	50	
Franklin City	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	22	20	39	35	35	31	21	10	24	...	191	146	
Frederick	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	19	19	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	171	177	
Georgetown, D. C.	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	9	9	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	388	388	
Georgetown, Del.	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	10	10	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	125	125	
Georgetown Circ't	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	5	11	5	19	10	18	9	11	8	12	9	96	63
Greenwood	22	22	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	9	24	24	22	22	17	17	17	17	130	130	
Grove	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	3	28	10	26	10	16	8	18	10	136	80	
Hampden	40	40	6	6	8	8	24	24	17	17	59	59	55	55	32	32	40	40	281	281	
Harbeson	10	10	3	1	2	1	6	4	10	8	16	14	14	12	9	7	10	8	50	65	
Harpers Ferry	20	20	4	1	4	4	12	12	9	3	28	5	26	5	16	5	18	5	136	60	
Harrington	25	25	4	1	5	1	16	16	14	7	39	8	35	8	21	2	24	24	183	92	
Heathsville	28	28	5	5	6	6	19	19	14	14	44	41	42	42	24	24	28	28	210	210	
Howard	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	44	35	35	21	21	24	24	183	188	
Hurlock	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	14	14	19	19	18	11	11	12	12	99	96	96	
Indian River	5	5	1	...	2	...	4	5	2	3	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	13	43	26	
Jefferson	60	60	9	9	13	13	38	38	12	37	90	90	84	84	52	52	58	58	416	480	
Keen Memorial	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	13	13	19	19	18	11	11	12	12	98	98	98	
Kempton	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	19	19	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	146	146	
Kennedyville	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	4	4	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	119	119	
Kent Island	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	10	7	5	34	20	32	20	19	12	22	9	129	105	
Lauraville	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Laurel	40	40	6	3	8	6	24	20	10	8	59	50	55	40	32	31	40	25	274	223	
Laurel Circuit	25	25	4	3	5	5	16	16	20	10	39	30	35	35	21	20	24	24	189	168	
Lawsonia	8	8	1	...	2	...	4	...	6	...	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	...	50	8	
Leeds	20	20	3	3	4	2	12	12	8	6	28	20	26	17	16	9	18	12	135	100	
Leipsic	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	3	5	3	9	8	9	5	5	4	6	5	46	40	
Lewistown	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	5	9	6	9	5	5	5	6	6	52	42	
Liberty	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	13	13	28	28	26	26	16	8	18	18	140	132	
Lisbon	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	179	179	
Lynchburg	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	6	6	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	175	175	
Mardela	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	14	...	19	19	18	...	11	...	12	10	99	54	
Mariners	22	22	4	2	5	2	14	4	15	5	34	14	32	10	19	6	33	4	167	69	
Marley	6	6	1	1	2	...	4	...	2	...	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	...	44	7	
Middleway	12	12	2	...	3	...	8	8	2	...	19	...	18	...	11	...	12	...	87	20	
Millville	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	...	4	...	16	...	14	14	9	9	10	10	74	48	
Milton	17	17	3	1	4	2	10	3	6	...	24	6	20	4	14	4	16	16	114	53	
Montgomery	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	15	15	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	56	56	
Mt. Nebo	12	12	2	1	3	3	8	8	7	7	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	92	91	
Mt. Tabor	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	6	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	158	158	
Newark	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	6	8	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	385	404	
Newmarket	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	21	21	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	229	229	
Nichols Memorial	12	12	2	1	3	1	8	5	7	3	19	10	18	10	11	5	12	7	92	54	
North Baltimore	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	6	6	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	175	175	
N. Carolina Avenue	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	162	162	

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					As'd	Paid.									
67	1	1	5	256	830	830	450	570	184	470	500	98	3004	3358	 First Church
100	...	...	...	150	500	500	60	54	43	200	220	22	1077	1249	 Fox Hill
24	...	1	1	172	625	678	80	146	212	250	.....	52	1366	1590	 Franklin City
139	1	1	15	327	575	575	100	129	141	76	.....	3	1021	1351	 Frederick
169	2	2	14	575	1200	1200	400	556	169	200	.....	810	2525	3910	Georgetown, D. C.
10	1	...	5	141	600	630	156	115	105	230	500	130	1736	2007	Georgetown, Del.
6	...	...	...	69	359	350	65	20	52	234	.....	4	721	794	Georgetown Circ't
20	...	...	5	155	600	600	100	200	125	1000	300	.....	2325	2480	 Greenwood
50	...	...	3	133	450	450	75	50	80	200	6	38	861	1032	 Grove
145	1	1	3	435	800	800	150	407	279	988	.....	20	2624	3079	 Hampden
...	1	1	1	68	400	400	75	60	30	160	.....	40	725	833	 Harbeson
8	1	1	1	71	350	350	50	55	15	.....	.....	35	470	576	 Harpers Ferry
...	...	...	3	95	700	700	120	130	140	7394	.....	51	8454	8630	 Harrington
...	1	1	12	224	725	725	100	90	15	156	200	24	1286	1533	 Heathsville
179	2	2	15	338	500	500	125	91	39	150	.....	48	905	1339	 Howard
...	...	...	...	96	500	360	120	312	80	140	.....	132	1012	1240	 Hurlock
...	...	...	...	26	100	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	126	 Indian River
496	1	1	31	1009	800	800	250	226	124	100	.....	72	1500	2581	 Jefferson
8	1	1	1	109	700	700	125	185	140	50	595	100	1795	2004	... Keen Memorial
60	1	1	10	266	600	600	75	100	100	2835	.....	53	3710	4029	 Kemptown
...	1	1	5	126	500	500	120	60	12	10	.....	.....	582	708	 Kennedyville
20	1	1	5	132	500	500	100	100	50	.....	.....	25	750	907	 Kent Island
5	...	...	...	10	204	204	.....	29	59	.....	547	157	839	1006	 Lauraville
189	7	1	6	426	800	800	150	130	110	.....	675	217	1865	2508	 Laurel
61	1	...	5	235	600	580	125	200	80	32	282	...	1309	1554	 Laurel Circuit
...	...	...	...	8	425	355	60	39	15	110	.....	.....	579	587	 Lawsonia
21	...	...	5	126	500	500	.....	96	22	.....	98	5	716	847	 Leeds
...	...	...	...	40	250	250	.....	17	23	120	.....	13	410	463	 Leipsic
11	...	...	...	53	125	147	.....	46	30	4	.....	9	227	289	 Lewistown
26	1	...	5	164	500	500	75	175	75	100	.....	47	925	1136	 Liberty
58	2	2	25	266	600	605	75	78	36	175	.....	15	969	1250	 Lisbon
160	1	1	5	340	800	800	.....	230	72	3100	.....	23	4202	4565	 Lynchburg
29	...	...	...	83	600	625	100	175	63	1921	.....	15	2884	2982	 Mardela
46	1	1	2	119	600	600	75	162	50	217	.....	30	1104	1253	 Mariners
4	...	...	...	11	350	327	.....	20	52	6	.....	.....	405	416	 Marley
...	...	...	...	20	100	100	50	5	15	35	223	5	428	453	 Middleway
...	...	...	...	48	300	250	.....	65	25	900	56	2	1296	1346	 Millville
...	...	...	...	53	500	500	100	50	23	525	.....	32	1198	1283	 Milton
5	...	...	...	61	212	212	.....	60	35	.....	226	10	533	604	 Montgomery
...	...	...	...	91	350	361	.....	86	47	118	28	40	640	771	 Mt. Nebo
58	1	1	5	223	600	600	.....	388	91	69	.....	154	1148	1525	 Mt. Tabor
152	1	...	5	562	1200	1200	500	1234	357	200	.....	455	3491	4508	 Newark
36	1	1	10	277	700	700	120	250	100	350	57	15	1577	1869	 Newmarket
...	...	...	...	55	500	547	100	35	20	130	.....	.....	832	887	 Nichols Mem'l
128	1	1	5	310	1000	1000	600	977	102	4230		201	6909	7420	...North Baltimore
120	1	1	5	239	1100	1100		628	148	328	1000	86	3204	3579	N. Carolina Avenue

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Adams Grove.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	4	4	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	119	119
Oxford.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	8	8	42	42	40	40	22	22	25	25	193	193
Parkley.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	13	13	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	165	165
Parkway.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	5	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	49	49
Parson Street.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	7	7	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	92	92
Pipe Creek.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	162	162
Pittsville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	12	12	28	28	20	20	16	16	18	18	139	139
Pocomoke City.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	11	11	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	306	306
Pocomoke Cir.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	7	7	19	19	18	18	16	16	8	8	92	92
Potomac.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	25	25	26	26	21	21	16	16	135	135
Powellville.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	4	4	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	106	106
Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	48	48
Quantico.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	2	2	24	24	6	6	14	14	6	6	112	112
Queen Anne.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	8	8	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	110	110
Reliance.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	14	14	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	116	116
Rhode Island Ave.....	80	80	13	13	17	17	49	49	23	23	111	111	114	114	56	56	88	88	550	550
Rowlandville.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	6	6	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	108	108
Salisbury.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
Salem.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	4	4	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	106	106
Seaford.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	12	12	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	181	181
Snow Hill.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
South Baltimore.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	179	179
Starr.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	11	11	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	448	448
Stewartstown.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	180	180
St. James.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	6	6	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	214	214
St. Johns.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	3	3	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	73	73
Madi'n Ave.....	...	...	2	2	...	...	20	20	...	...	40	40	...	...	30	30	...	...	340	340
St. Luke's.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	185	185
St. Michaels.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	134	134
Susquehanna.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	9	9	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	217	217
Talbot.....	12	12	2	2	1	1	8	8	5	5	19	19	18	18	5	5	12	12	93	93
Tri-city.....	27	27	4	4	5	5	19	19	13	13	42	42	40	40	22	22	26	26	198	198
Union.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	14	14	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	222	222
Union Bridge.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Violetville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	10	10	7	7	9	9	5	5	6	6	51	51
Waltersville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	17	17	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	144	144
Warwick.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Waverly.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	...	...	19	19	...	...	11	11	...	...	92	92
West Baltimore.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	28	28	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	465	465
Westminster.....	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	9	9	26	26	86	86	79	79	49	49	388	388
W. Wilmington.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	12	12	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	82	82
Williamsport.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	7	7	19	19	18	18	6	6	11	11	92	92
Wilmington.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	8	8	28	28	10	10	18	18	135	135
Wye.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	78	78

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					Ass'd	Paid.										
64	...	...	...	183	325	325	75	37	34	350	...	14	821	1018	 Oak Grove	
9	1	1	5	209	600	600	150	89	56	60	...	53	955	1217	 Oxford	
96	1	1	6	269	700	700	180	150	105	800	100	38	2035	2342	 Parksley	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	 Patapsco	
5	...	...	...	97	400	420	...	258	130	135	...	73	943	1113	 Payson Street	
63	1	1	10	237	575	575	100	95	75	400	...	...	1245	1482	 Pipe Creek	
...	...	...	...	115	600	563	80	75	85	903	...	...	1706	1821	 Pittsville	
186	1	1	10	504	900	900	150	230	124	50	...	...	1454	1958	 Pocomoke City	
24	...	...	...	91	345	375	50	24	25	68	258	7	800	898	Pocomoke Circuit	
14	1	1	3	143	500	480	150	74	91	923	...	...	1718	1861	 Potomac	
...	...	...	...	106	410	410	75	20	7	214	27	...	753	859	 Powellville	
30	...	...	...	71	125	125	...	12	70	...	...	...	207	285	 Prince George	
40	1	1	1	91	350	300	75	...	25	...	66	...	466	557	 Quantico	
52	...	...	10	172	450	450	100	114	54	71	560	37	1349	1496	 Queen Anne	
22	1	1	5	145	550	550	100	75	25	1700	...	20	2450	2615	 Reliance	
451	1	1	17	1087	2250	2250	...	700	400	500	...	895	3850	5832	 Rhode Island Ave	
...	1	1	5	115	500	525	50	100	80	845	18	67	1618	1800	 Rowlandville	
100	2	1	5	290	900	900	150	424	277	47	65	61	1863	2214	 Salisbury	
23	1	1	5	136	500	500	100	58	76	45	120	68	899	1103	 Salem	
54	5	1	5	246	750	750	125	279	65	64	32	...	1283	1561	 Seaford	
29	1	...	5	217	700	700	145	160	65	550	700	3	2320	2540	 Snow Hill	
...	2	1	5	182	600	600	250	285	75	491	40	131	1741	2055	 South Baltimore	
40	2	2	10	502	1300	1300	300	1100	200	100	...	210	3000	3712	 Starr	
36	2	2	10	231	600	610	100	177	125	...	150	173	1162	1566	 Stewartstown	
56	1	1	13	289	650	650	125	100	60	100	...	98	1035	1422	 St. James	
...	1	1	1	76	600	600	...	195	238	...	79	246	1112	1434	 St. Johns	
...	2	2	5	441	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	441	441	St. Johns, M'd. Ave	
...	...	...	5	190	900	900	500	496	283	11549	329	252	14057	14499	 St. Lukes	
18	1	1	10	164	500	550	100	100	76	250	...	17	1076	1257	 St. Michaels	
50	1	1	5	274	600	600	150	160	60	60	545	136	1575	1985	 Susquehanna	
...	...	...	...	41	400	285	...	20	23	26	...	...	354	395	 Talbot	
30	1	1	5	235	800	800	150	100	50	187	226	62	1513	1800	 Trinity	
101	1	1	5	334	700	700	75	110	60	125	...	55	1070	1459	 Union	
33	3	3	10	184	500	600	150	200	100	20	...	80	1070	1334	 Union Bridge	
...	...	...	...	57	437	441	...	70	117	90	...	14	718	789	 Violetville	
56	1	1	1	203	650	650	90	120	100	500	...	35	1460	1698	 Waltersville	
4	1	1	5	142	500	500	60	109	44	497	...	50	1210	1402	 Warwick	
4	...	...	...	18	200	200	144	58	68	95	...	...	567	583	 Waverly	
290	2	2	25	1053	1300	1300	300	1800	130	150	1000	603	5930	7585	 W. Baltimore	
119	1	1	15	541	1000	1000	240	332	175	100	...	155	1847	2543	 Westminster	
10	...	...	...	92	500	500	...	150	110	...	...	...	5	760	857	 West Wilmington
7	...	...	...	67	225	270	...	30	25	...	...	98	325	490	 Williamsport	
5	...	1	...	86	500	500	...	135	70	...	73	25	778	889	 Wilmington	
14	1	1	5	99	400	435	100	39	25	1217	...	7	1816	1922	 Wye	

MEMBERSHIP

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CHARGE		Unsta.	Min and Preachers	Probationers.	Probationers.						Full Members.				Sunday School				Y. P. S. C. E.					
					Full Members.	Received.	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Withdwn.	Discontinued	Deceased.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	Conversions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
Oak Grove.....	1	5	141	2	3	...	...	...	10	1	7	...	1	14	1	14	...	43	...	...	...	...		
Oxford	...	...	174	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	5	2	...	117	...	110	...	45	1	20		
Parkley	...	5	240	8	8	...	...	...	43	5	...	14	24	44	2	33	27	310	2	58	1	40		
Payson Street	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	...	1	6	5	1	15	12	150	1	25	1	33		
Pipe Creek	...	...	226	...	...	...	...	...	18	1	...	1	6	2	17	232	3	115	1	40	1	15		
Pittsville.....	...	...	348	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	14	...	4	32	...	235	...	...	...	...		
Pocomoke City..	1	8	272	7	9	...	3	...	11	4	...	3	9	5	2	31	10	205	1	33	1	40		
Pocomoke Circ't	1	10	142	...	3	2	...	...	6	...	...	3	117	2	3	18	4	130	2	65	...	...		
Potomac	...	2	134	5	3	...	...	...	6	...	4	1	17	5	2	32	40	123	1	29	...	...		
Powellville.....	1	9	151	15	6	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	1	9	15	1	9	...	55	...	...	...		
Prince George	...	8	100	8	8	...	...	...	8	...	...	6	1	13	2	14	3	86	...	...	...	...		
Quantico	...	5	187	23	17	...	1	...	36	4	...	3	3	28	12	4	20	10	194	...	...	...		
Queen Anne.....	1	2	144	...	1	...	...	...	1	7	2	2	2	6	2	15	2	118	2	44	1	18		
Reliance	...	4	232	10	9	...	...	...	20	3	...	...	20	8	3	34	21	221	1	20	...	...		
R. I. Avenue.....	2	...	510	50	50	...	...	...	80	14	...	6	6	10	50	1	36	100	568	2	104	1	180	
Rowlandville.....	...	...	136	...	...	...	...	...	20	4	...	8	21	24	3	34	26	163	1	46	...	...		
Salisbury	12	278	14	9	...	...	...	...	9	1	6	4	24	25	1	24	104	399	1	143	1	62		
Salem	1	...	120	6	6	...	...	...	7	1	1	...	1	2	6	1	17	5	119	1	40	1	22	
Seaford	...	...	279	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	...	3	16	15	1	22	25	325	1	56	1	85		
Snow Hill	2	4	377	...	1	...	...	...	19	4	3	2	20	18	3	25	25	175	1	30	...	...		
South Baltimore	3	8	148	13	13	...	2	...	15	1	7	4	...	16	23	1	19	26	151	1	60	...	...	
Starr	42	277	22	...	1	5	1	35	1	7	3	2	30	50	1	26	39	283	1	56	1	30		
Stewartstown ...	2	14	245	2	8	...	6	...	9	14	2	1	9	2	2	35	15	285	2	69	1	20		
St. James	...	...	245	2	6	...	...	...	12	7	...	4	...	18	2	26	...	...	2	60	...	...		
St. Johns	1	21	102	4	2	...	4	...	36	...	11	2	...	16	45	1	24	160	375	1	40	1	120	
St. Lukes	...	11	147	14	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	5	11	14	1	26	44	350	1	49	...	...		
St. Michaels	2	17	127	6	...	...	1	4	1	10	3	...	2	6	25	10	95	2	45	1	20	...	...	
Susquehanna.....	1	7	239	7	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	6	10	3	37	2	162	2	57	...	...	
Talbot	...	6	74	5	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	7	3	20	16	119	1	10	...	...		
Trinity	...	...	224	9	8	...	...	1	8	...	...	2	...	6	8	218	7	220	2	29	1	20		
Union	1	...	310	17	12	...	5	...	15	...	3	12	32	42	4	45	325	...	...	...	...	...		
Union Bridge.....	...	...	162	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	1	...	2	3	232	5	180	1	90	...	...		
Violetville	...	11	60	10	...	1	...	6	...	14	...	...	4	...	...	124	13	100	1	22	1	50		
Waltersville.....	1	98	185	94	12	...	...	...	18	3	...	...	131	133	2	37	31	226	1	40	1	30		
Warwick	...	6	116	14	8	...	...	...	13	...	2	5	3	20	15	2	14	4	68	1	51	...	...	
Waverly	...	23	48	40	17	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	8	110	1	15	100	160	1	39	1	40	
West Baltimore..	2	17	433	26	9	...	...	...	87	4	3	4	...	18	...	151	153	590	1	60	1	82		
Westminster	...	2	238	...	...	...	...	...	14	8	...	3	1	5	13	25	18	167	1	83	1	50		
West Wilming'n	3	42	68	3	...	1	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	18	12	117	7	212	1	35	1	35		
Williamsport.....	...	1	90	2	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	1	3	1	16	2	22	...	108	1	23	...	...	
Wilmington	1	8	103	10	2	...	...	...	5	4	18	2	...	7	10	1	7	10	48	1	27	1	15	
Wye	2	110	17	15	...	2	...	...	16	2	...	...	...	14	19	2	11	...	50	2	18	1	12	

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS

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	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.	
Accomac	2	2	1	6000	800	.....	3100	20	22	4	5	14	10	34	32	19	22	162	
Alexandria	1	1	1	17000	2300	1750	7000	17	20	3	4	12	14	28	26	16	18	141	
Alnutt Memor'l	1	1	1	48000	6000	.....	14800	25	65	9	13	42	23	99	91	55	63	460	
Amelia	4	4	1	4025	925	37	800	9	15	2	2	10	5	24	21	14	14	107	
Baltimore	3	3	1	6000	2000	.....	3200	10	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136	
Bedford	6	6	1	10000	1000	.....	1900	28	28	5	6	19	13	44	42	24	28	209	
Belair	4	4	1	15000	5000	.....	10000	20	28	5	6	19	8	44	42	24	28	204	
Bethany	1	1	1	4000	.....	475	3000	7	10	3	2	6	13	16	14	9	10	83	
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	2900	8500	12	25	4	5	16	15	39	35	21	24	184	
Brooklyn	2	2	2	12000	3000	.....	5500	18	20	3	4	12	4	28	26	16	18	131	
Cambridge	3	3	1	6000	2000	700	6000	20	30	5	6	20	12	47	44	26	30	220	
Campbell	4	6	1	4100	650	50	.....	8	10	3	2	6	6	16	14	9	10	76	
Cannon	1	1	1	1600	.....	.....	1600	3	8	1	2	4	7	9	9	5	6	51	
Caroline	4	4	1	6000	1000	75	2600	15	25	4	5	16	11	39	35	21	24	180	
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000	.....	10000	9	21	3	5	13	11	30	28	18	19	148	
Centreville	1	1	1	13500	2500	.....	6500	28	20	3	4	12	5	28	26	16	18	132	
Cherrydale	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Chesapeake	2	2	1	5000	2000	.....	5420	4	22	4	5	14	6	34	32	19	22	158	
Chestertown	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	15340	37	60	9	13	38	15	90	84	52	58	419	
Chincoteague	1	1	1	2000	1000	.....	2000	2	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136	
Christ Church	1	1	1	8000	.....	2300	4000	14	8	1	2	4	10	9	9	5	6	54	
Clayton	3	3	1	9000	1700	590	8200	15	25	4	5	16	12	39	35	21	24	181	
Clinton Hill	1	1	1	29000	.....	14880	13000	3	15	2	2	10	19	24	21	14	14	121	
Concord	3	3	1	4700	500	.....	2500	24	25	4	5	16	7	39	35	21	24	176	
Conquest	5	5	1	10000	2000	500	6000	28	10	2	2	6	5	16	14	9	10	74	
Crisfield	1	1	1	29000	2000	1800	11000	18	45	6	9	28	20	66	61	38	42	315	
Crumpton	2	2	1	3500	600	.....	2000	4	15	2	2	10	3	24	21	14	14	105	
Cumberland	3	3	1	14000	5000	3750	10000	45	25	4	5	16	11	39	35	21	24	180	
" Cir. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	46	
Deer Creek	2	2	1	4000	1500	.....	3000	7	15	2	2	10	7	24	21	14	14	109	
Deer Park	4	4	1	6700	1600	.....	6500	12	20	3	4	12	15	28	26	16	18	142	
Delmar	2	2	1	5000	1835	.....	4200	12	25	4	5	16	16	39	35	21	24	185	
Delta	1	1	1	4500	2500	.....	2900	9	20	3	4	12	7	28	26	16	18	134	
Denton	1	1	1	5600	2000	.....	4650	8	18	3	4	10	8	25	23	15	17	123	
Dorchester	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6500	40	25	4	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	179	
Dover	1	1	1	6000	100	.....	2175	6	10	3	2	6	3	16	14	9	10	73	
East Baltimore	1	1	1	25000	1200	650	6000	10	45	6	9	28	7	66	61	38	42	302	
Easton	1	1	1	15000	2000	.....	9000	35	45	6	9	28	9	66	61	38	42	304	
Elizabeth	1	1	1	16300	.....	4800	13500	10	45	6	9	28	25	66	61	38	42	320	
Eutaw	1	1	1	2000	2000	.....	2500	15	19	3	4	9	5	24	22	14	15	115	
Evergreen	1	1	1	1800	.....	.....	1400	3	10	3	2	6	5	16	14	9	10	75	
Fairfax	4	4	1	5000	.....	.....	4000	20	12	2	3	8	12	19	18	11	12	97	
Fairview	1	1	1	1800	.....	.....	1000	1	8	1	2	4	3	9	9	5	6	47	
Fawn Grove	3	3	1	29000	1000	2800	7155	20	25	4	5	16	24	39	35	21	24	193	
Federalburg	1	1	1	6000	2000	300	4400	7	6	1	2	4	7	9	9	5	6	49	
Felton	3	3	1	5000	100				5	20	3	4	12	6	28	26	16	18	133
Finksburg	4	4	1	18000	2000	859	11700	28	25	4	5	16	20	39	35	21	24	189	
First Church	1	1	1	25000	5000	3000	3500	17	25	4	5	16	15	39	35	21	24	184	

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Fox Hill	1	1	1	1600	800		1000	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Franklin City...	4	4	1	7000	800	100	3100	20	25	4	5	16	18	39	35	21	24	187	
Frederick	4	4	1	5500	1500	.....	4700	19	22	4	5	14	15	34	32	19	22	167	
Geo'town, D.C.	1	1	1	20000	5000	.....	11100	38	55	8	12	36	7	86	79	49	54	386	
Geo'town, Del.	1	1	1	3000	350	1350	3400	8	19	3	5	12	6	27	24	17	18	131	
Geo'town Cir't	3	3	...	3200	.....	.....	2100	2	12	2	3	8	10	19	18	11	12	95	
Greenwood	3	3	1	9200	2000	2000	9300	27	22	4	5	14	13	34	32	19	22	165	
Grove	4	4	1	6600	600	.....	.....	8	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136	
Hampden	1	1	1	16000	1500	.....	12000	12	40	6	8	24	22	59	55	32	40	286	
Harbeson	3	3	1	3400	1000	.....	800	4	10	3	2	6	8	6	14	9	10	78	
Harpers Ferry...	2	2	1	6000	500	130	2600	5	18	3	4	10	4	25	23	15	17	119	
Harrington	2	2	1	15000	1675	797	8400	21	25	4	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	179	
Heathsville	5	5	1	14000	1600	200	1000	32	28	5	6	19	10	44	42	24	28	206	
Howard	4	3	1	7200	3100	.....	9750	25	22	4	5	14	12	34	32	19	22	164	
Hurlock	4	4	1	4500	1400	255	3800	8	12	2	3	8	12	19	18	11	12	97	
Indian River...	1	1	...	500	.....	.....	.....	3	5	1	2	4	4	9	9	5	6	45	
Jefferson	2	2	1	21000	4500	.....	13800	38	60	9	13	38	12	90	84	52	58	416	
Keen Memorial	1	1	...	15000	.....	2500	4000	3	17	3	4	10	15	24	20	14	16	123	
Kempton	4	4	1	8000	1000	.....	7650	30	20	3	4	12	17	28	26	16	18	144	
Kennedyville...	1	1	1	4750	1200	.....	4000	15	18	3	4	10	3	25	23	15	17	118	
Kent Island	2	2	1	7000	1500	.....	.....	14	22	4	5	14	4	34	32	19	22	126	
Lauraville	1	1	...	1100	.....	.....	200	...	5	1	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	46	
Laurel	1	1	1	7000	3500	1440	6800	14	35	5	8	22	8	50	46	28	36	238	
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	5800	2000	456	6200	24	25	4	5	16	18	39	35	21	24	187	
Lawsonia	1	1	1	3500	750	600	2900	...	8	1	2	4	4	9	9	5	6	48	
Leeds	2	2	1	4425	2075	137	4480	11	20	3	4	12	3	28	26	16	18	130	
Leipsic	1	1	1	3000	800	.....	1500	1	6	1	2	4	3	9	9	5	6	45	
Lewes	1	1	...	500	.....	.....	.....	...	5	1	2	4	2	9	9	5	6	43	
Lewistown	3	3	...	2500	.....	.....	1734	...	8	1	2	4	10	9	9	5	6	54	
Liberty	4	4	1	9600	2000	.....	6280	15	20	3	4	12	15	28	26	16	18	142	
Lisbon	4	4	1	5000	1500	.....	4200	28	25	4	5	16	14	39	35	21	24	183	
Lynchburg	1	1	1	20000	4500	450	5500	8	25	4	5	16	4	39	35	21	24	173	
Mardela	4	4	1	8200	1000	.....	4500	20	15	2	2	10	20	24	21	14	14	122	
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1500	300	4500	2	20	3	4	12	6	28	26	16	18	133	
Marley	2	2	...	3000	.....	.....	1600	3	6	1	2	4	3	9	9	5	6	45	
Middleway	1	1	1	2000	550	125	1200	1	10	3	2	6	3	16	14	9	10	73	
Millville	3	3	...	4200		800	2600	2	17	3	4	10	6	11	16	14	9	10	73
Milton	1	1	1	3500	1000	1500	800	7	10	3	4	10	4	24	20	14	16	112	
Montgomery ..	4	4	...	5600	.....	42	4400	6	5	1	2	4	7	9	9	5	6	48	
Mt. Nebo	2	2	...	4700	.....	.....	3000	...	12	2	3	8	4	19	18	11	12	89	
Mt. Tabor	1	1	...	8000	.....	.....	4500	10	22	4	5	14	4	34	32	19	22	156	
New Church .....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	18	3	4	10	8	25	23	15	17	123	
Newark	1	1	1	35000	7000	.....	18000	12	55	8	12	36	7	86	79	49	54	386	
Newmarket	4	4	1	12000	2000	300	6900	13	30	5	6	20	16	47	44	26	30	224	
Nichols Memo'l	3	3	1	3650	1300	685	2800	14	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92	
North Baltim'e	1	1	1	36000	6000	8689	19500	35	30	5	6	20	7	47	44	26	30	215	
N. C. Ave.	1	1	...	40000		6500	11000	26	22	4	5	14	9	34	32	19	22	161	
Oak Grove	1	1	1	1500	1100	46	1500	22	16	2	3	10	2	23	21	14	16	107	

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Oxford	1	1	1	3000	2500		3300	10	27	4	5	19	6	42	40	22	26	191		
Parksley	12	2	1	5000	2500	1600	4100	13	22	4	5	14	16	34	32	19	22	168		
Payson Street ..	1	1	...	1500	.....	.....	1500	...	12	2	3	8	8	19	18	11	12	93		
Pipe Creek	2	2	1	9000	4000	.....	8000	24	22	4	5	14	6	34	32	19	22	158		
Pittsville	4	4	1	8650	2500	1000	2500	12	20	3	4	12	12	28	26	16	18	139		
Pocomoke City ..	2	2	1	14000	3500	.....	1750	33	45	6	9	28	10	66	61	38	42	305		
Pocomoke Cir't ..	3	3	1	2600	1100	.....	7600	10	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92		
Potomac	2	2	1	6000	1000	.....	6000	10	20	3	4	12	6	28	26	16	18	133		
Powellville	4	4	1	3650	1150	15	900	5	15	2	2	10	3	24	21	14	14	105		
Prince George ..	2	2	...	1600	.....	.....	.....	...	8	1	2	4	4	9	9	5	6	48		
Quantico	5	5	1	3800	900	34	650	3	15	2	2	10	10	24	21	14	14	112		
Queen Anne	2	2	1	5000	1000	.....	4400	17	15	2	2	10	6	24	21	14	14	108		
Reliance	3	3	1	8000	1000	2800	5800	8	16	2	3	10	11	23	21	14	16	116		
R. I. Avenue ...	1	1	...	50000	.....	2500	30000	52	80	13	17	49	28	111	114	56	88	556		
Rowlandville ...	3	3	1	6000	1000	.....	3800	7	15	2	2	10	8	24	21	14	14	110		
Salisbury	1	1	1	10000	2000	1750	11200	24	28	5	6	19	20	44	42	24	28	216		
Salem	1	1	1	4700	1300	.....	2800	14	15	2	2	10	6	24	21	14	14	108		
Seaford	1	1	1	10000	1500	.....	6900	15	25	4	5	16	16	39	35	21	24	185		
Sharptown .....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135		
Snow Hill	3	4	1	20000	3000	8300	10000	31	25	4	5	16	9	39	35	21	24	178		
South Baltimore ..	1	1	1	21000	2000	.....	2500	23	25	4	5	16	8	39	35	21	24	177		
Starr	1	1	1	37000	3000	.....	13700	24	65	9	13	42	14	99	91	55	63	451		
Stewartstown ..	2	2	1	10000	1500	.....	6642	21	25	4	5	16	14	39	35	21	24	183		
St. James	2	2	1	10000	2000	.....	7500	25	30	5	6	20	8	47	44	26	30	216		
St. Johns	1	1	...	1500	.....	.....	1000	11	10	3	2	6	19	16	14	9	10	89		
St. Luke	1	1	1	40000	5000	15000	.....	1	25	4	5	16	18	39	35	21	24	187		
St. Michaels	2	2	1	3500	1500	.....	3200	34	20	3	4	12	5	28	26	16	18	132		
Susquehanna ...	3	3	1	6500	4200	612	8400	26	28	5	6	19	8	44	42	24	28	204		
Talbot	3	3	...	4000	.....	168	1000	8	12	2	3	8	6	19	18	11	12	91		
Trinity	2	2	1	9000	3600	1600	13000	23	27	4	5	19	11	42	40	22	26	196		
Union	4	4	1	5000	1000	.....	2300	15	13	2	3	9	6	21	20	12	13	99		
Union Bridge...	2	2	1	9000	2500	600	5000	21	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136		
Violetville	1	1	...	1000	.....	.....	1000	1	8	1	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	49		
Waltersville	2	2	1	4500	1600	.....	5500	16	22	4	5	14	11	34	32	19	22	163		
Wallace Memor ..	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	8	1	2	4	6	9	9	5	6	50		
Warwick	3	3	1	4000	1100	.....	1500	18	20	3	4	12	3	28	26	16	18	130		
Waverly	1	1	1	2000	1800	.....	.....	6	12	2	3	8	8	19	18	11	12	93		
West Baltimore ..	1	1	1	36000	1500	6000	28800	75	65	9	13	42	30	99	91	55	63	467		
Westminster ...	1	1	1	25500	4000	.....	17300	6	55	8	12	36	8	86	79	49	54	387		
W. Wilmington ..	1	1	...	4000	.....	1800	1600	42	10	3	2	6	11	16	14	9	10	81		
Williamsport ...	3	2	...	1100	.....	.....	700	18	10	3	2	6	5	16	14	9	10	75		
Wilmington	1	1	...	8500		3300	4000	10	18	3	4	10	2	25	23	15	17	117		
Wye	2	1	1	3000	2000	300	3000	18	12	2	3	8	3	19	18	11	12	88		
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Pres. Parsonage ..	...	...	1		6000	5523		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
W. T. Seminary ..	...	...	...	16000			5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
W. M. College ..	...	...	...	250000				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Our Ch. Home ..	...	...	...	8000			3000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total for General Interests

	1906	1905	Increase	Decrease
President	\$ 2988	\$ 2966	\$ 22	\$
Conference.....	432	409	23	
Ministerial Education.....	561	559	2	
Seminary	1935	1727	208	
College	1274	1178	96	
Superannuates.....	4083	3884	199	
Church Extension.....	3672	3570	102	
Home Missions.....	2345	2136	209	
Foreign Missions.....	2851	2729	122	
Special for Foreign Missions	6982	5939	1043	
Bible	381	352	29	
Tract	354	345	9	
Church Home	654	697		43
Total	28512	26491	2021	

Total for Local Interests

Pastors' Salary.....	\$79388	\$76498	2890	
Parsonage Rent	14797	14128	669	
Current Expenses	26977	26857	120	
Sunday School Expenses.....	13892	12216	1667	
Paid on Building and Improvements.....	71894	61022	10872	
Paid on Debt	18890	20901		2011
Miscellaneous	11336	7481	3855	
Total for Local Interests	237174	219103	18071	
Total for all Purposes	265686	245594	20092	

Assessments

President	2981	2994		13
Conference.....	481	478	3	
Ministerial Education.....	629	622	7	
Seminary	1903	1910		7
College	1322	1411	11	
Superannuates.....	4574	4577		43
Church Extension.....	4189	4209		120
Home Missions.....	2544	2548		4
Foreign Missions.....	2897	2610	287	

W. N. SHERWOOD,
Conference Steward.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Membership

	1906	1905	Increase	Decrease
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	71	73		2
Probationers	1308	1395		87
Full Members	25398	24571	827	
Probationers Received.....	1436	1564		128
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1080	1028	52	
Probationers Withdrawn.....	17	5	12	
Probationers Discontinued.....	135	336		201
Probationers Deceased.....	11	4	7	
Full Members Received.....	2258	2124	134	
Full Members Withdrawn.....	336	352		16
Full Members Discontinued.....	692	984		292
Full Members Deceased.....	240	287		47
Adults Baptized	263	322		59
Children Baptized	1654	1458	196	
Conversions.....	2696	2629	67	
Sunday Schools	275	272	3	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3418	3559		141
New Scholars	3559	3886		327
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	26495	25813	682	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	141	125	16	
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	4846	4900		54
Junior C. E. Societies.....	69	63	6	
Junior C. E. Members.....	2901	2745	156	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Juniors } for Foreign Missions	\$ 922			

Property

Appointments	291	295		4
Churches.....	2904	2914		1
Parsonages.....	105	105		
Value of Church Property.....	1661950	1592499	69451	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	227310	219810	7500	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages	124520	109274	15246	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages	733886	720578	13308	
Subscribers to <i>The Methodist Protestant</i>	2053	1897	156	

H. L. SCHLINCKE,

W. P. ROBERTS,

Committee on Statistics.

Manual

RULES OF ORDER

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and the pastor of the church where the Conference is held.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

8. There shall be a meeting on Tuesday evening before the meeting of the Annual Conference in the interest of Temperance. On Wednesday evening (the first day of the session) there shall be a meeting in the interest of Sunday-Schools and Christian Endeavor; on Thursday evening, in the interest of Literature and Education; on Friday evening in the interest of Missions, and on Monday evening, in the interest of Ministerial Support.

The President shall appoint a chairman and speakers for each of these meetings.

9. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

10. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

11. In the event of the death of any ministerial member the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

12. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

13. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$600 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

RULE II—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:—

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. Be a member of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III—All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV—STANDING COMMITTEES:—

1. Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.

3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.

4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

7. Sunday Schools—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.
21. Committee on Transportation.
22. Committee on Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
23. Committee on Our Church Home.

RULE V—Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI—Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII—Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE IX—The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE X—When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XI—No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XII—A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII—No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV—In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV—When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVI—If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVII—No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XVIII—When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XIX—In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XX—No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXI—No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto requests it, or unless another requests.

RULE XXII—Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIII—Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

RULE XXIV—After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

RULE XXV—A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to the *Methodist Protestant* for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

TITLES AND DEGREES.

Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for church extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the conference year.

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

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

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to 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 members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

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

SUPERANNUATE FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committed on Superannuate Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuate list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuate Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The Committee in making appropriations shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference. 2. The value of said service to the Conference. 3. The size of family. 4. The peculiarities of location, etc. 5. Ability to contribute to self support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuate Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuate Fund Society.

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

6. The Steward of the Superannuate Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuate Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5 in addition to the Superannuate Collection, to assist any person who may be placed on the Superannuate List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuate Fund Society shall furnish Superannuate Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:—

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuate relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children, respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVI—At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVII:—

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and on Sunday afternoon during the session, immediately following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, memorial services for the deceased shall be observed, when the Dead Roll shall be called.

RULE XXVIII—At 10.30 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon. On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A.M. on Sunday.

RULE XXIX—At 2.30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Conference Steward. 4. Church Extension Steward. 5. Superannuate Fund Steward. 6. Foreign Missionary Steward. 7. General Home Missionary Steward.

8. Educational Steward. 9. Our Church Home Steward. 10. Bible and Tract Steward. The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant. 11. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen. 12. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX—Examination of Official Character. At 10.00 o'clock Thursday morning the roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

RULE XXXI—The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer. Fifteen minutes each day, from 11 to 11.15 o'clock, shall be spent in devotional service, under the direction of the President.

RULE XXXII—The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXIII—The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent, when any delegate, upon recognition by the Chair, may present any business, it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV—The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXV—When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXVI—Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXVII—Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII—When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

RULE XXXIX—When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

RULE XL—The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

RULE XLI—The assessment of \$3000 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.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuate Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward, Educational Steward, Our Church Home Steward, and Bible and Tract Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments; and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptised, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTELY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:—

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent

2. Read minutes of last meeting.

3. Make necessary corrections in official list.

4. Consider objections to official character.

5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Committee on Examinations

6. Hear reports—
 - a. From pastor and associates.
 - b. From superannuates.
 - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 - d. From class leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies
 - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorters' and preachers' license for itinerancy and orders pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.
13. Hear suggestions from the Advisory Committee
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.
15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.
2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.
3. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.
4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.
5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of mortgages 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.

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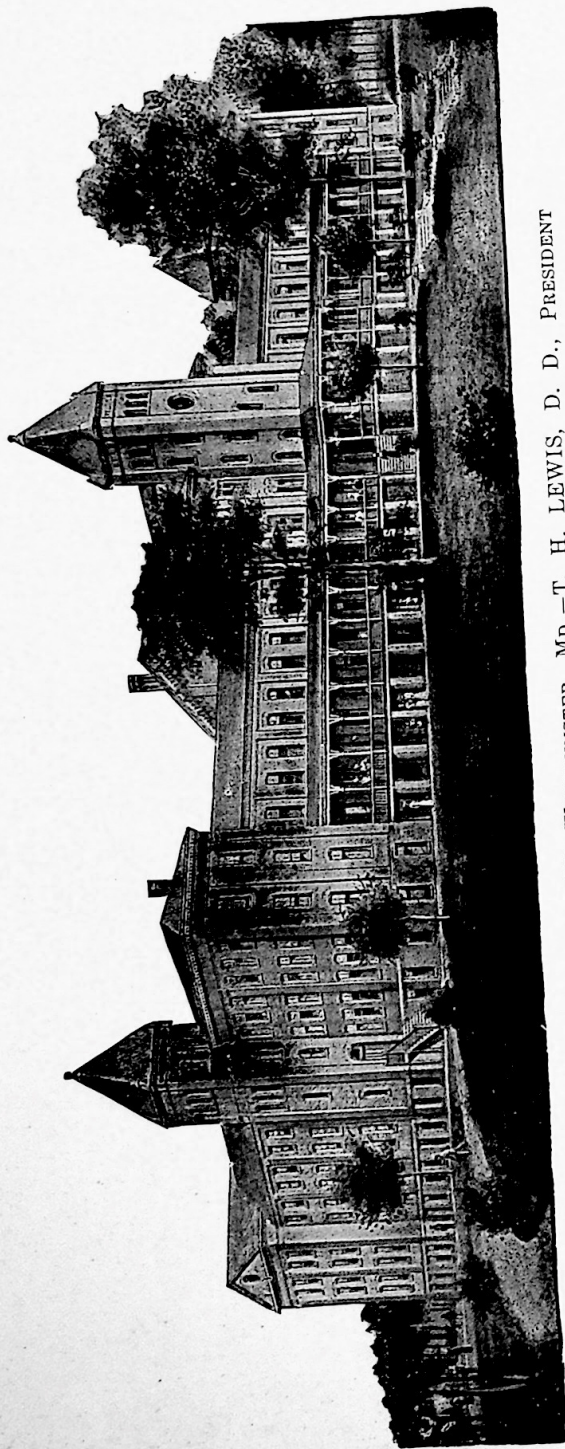
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